

Lewiston–Auburn citylink

The Lewiston–Auburn citylink (LATC) consists of fixed routes and complementary ADA paratransit services in and around Lewiston and Auburn.

Service Description and Fares

Citylink consists of 10 fixed routes with corresponding paratransit service, operating in and around the urbanized areas of Lewiston and Auburn. Services operate on varying headways of between 30 and 120 minutes, depending on the specific route and time of day. Most routes operate Monday through Saturday, while select routes operate from Monday through Friday. Concord Coach Lines services Auburn, while Greyhound Lines services Lewiston.

Fare information is shown in Table 1:

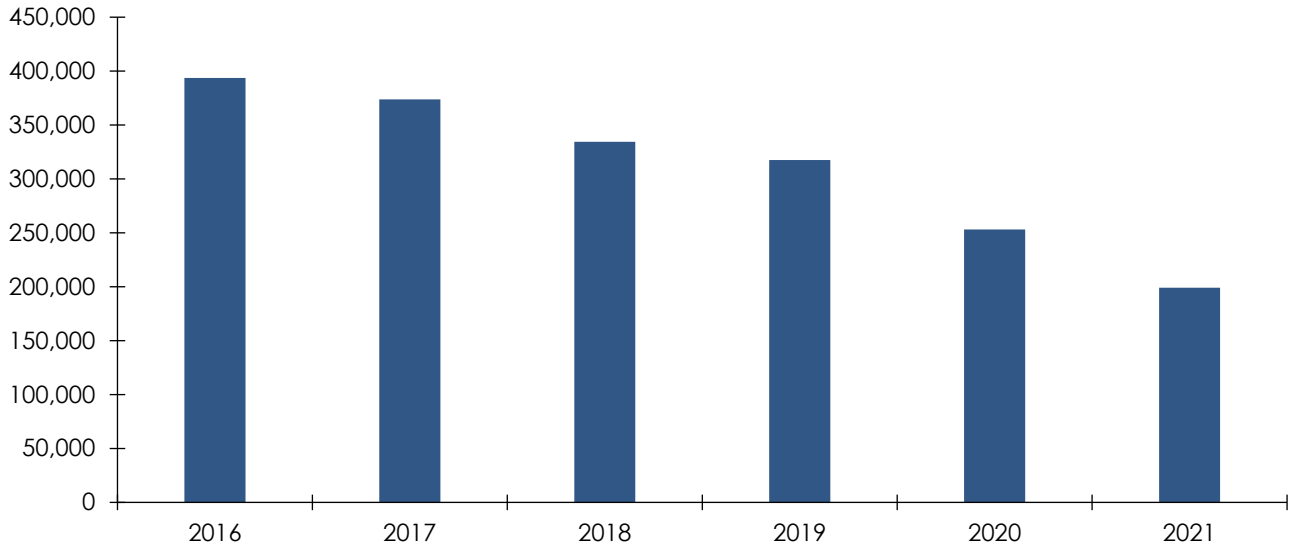
Table 1 Fare Information

General	
General Public	\$1.50
Half Fare	\$0.75
Student (High School and Younger)	\$1.25
Children (0—5)	Free
Paratransit	
One Way	\$3.00
Passes	
Monthly Pass	\$36.00
Monthly Student Pass	\$18.00

Ridership

Total ridership for 2016 through 2021 is shown in Figure 1. Between 2016 and 2021, ridership declined from a high of approximately 393,000 in 2016. With the onset of COVID-19 in 2020, ridership dropped to a low of approximately 200,000.

Figure 1 LATC Annual Unlinked Trips (2016–2021)



Modal Operating Characteristics

Revenue miles and revenue hours are shown in Figure 2 and Figure 3. Both metrics followed similar patterns of fluctuations through 2021. Both metrics peaked in 2016, with approximately 263,000 revenue hours and 22,000 revenue miles.

