

T&E COMMITTEE #2
December 7, 2015

MEMORANDUM

December 3, 2015

TO: Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment (T&E) Committee

FROM: Glenn Orlin, ³⁰Deputy Council Administrator

SUBJECT: Supplemental appropriation to the County Government's FY16 Operating Budget, Department of Transportation: \$491,102 for Bikesharing Program (Source: Current Revenue)

The County Executive is requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$491,102 to acquire and install 8 bikesharing stations: six in and around the Wheaton Central Business District and two in the eastern portion of Takoma Park. The Executive's transmittal memo is on ©1 and a draft adoption resolution is on ©2-3. A public hearing was held on December 1, but there was no testimony.

About 95% of the funds for the acquisition and installation of these stations ultimately will be provided by others:

1. The Department of Transportation was awarded a grant from the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) of \$300,350 for five bikeshare stations in the Wheaton CBD. MDOT will reimburse the County once the stations have been installed.
2. AVA Wheaton is providing \$66,405 for a bikeshare station near its development on Blueridge Avenue in Wheaton. This was a condition of its subdivision approval; the contribution is creditable against the development's transportation impact tax assessment.
3. The City of Takoma Park was awarded a grant from MDOT of up to \$100,000 for two bikeshare stations in the eastern portion of city in and near the Takoma/Langley Crossroads. The final cost of these two stations is \$97,882. The City will provide these funds to the County so that these two stations can be incorporated into the County's bikesharing system.

The County would directly contribute the \$26,465 (5%) balance. The stations will be acquired and installed during 2016 and should be operational by January 2017.

The operating costs for all eight stations will be borne by the County, as are the other stations currently in the network. Since the stations will not be in operation until mid-FY17 there is no operating budget impact in FY16. The cost is estimated to be \$87,932 for the last 6 months in FY17, and \$175,864 in FY18 and every subsequent year. User fees are anticipated to cover half of these costs, with the balance from the General Fund.

A map showing the locations of the six new Wheaton stations is on ©4. Each station will have 11, 15, or 19 docks, with 6, 8, and 10 bikes assigned to them, respectively. The Wheaton Metro Station will be the site of the largest station. A map showing the Takoma Park stations is on ©5; the two new stations there are noted with star-shaped symbols. Each will be a 15-dock, 8-bike station.

The transmittal shows the funding this appropriation to be with Current Revenue. However, Current Revenue is a funding source for the Capital Improvements Program, not the Operating Budget. Office of Management and Budget staff have pointed out that the correct funding source for this appropriation would be the General Fund.

Council staff recommendation: Approve the Executive’s request, but change the source of funds to the General Fund.

At present there are 52 bikesharing stations in the County: 15 in the Bethesda/Friendship Heights area (©6)¹, 16 in the Silver Spring/Takoma Park area (©7), and 21 in the Rockville/Shady Grove area (©8). Therefore, this appropriation would increase the number of stations in the County by about 15%. Ridership data from Capital Bikeshare suggests that while ridership is generally increasing downcounty, it is declining somewhat in the Rockville/Shady Grove area (©9-10). The latter trend is worth watching; if it continues into 2016 or 2017, it would be appropriate to explore re-siting some of the lightly-used stations to locations where there would be better utilization: especially further south on Rockville Pike in the vicinity of Twinbrook and White Flint, towards filling the bikesharing station “gap” that exists between Bethesda and Rockville.

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¹ Including a station at the National Institutes of Health that is currently being implemented.

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

November 2, 2015

TO: George Leventhal, President, County Council
FROM: Isiah Leggett, County Executive *Timothy L. Finestare*
SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #16-385 to the FY16 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Transportation
Bikeshare Program: 6 Wheaton Stations and 2 Takoma Park Stations
\$491,102

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I am recommending a supplemental appropriation to the FY16 Operating Budget of the Department of Transportation in the amount of \$491,102 for the Bikeshare Program. This appropriation will fund the purchase, installation, and site preparation work in FY16 for six Bikeshare Stations in the Wheaton CBD, and two in Takoma Park. 95 percent of this FY16 supplemental will be reimbursed in FY17. The State of Maryland will provide reimbursement for \$398,232 of these costs after the stations are installed in FY17. A Developer Contribution in Wheaton will provide reimbursement for an additional \$66,405 in costs.

