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Telework Assumptions and Uncertainties of Transit Ridership Forecasting

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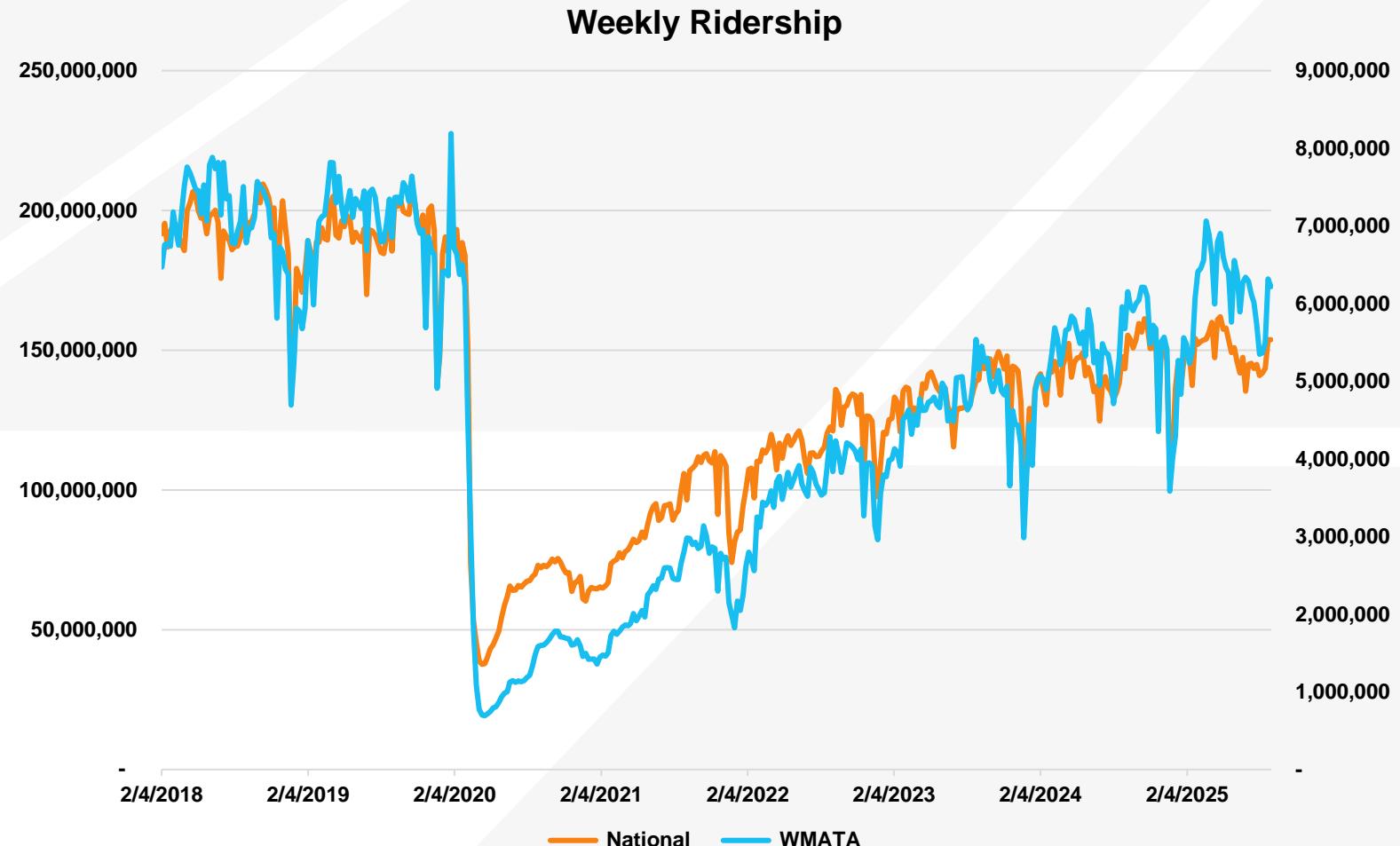
Transit Ridership Trend: National & WMATA

National 78%
Recovery

WMATA 83%
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Metrorail Only:
79%