Figure 2 LATC Vehicle Revenue Miles (2016–2021)

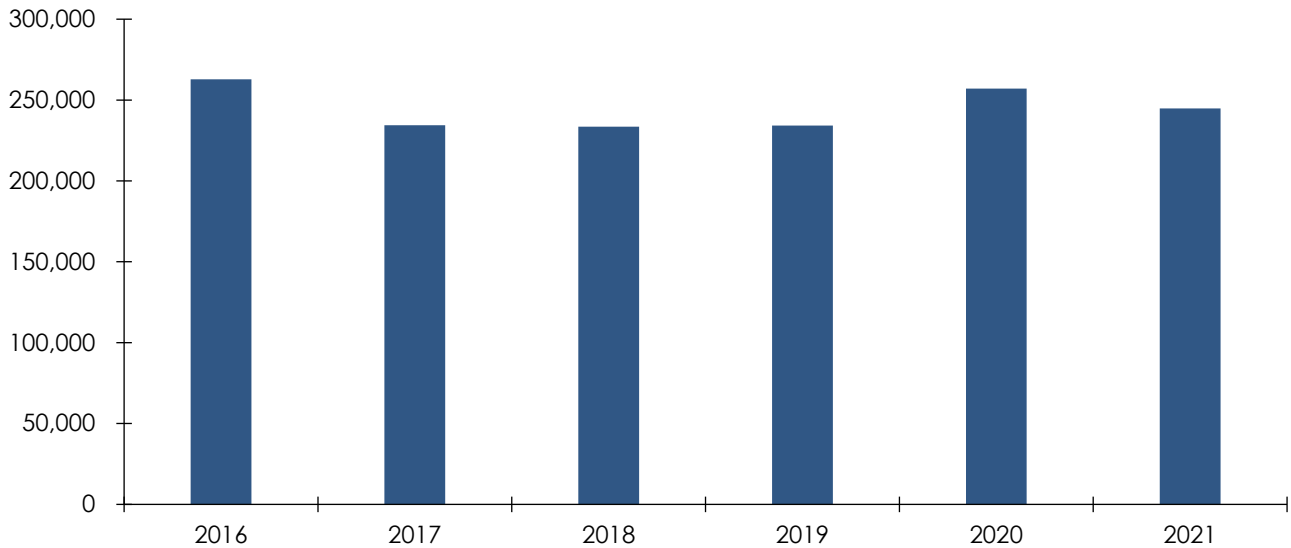
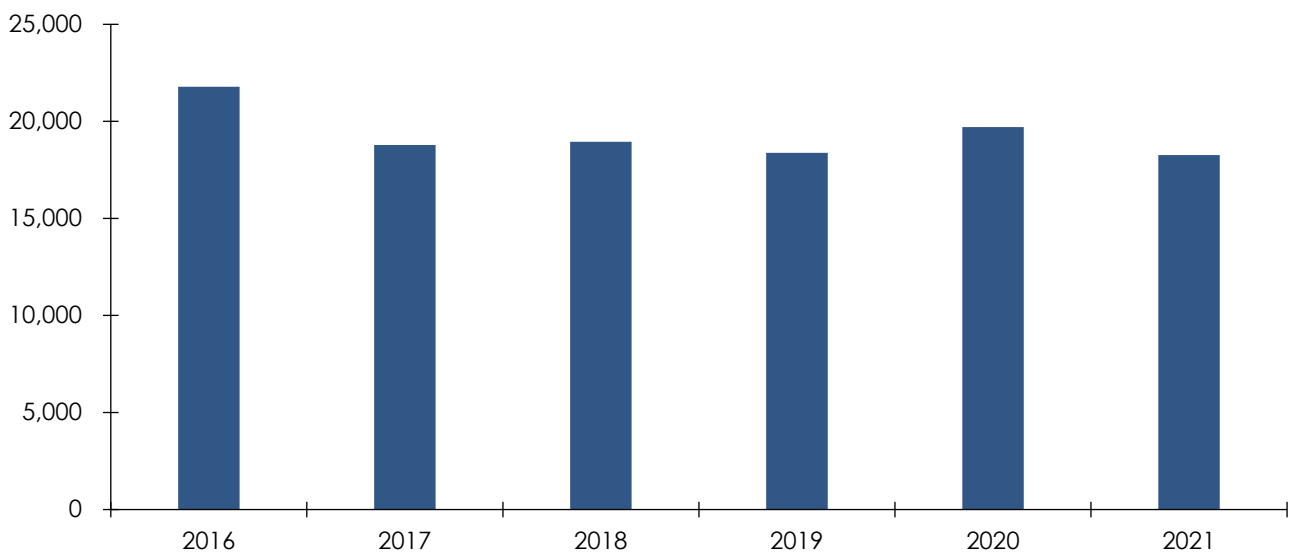