This increase is needed to leverage reimbursable State grants to the County and to the City of Takoma Park from the Maryland Department of Transportation, as well as developer funds; to launch Capital Bikeshare in Wheaton; and to extend the network in Takoma Park to the east, including supporting a new station near the soon-to-be opened Takoma / Langley Transit Center which is also a Purple Line station. Dedicating this FY16 current revenue to bikeshare provides for an expansion of service to areas where the County is focusing investment and where lower income bikeshare users will benefit from increased access to Capital Bikeshare. The FY16 funds must be appropriated in order to complete a grant agreement with the State. Once the grant agreement is signed, the equipment will be ordered. Without this FY16 supplemental, the developer contribution will no longer be available.

I recommend that the County Council approve this supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$491,102 in Current Revenue. This supplemental will reduce County General Government Fund Reserves by \$491,102 and is consistent with the fund balance policy for tax supported reserves.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

IL:brg

Attachment: Supplemental Appropriation #16-385

cc: Al Roshdieh, Acting Director, Department of Transportation
Jennifer A. Hughes, Director, Office of Management and Budget



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Resolution No: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #16-385 to the FY16 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Transportation
Bikeshare Program: 6 Wheaton Stations and 2 Takoma Park Stations
\$491,102

Background

1. Section 307 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that any supplemental appropriation shall be recommended by the County Executive who shall specify the source of funds to finance it. The Council shall hold a public hearing on each proposed supplemental appropriation after at least one week's notice. A supplemental appropriation that would comply with, avail the County of, or put into effect a grant or a Federal, State or County law or regulation, or one that is approved after January 1 of any fiscal year, requires an affirmative vote of five Councilmembers. A supplemental appropriation for any other purpose that is approved before January 1 of any fiscal year requires an affirmative vote of six Councilmembers. The Council may, in a single action, approve more than one supplemental appropriation. The Executive may disapprove or reduce a supplemental appropriation, and the Council may reapprove the appropriation, as if it were an item in the annual budget.
2. The County Executive has requested the following FY16 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Department of Transportation:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$491,102	\$0	\$491,102	Current Revenue

3. This increase is needed to leverage reimbursable state grants to the County and to the City of Takoma Park from the Maryland Department of Transportation, as well as developer funds, to launch Capital Bikeshare in Wheaton and to extend the network in Takoma Park to the east, including supporting a new station near the soon-to-be opened Takoma / Langley Transit Center which is also a Purple Line station. Dedicating this FY 16 current revenue to bikeshare provides for an expansion of service to areas where the County is focusing investment and where lower income bikeshare users will benefit from increased access to Capital Bikeshare. The FY 16 funds must be appropriated in order to complete a grant agreement with the state. Once the grant agreement is signed, the equipment will be ordered. Without this FY 16 supplemental, the developer contribution will no longer be available.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY16 Operating Budget in the amount of \$491,102 for the Bikeshare Program and specifies that the source of funds will be Current Revenue.
5. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following action:

A supplemental appropriation to the FY17 Operating Budget of the Department of Transportation is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$491,102	\$0	\$491,102	Current Revenue

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Proposed Wheaton Bikeshare Network