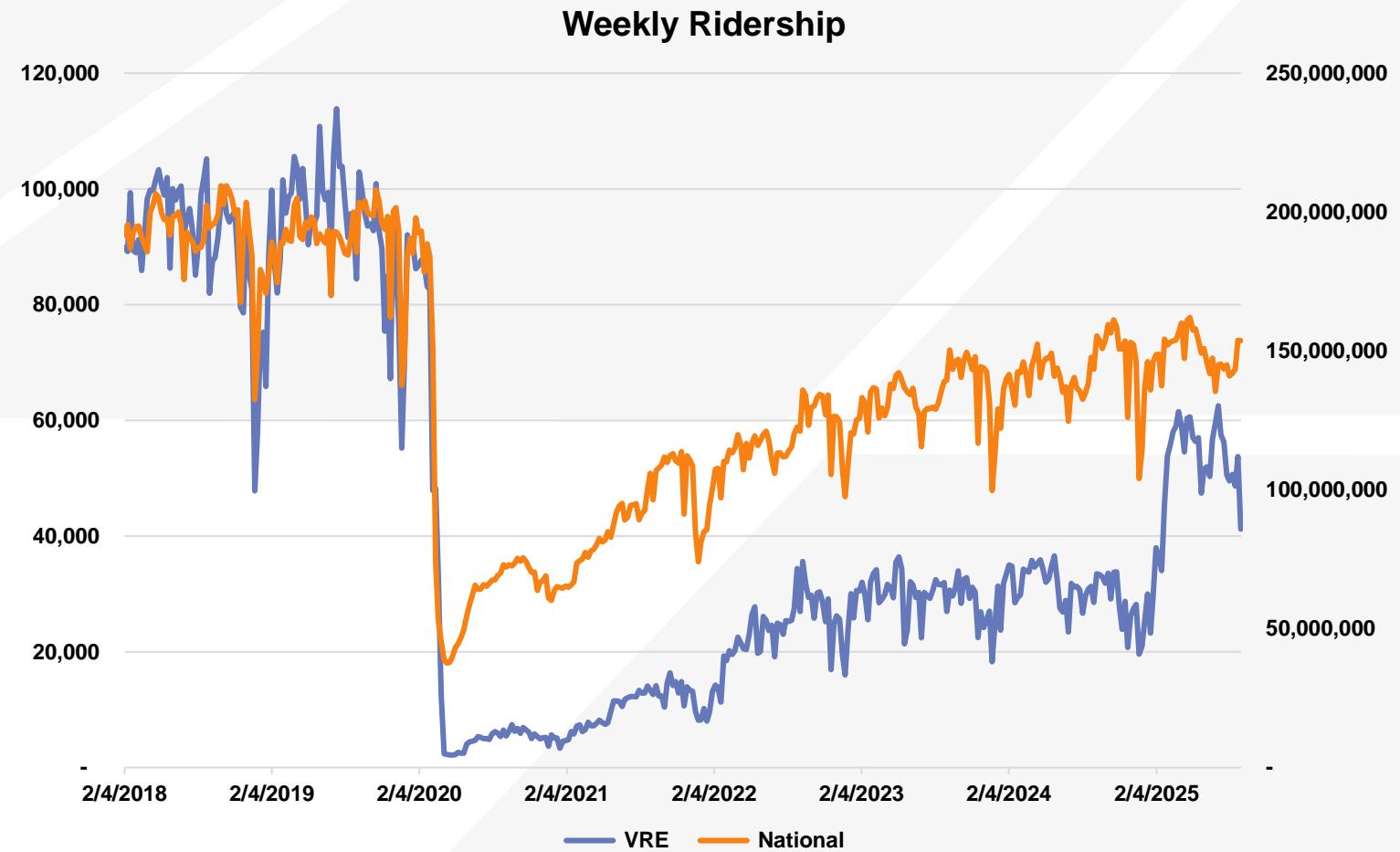
*4 weeks in August



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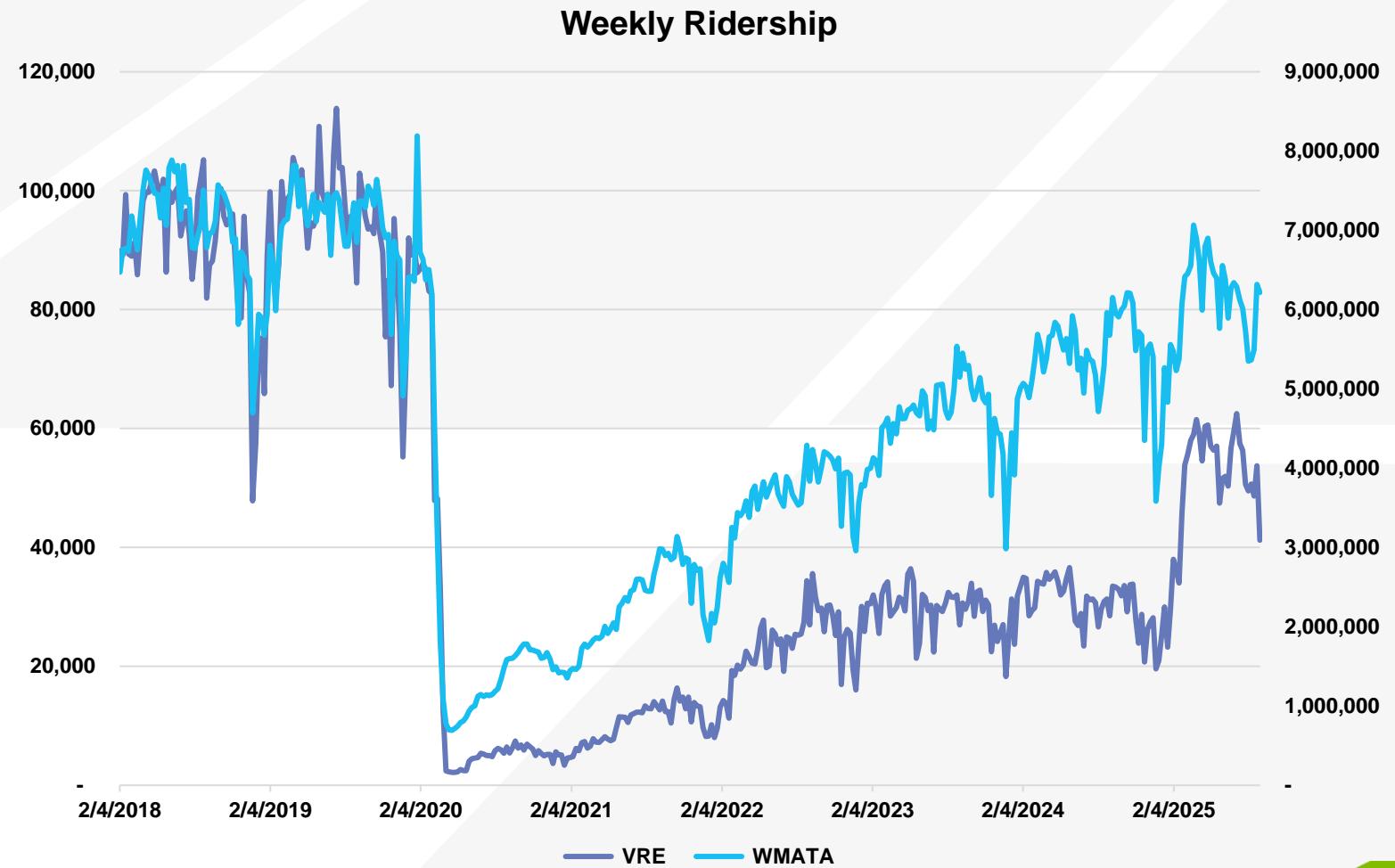
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Regional Transit Ridership Trend