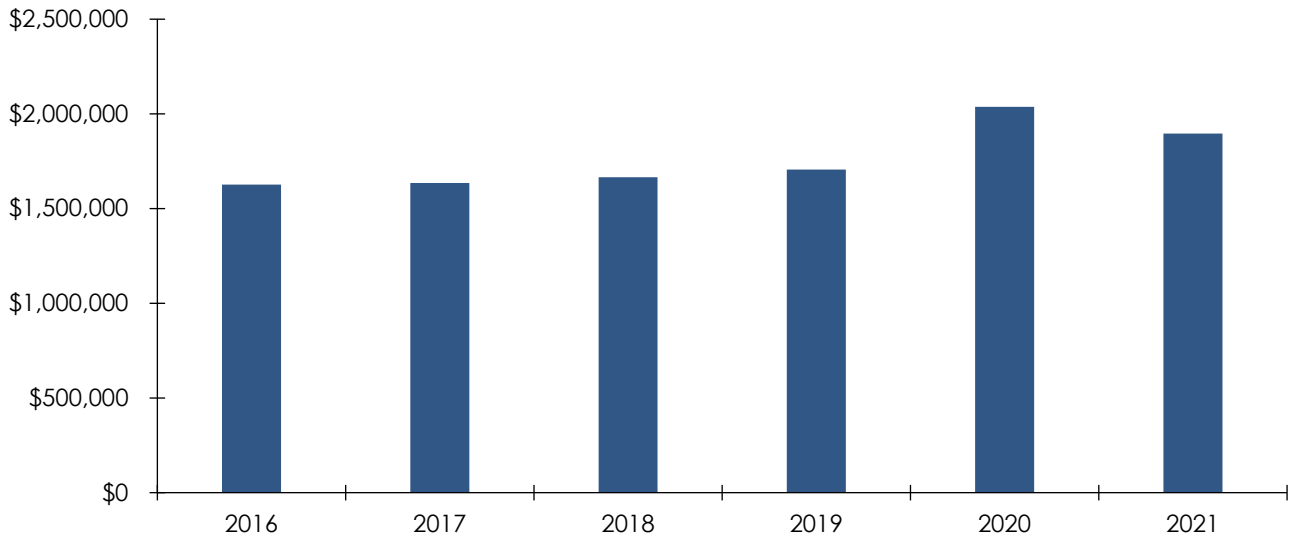
Figure 3 LATC Vehicle Revenue Hours (2016–2021)



Budget Metrics

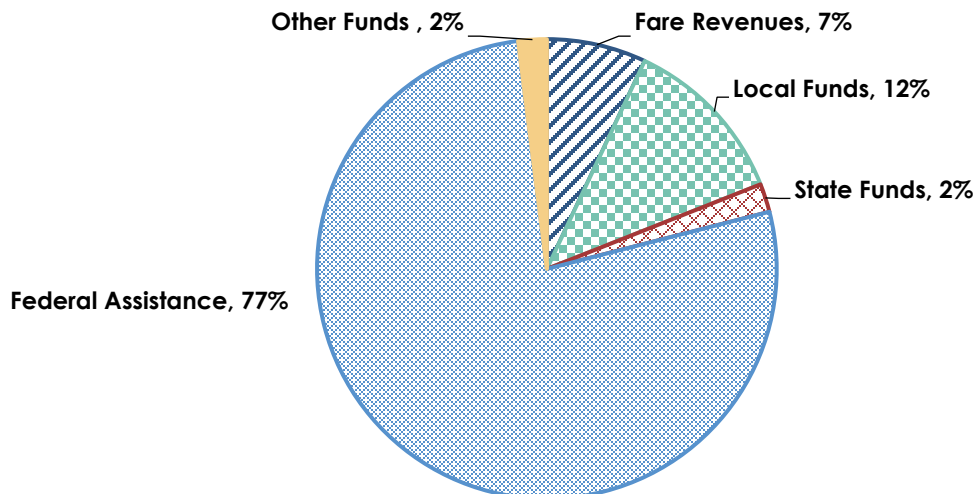
Annual operating expenses for 2016 through 2021 are shown in Figure 4. From 2016 through 2019, operating expenses remained steady, before rising to over \$2 million in 2020. In 2021, operating expenses dropped to approximately \$1.9 million.