Station size

11 docks



15 docks



19 docks



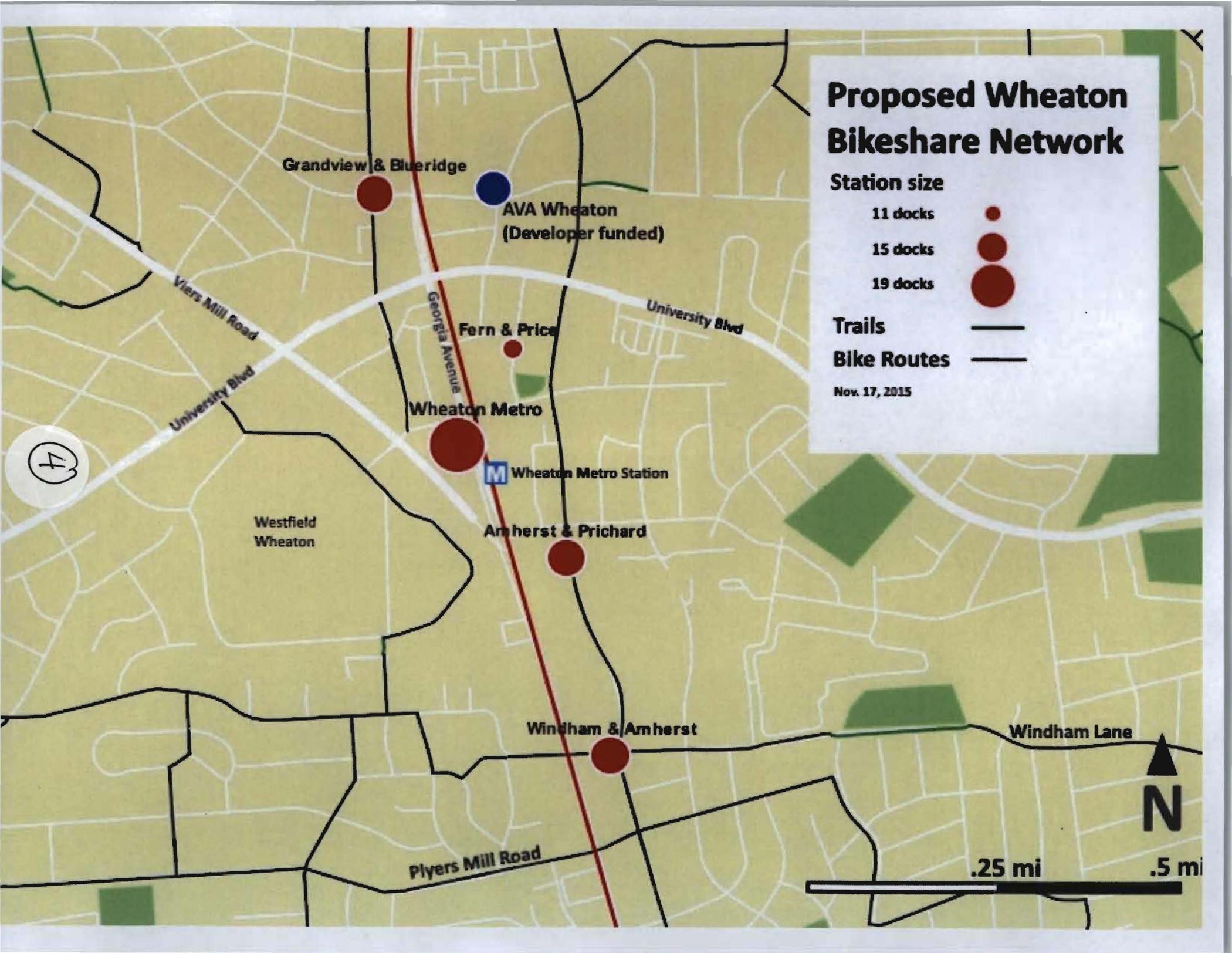
Trails



Bike Routes



Nov. 17, 2015









Rockville / Shady Grove / Life Sciences Center Bikeshare

Locations	Bikeways
Station Open	Bike Lane
Station opening at a later date	On-Road Route
Metro Red Line; Station	Paved Trail

0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles

Map produced by Montgomery County DTS-GIS April 18, 2014



Why should we track this metric?

By tracking this measure, Capital Bikeshare can identify system usage. This in turn, helps Capital Bikeshare understand usage patterns and helps plan redistribution models around the capital area.