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VRE 53%
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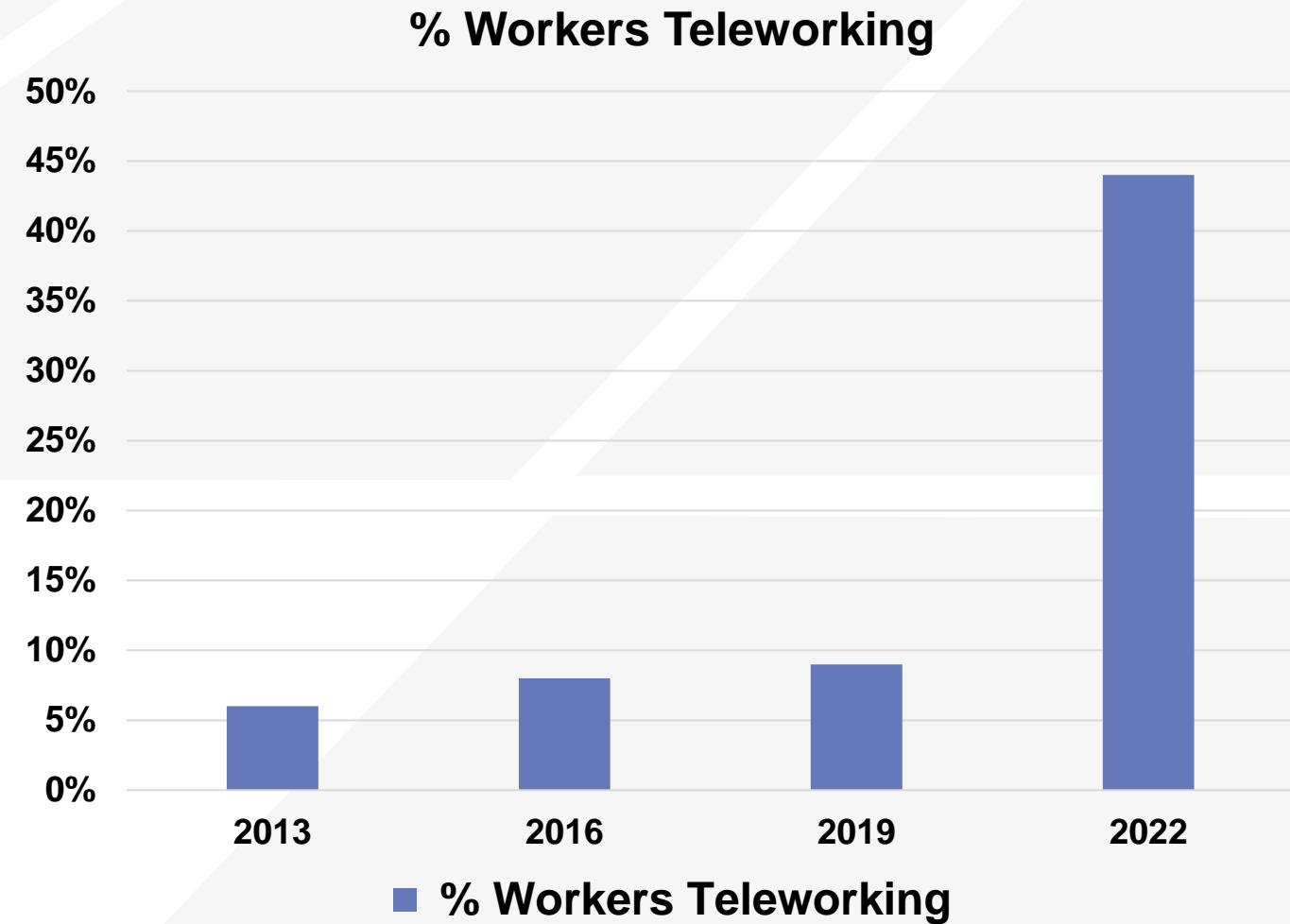
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Pandemic and Teleworking

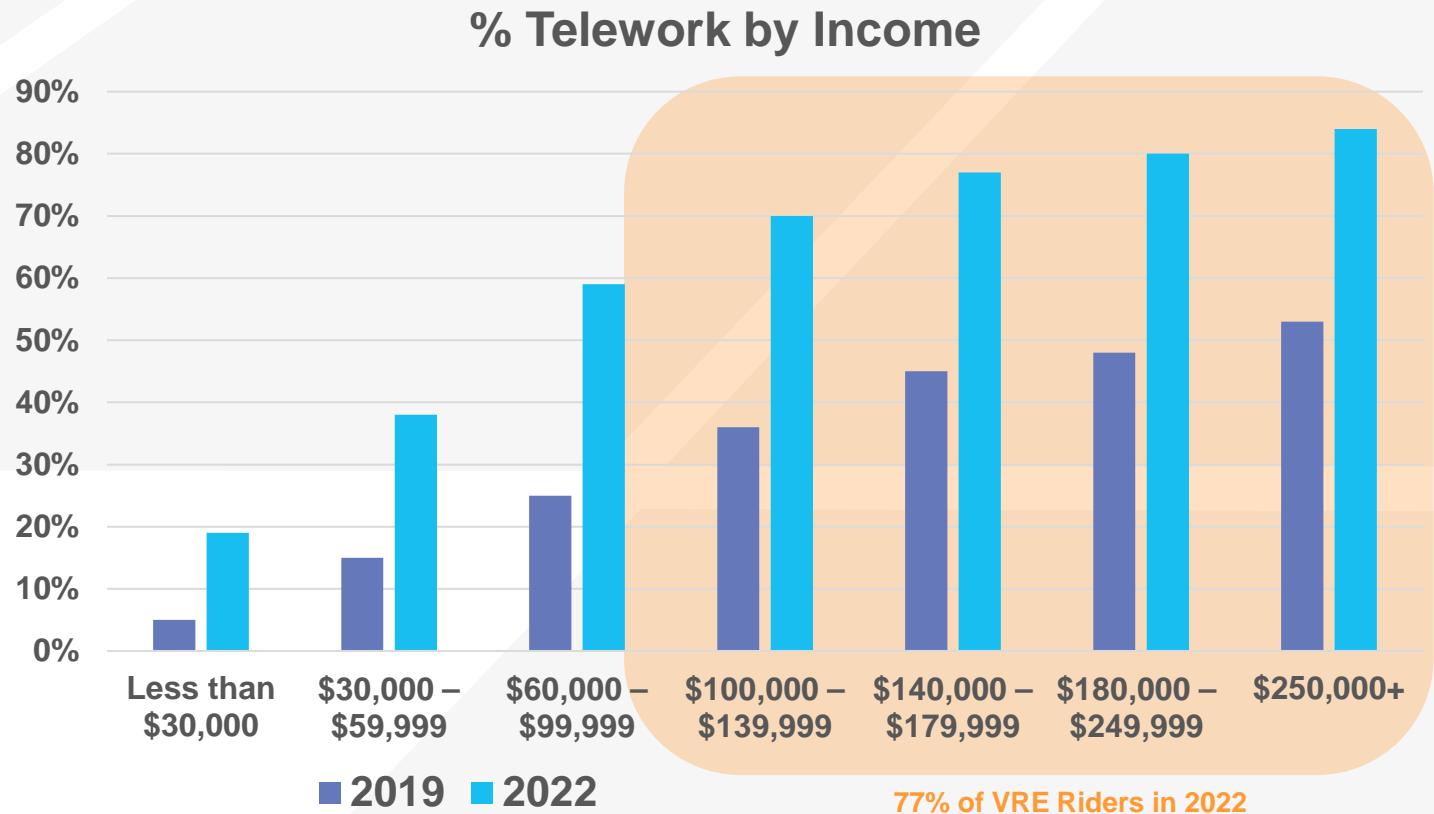
- Teleworking in the COG/TPB region
 - » an annual growth rate of 4.5% between 2007 and 2019
 - » Approximately 44% of all regional workers teleworked or worked at home on a typical workday in early 2022.
 - » The regional telework rate grew by more than x5 between 2019 and 2022