Figure 4 LATC Operating Expenses (2016–2021)



The breakdown of operating expense funding sources for 2020 is shown in Figure 5. In 2020, federal assistance accounted for 77 percent of operating expense funding. Farebox revenue accounted for 7 percent of funding. Remaining funding was largely comprised of local funds, which accounted for 12 percent of total funding.

Figure 5 LATC Operating Funding Sources (2020)



Service efficiency metrics are shown in Figure 6 and Figure 7. Vehicle revenue mile operating expenses increased between 2016 and 2020 to nearly \$8.00, before dropping in 2021. Vehicle revenue hour operating expenses followed a similar pattern, also increasing in 2021.

Figure 6 LATC Operating Expenses per Vehicle Revenue Mile (2016–2021)

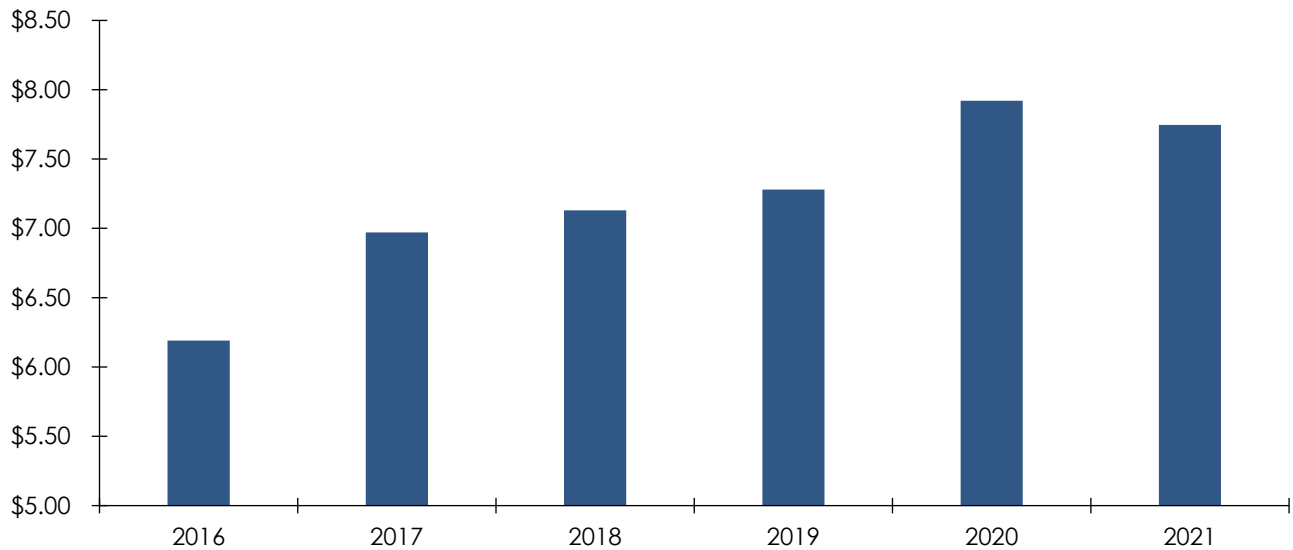
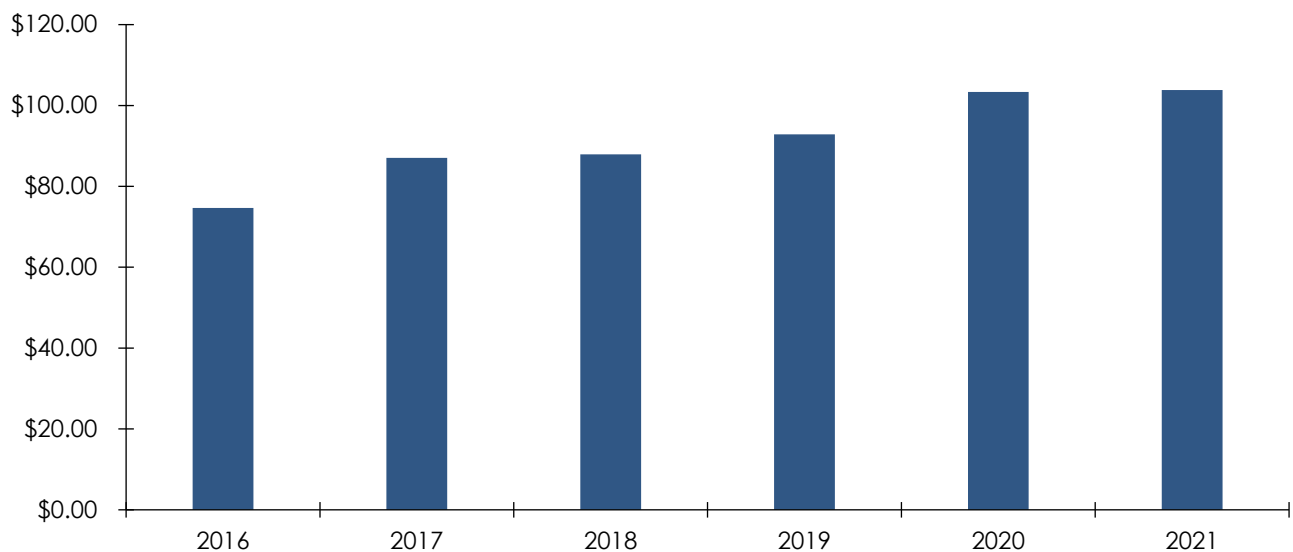
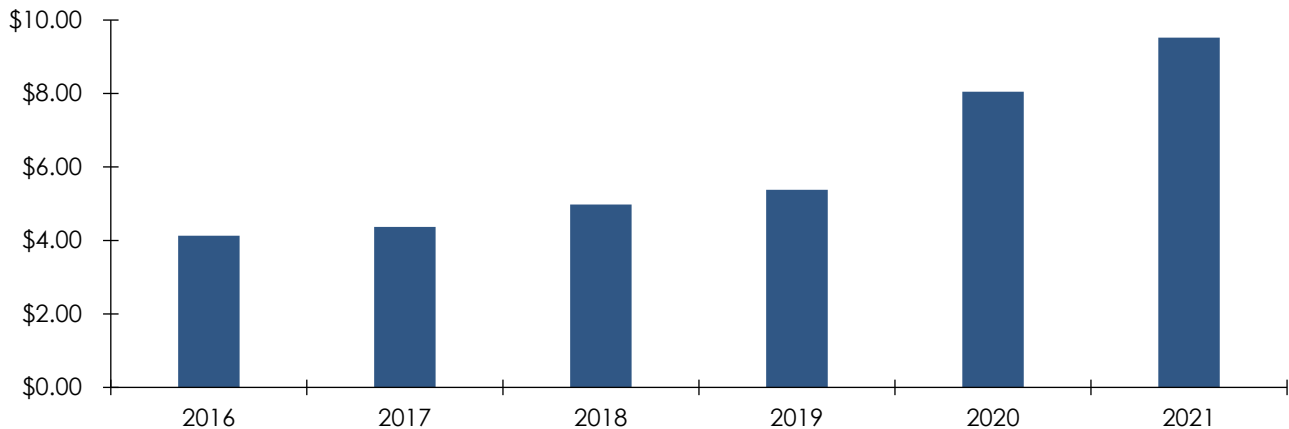


Figure 7 LATC Operating Expenses per Vehicle Revenue Hour (2016–2021)



Operating expenses per unlinked passenger trip are shown in Figure 8. Between 2016 and 2021, per passenger operating expenses increased to nearly \$10.00 from \$4.00.

Figure 8 LATC Operating Expenses per Unlinked Passenger Trips (2016–2021)



Organizational Management Structure

Management of citylink is conducted by the Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee, which was formed by an interlocal agreement between the cities of Lewiston and Auburn. Members are appointed by each municipal council.

Asset Management

Transit asset management of citylink is conducted through the LATC Tier II Transit Asset Management Plan. In 2020, the citylink transit fleet consisted of:

- » 13 revenue vehicles

The citylink transit fleet utilized for maximum service consisted of:

- » 7 buses
- » 2 demand response vehicles

Technology Capabilities

Citylink utilizes the following software in their operations:

- » **GTFS:** Utilized in operations
- » **Token Transit:** Electronic Passenger Route Planning and Fare Collection