MTS Customer Satisfaction Survey Results

MTS Board of Directors





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Methodology



Transit Mode	Sample Size	Percent Distribution	Statistical Precision at 95% Confidence Level	
System-wide	1,842	100%	±2.3%	
Bus	918	49.9%	± 3.2%	
Trolley	924	50.1%	± 3.2%	

- Sampling plan and survey jointly developed with MTS based on ridership
- Onboard tablet survey plus text-in option
- Multi-language options English, Spanish, Chinese and Tagalog
- Data collection April 2022 prior to launch of Youth Opportunity Pass











02 Demographics







Customer Profile

- Use Bus (74%)
- Trolley (81%)
- Ride MTS at least 3 times a week (80%)
- 86% complete their trip with one or less transfers
- Half of riders complete their trip without a transfer
- Vehicle availability (30%)
- Employed (61%)
 - Full-time 38%
 - Part-time 23%
- Student (26%)
- Disability (12%)





Customer Profile

- Annual income less than \$50K (84%)
- Annual income less than \$20K (55%)
- More likely to be Hispanic (49%)
- Speak a language other than English at home (36%)
 - and of those 61% speak
 English "well" or "very well"
- Smartphone availability (91%)







Ethnicity



Ethnicity 2022 vs 2019

2022 2019





Gender



2022 2019







B System Satisfaction



Customer Satisfaction Results

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding or multiple response options





Systemwide Rider Satisfaction



- Systemwide customer satisfaction is high
- On par with 2019 (91%)



Bus

Overall Rider Satisfaction by Mode

Trolley



Overall satisfaction of Trolley riders is statistically unchanged

Overall satisfaction of bus riders directionally higher



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Service Attributes Satisfaction – Systemwide



Service Attributes





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Customer Service/Facility Attributes – Systemwide



Customer Service/Facility Attributes





Service Attributes by Bus and Trolley



Service Attributes by Bus and Trolley





Service Attributes - Trolley Line

Service Attributes by Trolley lines







Customer Service/Facility Attributes – Systemwide



Customer Service/Facility Attributes

High level of customer satisfaction with quality and availability of customer support – 90%



Customer Service/Facility Attributes – Bus and Trolley

Customer Attributes by Bus and Trolley





Cleanliness of Buses and Trolleys







Cleanliness of Transit Stops and Stations







Gare and PRONTO Satisfaction



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Satisfaction with Fare



■ Very Satisfied ■ Satisfied ■ Dissatisfied ■ Very Dissatisfied

Significant improvement in satisfaction with fares (89% vs. 73%)



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PRONTO Satisfaction

Overall satisfaction with PRONTO







Satisfaction with PRONTO Attributes



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05 Safety Satisfaction



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Safety Onboard and Stations



Overall Satisfaction on Safety of Buses and Trolley & Stops and Stations







Safety while Riding Buses or Trolleys

Satisfaction with overall safety on buses and Trolleys







Safety at Bus Stops/Stations

Satisfaction with overall safety at stops and stations



*2019 Trolley safety not measured





Satisfaction with Safety by Gender



There is a statistical difference in satisfaction with perceived safety on buses and Trolleys and safety at stops and stations relative to gender and women are less satisfied than men.





Overall Satisfaction with Safety by Age



Persons who under 25 are less satisfied with perceived overall safety than other age groups. There is not a significant difference between those 25-54 and those 55+.





Visible Security

Overall Satisfaction with Visible Security



■ Very Satisfied ■ Satisfied ■ Dissatisfied ■ Very Dissatisfied





Visible Security by Gender



Persons who identify as female are less satisfied than persons who identify as male with perceived visible security at stations and on the Trolley





Visible Security by Age



There is no statistical difference in satisfaction with visible security either at stations or on the Trolley between any of the age groups





Response Time and Lighting

Overall Satisfaction Response Time and Lighting





Response Time and Lighting by Gender



There is no statistical difference in satisfaction with response time relative to gender. There is a statistical difference in satisfaction with lighting at stops and station relative to gender and women are less satisfied than men.





Response Time and Lighting by Age



There is no statistical difference in visible security between any of the age groups





Courtesy of Security Team



High level of customer satisfaction with courtesy of the security team – 89%





Courtesy of Security Team by Ethnicity



Courtesy of Security Team by Ethnicity





Behavior of Other Passengers

Behavior of other passengers or comfort of riding with other passengers



■ Very Satisfied ■ Satisfied ■ Dissatisfied ■ Very Dissatisfied





Frequency of Fare Check – Trolley Line

Frequency of fare check by Trolley Line





Trolley Fare Check by Ethnicity

When you ride the Trolley, how often is your fare checked?





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Fare Check by Ethnicity

	Overall	Blue	Green	Orange
White - Asian	No	No	Yes	No
White - Black/African American	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
White - Hispanic/Latino	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

Persons who identify as African American or Latino/a are more likely to perceive that their fare is checked than persons who are White. Overall and on the Blue and Green Line.





Trolley Fare Check by Gender



Persons who identify as female are statistically more likely to perceive their fare is checked than persons who identify as male





Trolley Fare Check by Age



■ Never ■ Rarely ■ About half the time ■ On most trips I take ■ Every trip I take ■ Multiple times on one trip

There is no statistical difference in the perceived likelihood of having ones' fare checked relative to reported age



6 Voice of the Customer







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Briefly tell us what changes would make the biggest difference in improving your transit experience?





Next Steps

- Presented key findings to Executive Committee Sept 1
- Presented key findings to Security & Passenger Safety Community Advisory Group Sep
- Possible additional focus groups/customer survey specifically about security
- Improving data collection for security
 - Staff time allocated to each line
 - Fare inspection data
- Continuing unconscious bias training
- Looking at expanding auxiliary cleaning efforts on Trolleys at key transit centers
- Exploring solutions to improve reporting process for cleanliness issues
 - Direct customer to operations/field staff
- Launching *Respect the Ride* rider etiquette campaign this fall





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Questions?