Teleworking by Household Income

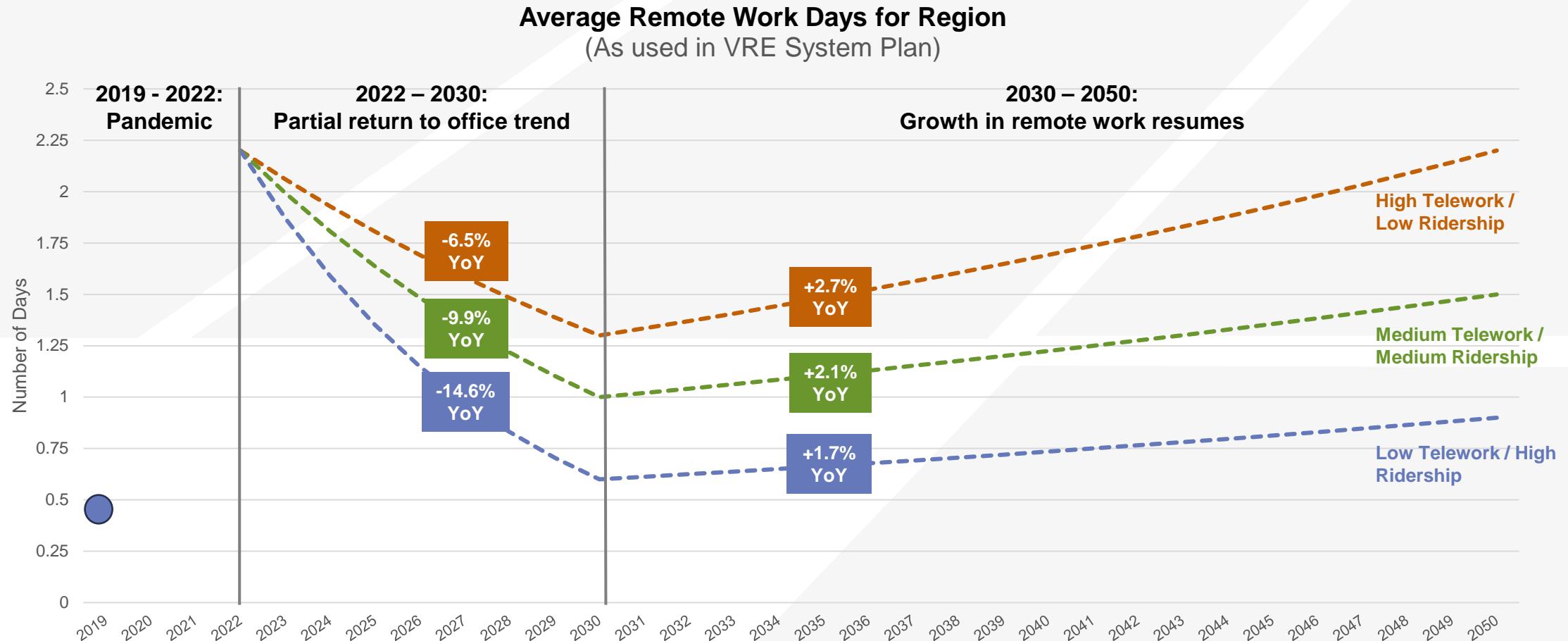
Teleworking in the D.C. region...