What major factors influence this metric?

Bike availability, weather conditions, modal alternatives, number of members.

Performance Measure Type

Display Municipality

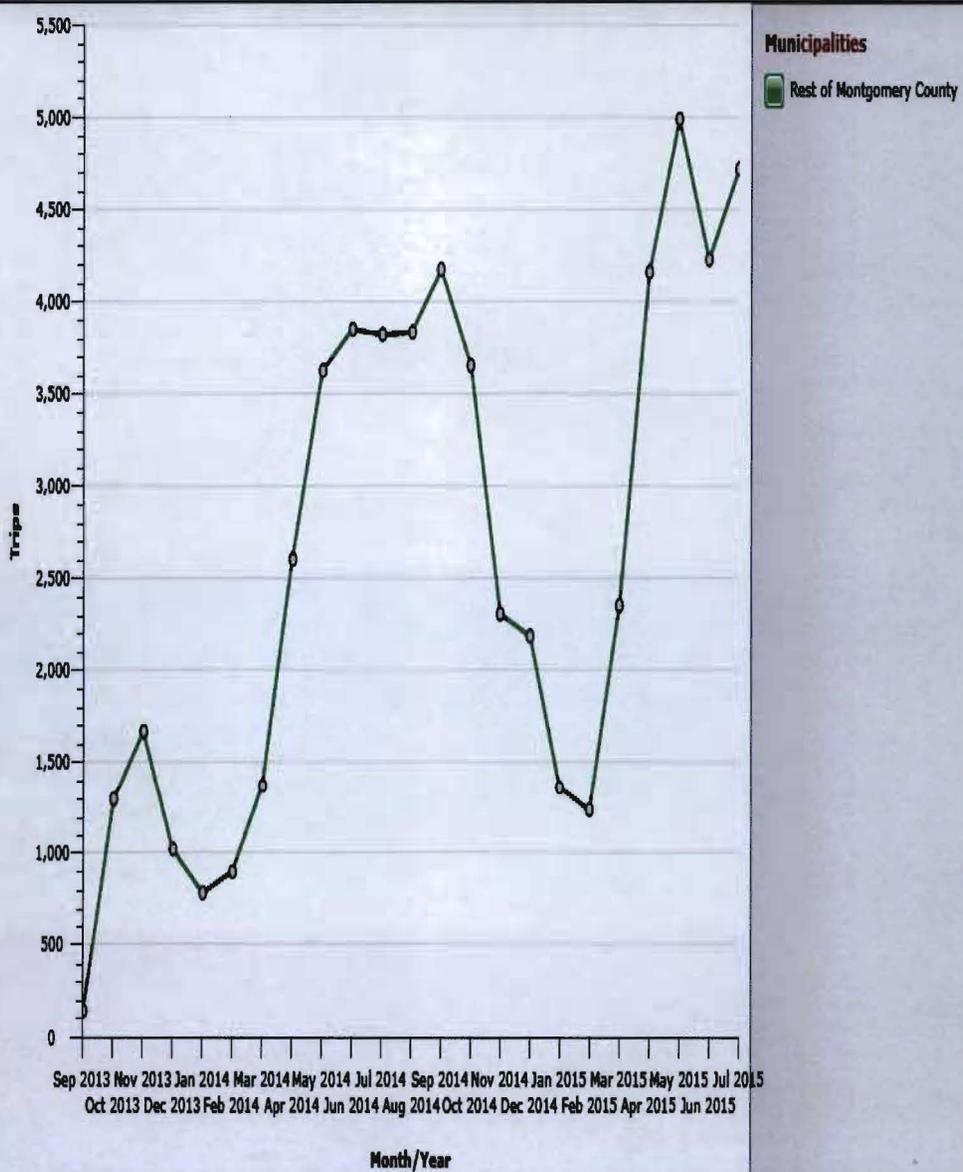
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Number of Trips by Month