- A strong pattern of increasing rates of telework as household income increases
- High proportion of regional rail riders are among high-earners



Source: MWCOG, 2022

VRE Telework Scenarios

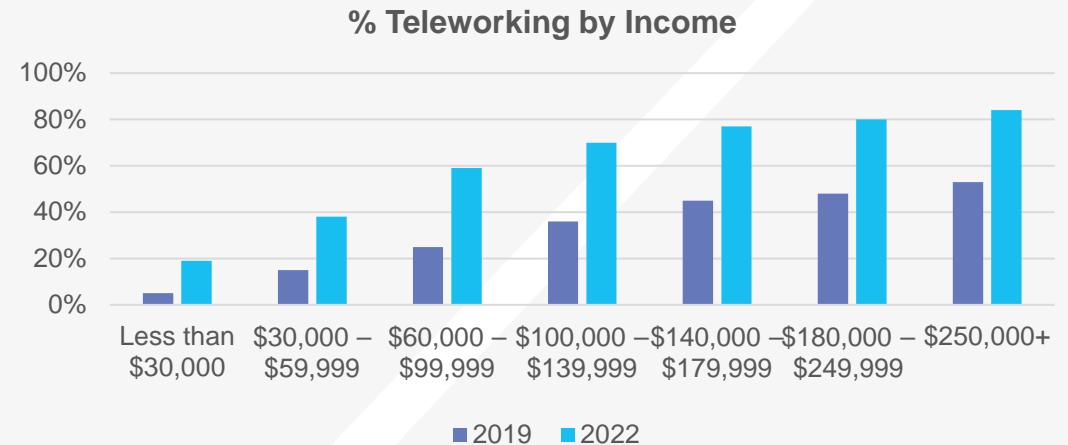


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Modeling Approach

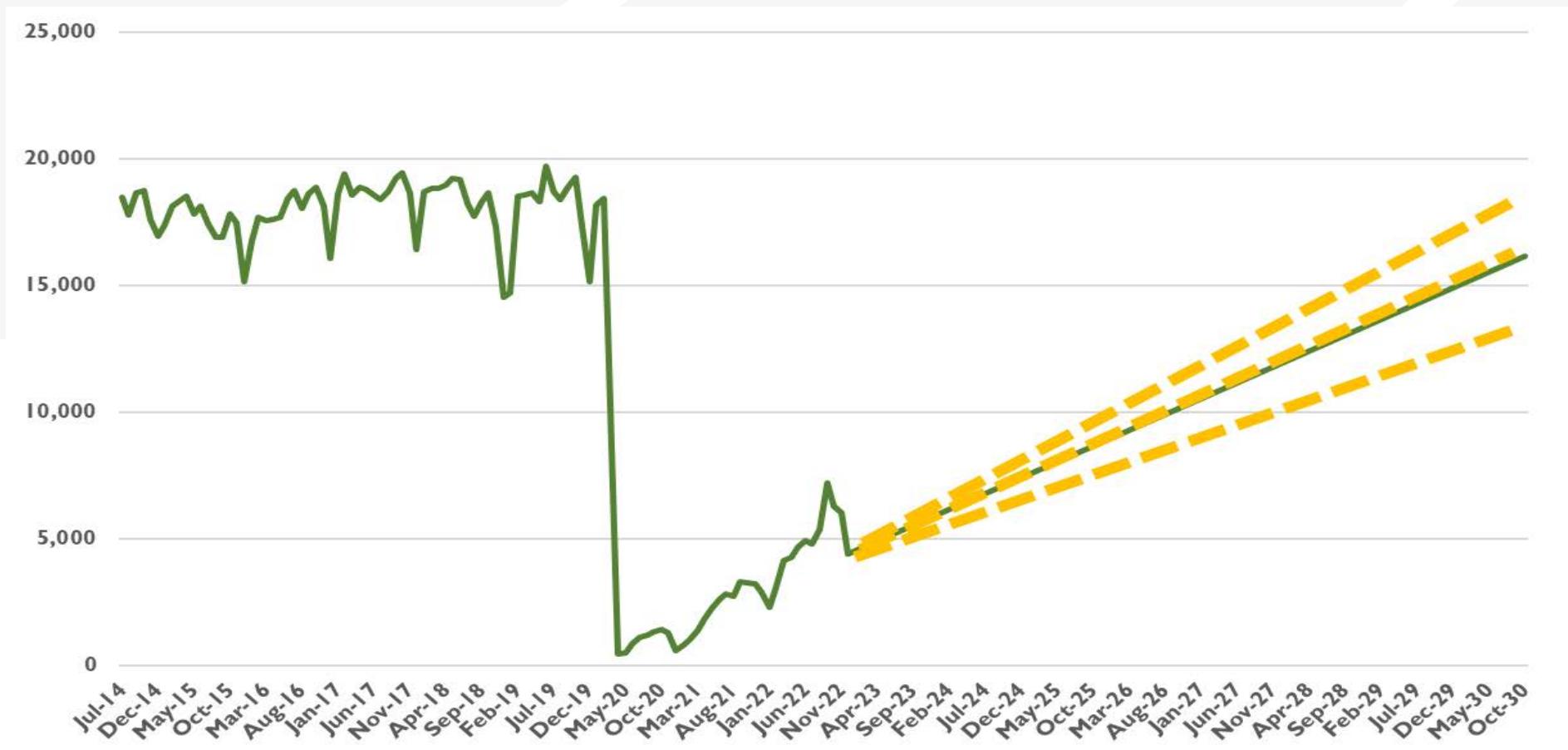
- Adjust trip rates based on regional rates for work from home (WfH)
- Adjustment factors vary significantly by income
 - » 4 income groups in COG/TPB model
- Work trips (home-based work and non-homed work)



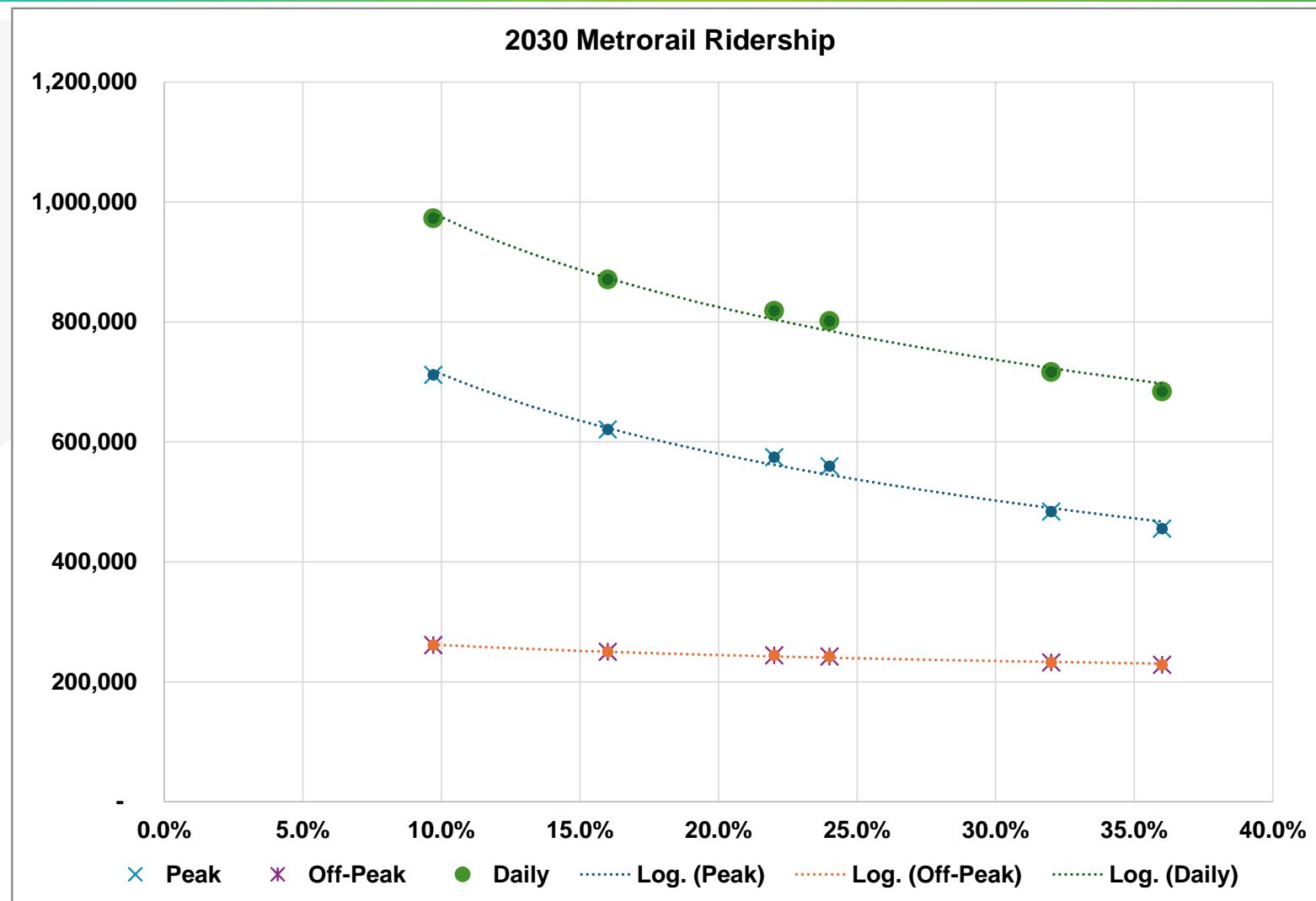
2045 Trip Rate Adjustment Factors (22% WfH rates)		
Income Group	Expected HBW Reduction 2045	HBW Trip Rates Adjustment Factor
1	6%	0.94
2	13%	0.87
3	19%	0.81
4	25%	0.75

2030 Ridership Forecast: No Build (2023 Service)

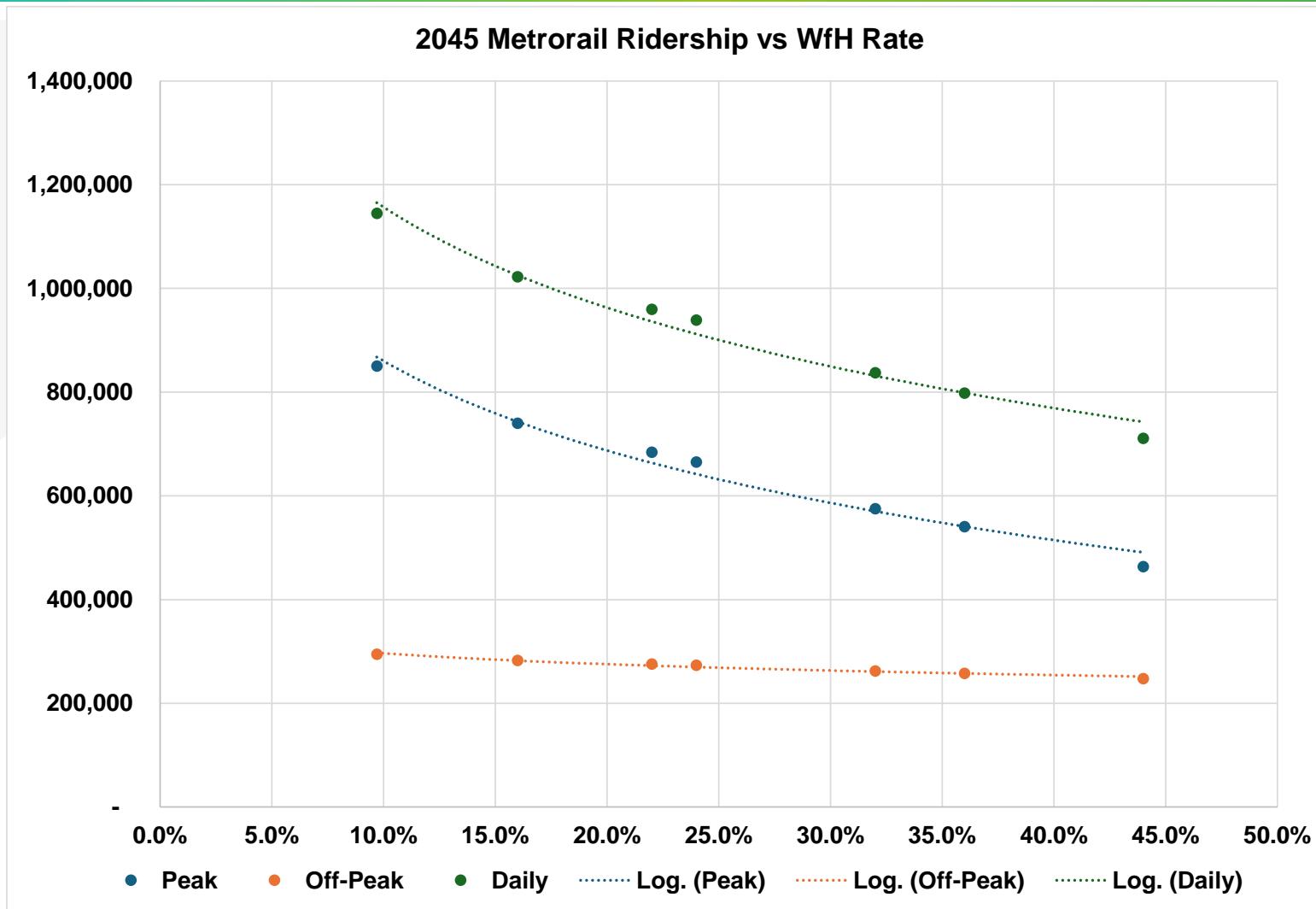
2030 average daily ridership with no change to VRE service pattern