Rest of Montgomery County

All Available Data

Trips By Municipality and Month



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Main Metrics



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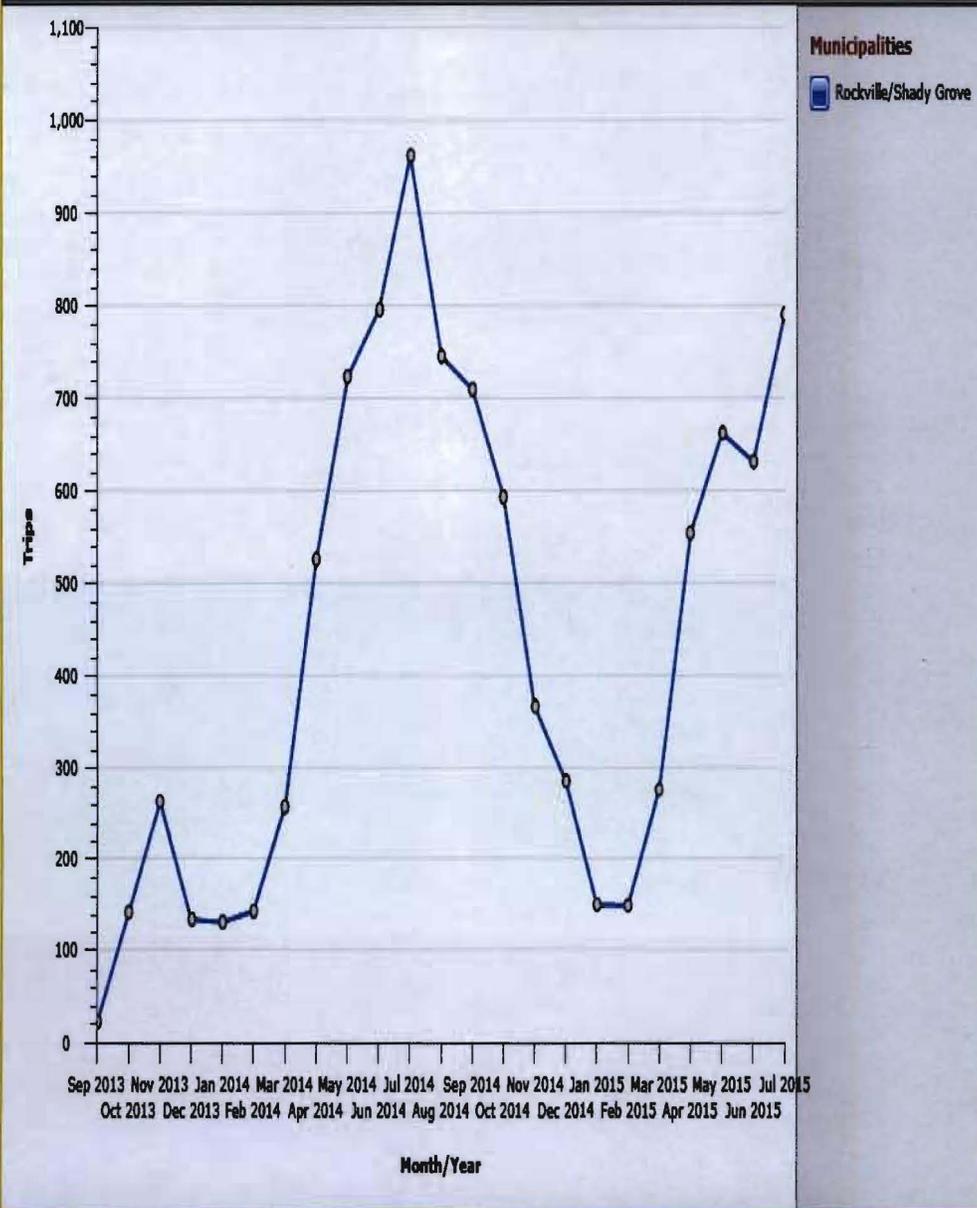
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