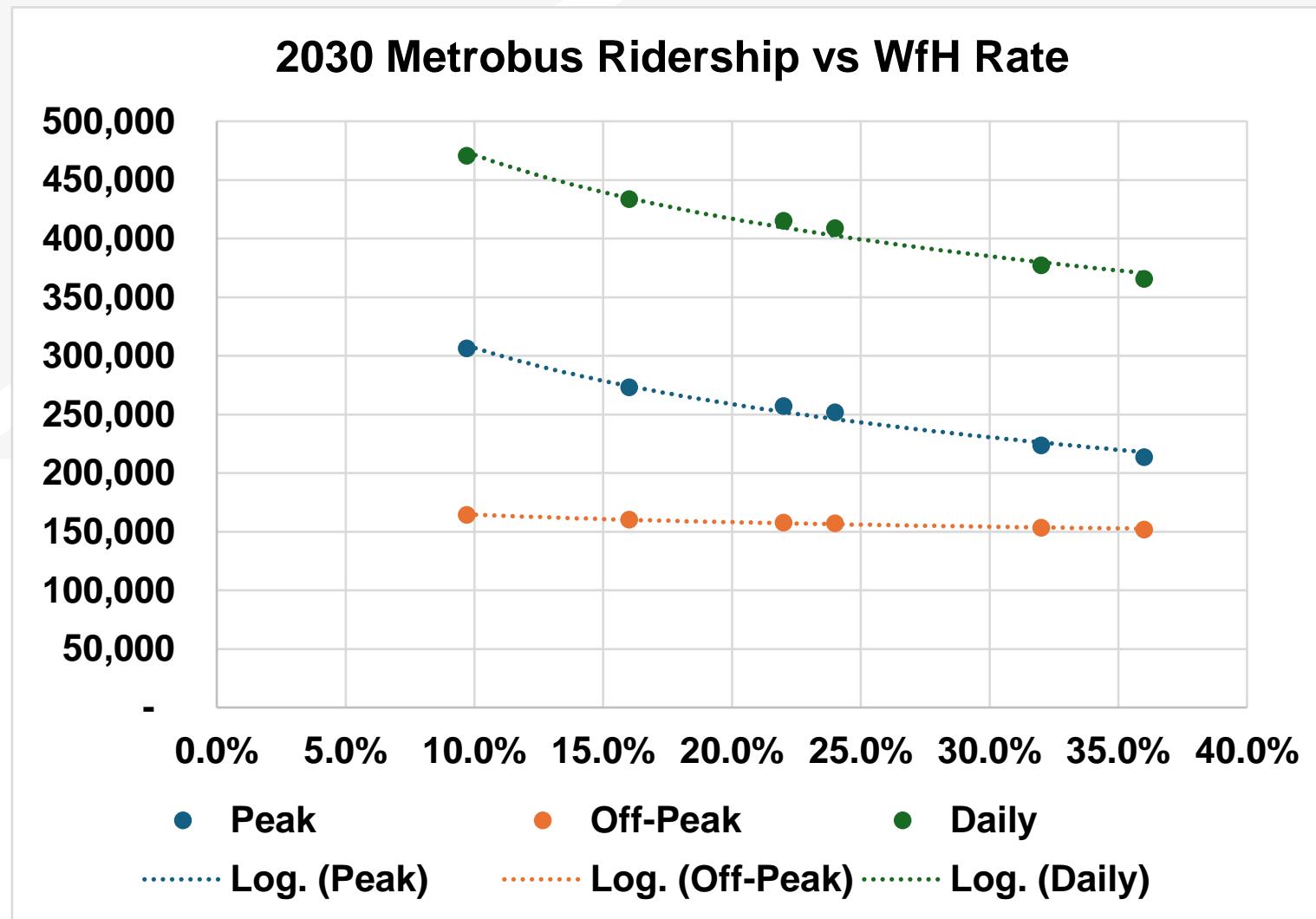
2030 Metrorail Ridership vs WfH Rate



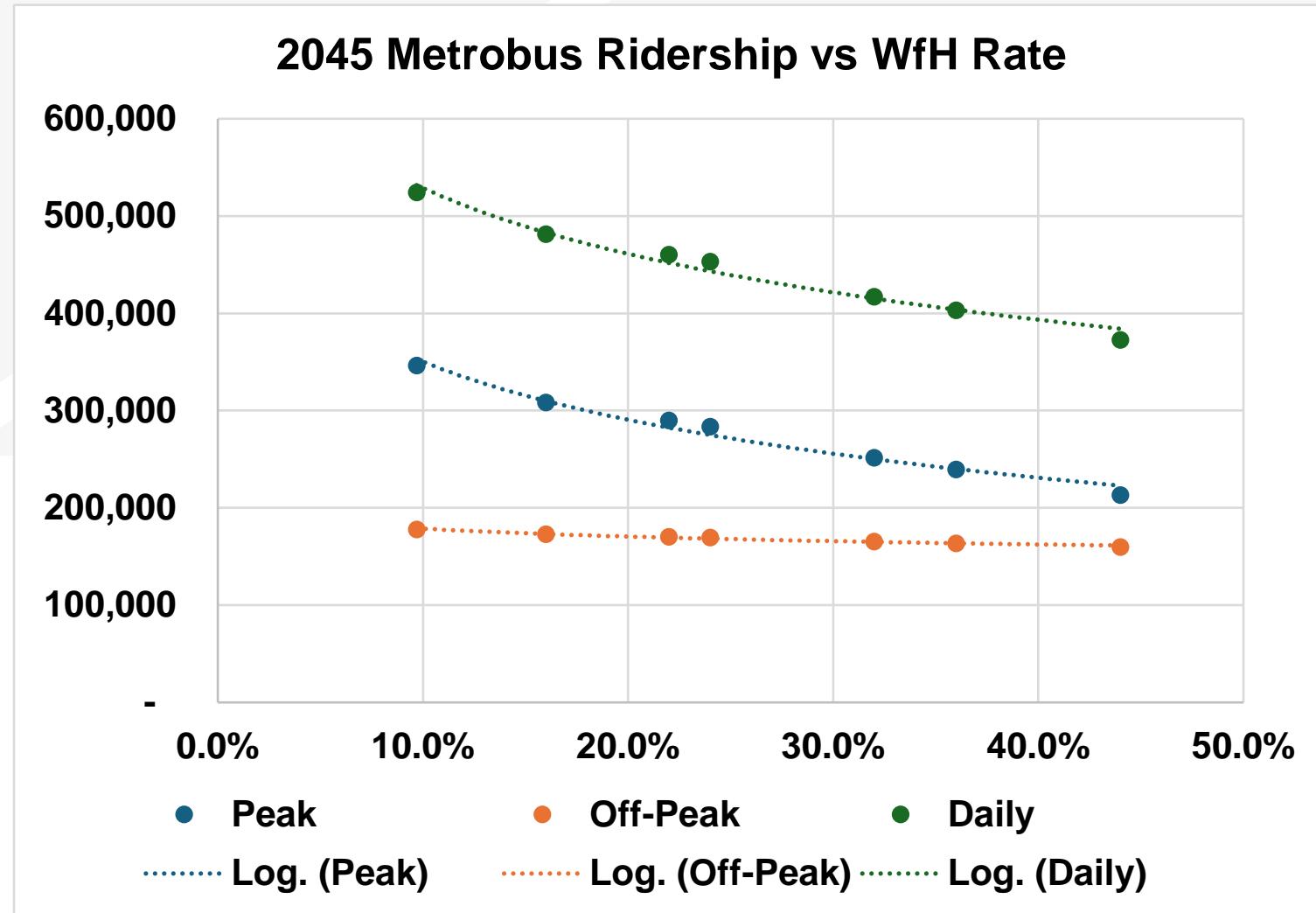
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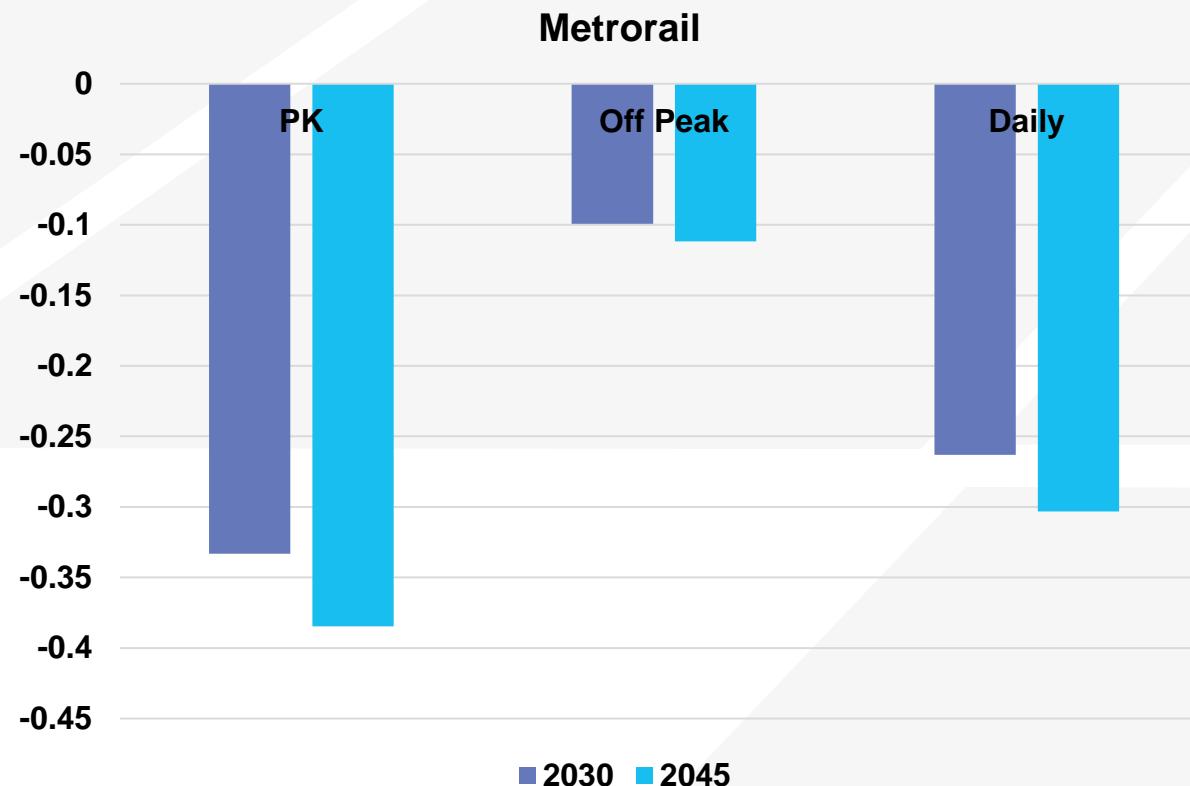
2030 Metrobus Ridership vs WfH Rate



2045 Metrobus Ridership vs WfH Rate



Metrorail Ridership Elasticities w/ WfH Rates



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