



## COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

Friday, September 5, 2025

---

|  | Pages   |
|--|---------|
| 1. Letter from the City of Welland re: Call for Reforms Following Heinous Crime in Welland.                            | 2 - 5   |
| 2. City of Port Colborne re: Support "Elect Respect" Campaign.   | 6 - 6   |
| 3. Letter from Niagara Transit re: NT Q2 2025 Statistics.  | 7 - 29  |
| 4. Letter from the Town of Cobalt re: Firefighter Certification Requirements.  | 30 - 31 |
| 5. Letter from the City of Brantford re: Advocacy for Provincial Scrap Metal Legislation and Bail System Reform, 2025. | 32 - 33 |
| 6. Letter from the Township of Southgate re: Resolution of Support - City of St. Catharines - Elect Respect Pledge.    | 34 - 35 |



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
FRANK CAMPION**

60 East Main Street,  
Welland, Ontario  
L3B 3X4  
Phone 905-735-1700  
Fax 905-735-1543

September 4, 2025

**The Right Honourable Prime Minister Mark Carney**  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

**Re: Call for Reforms Following Heinous Crime in Welland**

Dear Prime Minister Carney,

On behalf of the City of Welland, I write to you with a heavy and aggrieved heart following the recent brutal sexual assault of a three-year-old child in our community. This appalling act has shaken the community to its core, leaving families devastated and our entire city demanding swift and decisive action to ensure such an atrocity can never happen again. While no legislation can undo the profound trauma inflicted, this horrific crime demands that we confront the shortcomings of our justice system in protecting society's most vulnerable. I therefore urge your government to take immediate and decisive action by considering:

- **Reform to bail and sentencing provisions** to ensure that individuals charged with, or convicted of, violent sexual crimes, especially when involving minors, face stricter consequences, with no opportunity for early release in cases of extreme brutality.
- **Elimination of parole for heinous offences of this nature**, ensuring that offenders serve their full sentences without exception.
- **More stringent use and enforcement of the National Sex Offender Registry**, with mechanisms to better protect communities by ensuring timely awareness of offenders residing in their midst.

Canadians must have absolute confidence that our justice system places public safety—especially the protection of children—above all else. Communities like Welland cannot and should not live under the shadow of legislative or enforcement gaps that risk allowing such offenders to strike again. Mr. Prime Minister, I must impress upon you that strengthening these protections at the national level is not so much a request, but a collective responsibility that must be met without delay. Our residents, and indeed all Canadians, demand the assurance that every possible measure is being taken to safeguard our children.

This is an urgent call to action, and I expect your government's leadership to match the gravity of this moment. I stand ready to work with you in advancing the decisive reforms our communities so desperately need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Frank Campion', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Frank Campion  
Mayor

C.c.: Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada  
Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Public Safety  
Fred Davies, Member of Parliament



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
FRANK CAMPION**

60 East Main Street,  
Welland, Ontario  
L3B 3X4  
Phone 905-735-1700  
Fax 905-735-1543

September 4, 2025

**The Honourable Doug Ford**  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

**Re: Call for Reforms Following Heinous Crime in Welland**

Dear Premier Ford,

On behalf of the City of Welland, I write to you with a heavy heart following the recent brutal sexual assault of a three-year-old child in our community. This devastating act has shocked and horrified our residents, leaving families shaken and demanding urgent action to ensure such a tragedy is never repeated.

While no legislation can erase the trauma inflicted, this horrific crime compels us to reflect on the inadequacy of our current justice system in protecting the most vulnerable. Specifically, I urge your government to consider:

- **Reform to bail and sentencing provisions** to ensure that individuals charged with, or convicted of, violent sexual crimes face stricter consequences, with no opportunity for early release in cases of extreme brutality.
- **Elimination of parole for heinous offences of this nature**, ensuring that offenders serve their full sentences without exception.
- **More stringent use and enforcement of the National Sex Offender Registry**, with mechanisms to better protect communities by ensuring timely awareness of offenders residing in their midst.

Canadians must be confident that our justice system prioritizes public safety above all else, and particularly the safety of children. Communities like Welland cannot bear the weight of knowing that gaps in legislation or enforcement might allow such offenders to harm again.

Premier Ford, I ask for your leadership in strengthening these protections at the national level. Our residents, and indeed all Canadians, deserve to know that every measure possible is being taken to safeguard our children.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with you and your government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Frank Campion', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Frank Campion  
Mayor

C.c.: Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General  
Sam Oosterhoff, Member of Provincial Parliament



**PORT COLBORNE**

Legislative Services

Municipal Offices: 66 Charlotte Street  
Port Colborne, Ontario L3K 3C8 • [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca)

T 905.228.8031 F 905.834.5746  
E [charlotte.madden@portcolborne.ca](mailto:charlotte.madden@portcolborne.ca)

September 3, 2025

**Sent via Email:** [Ann-Marie.Norio@niagararegion.ca](mailto:Ann-Marie.Norio@niagararegion.ca)

Ann-Marie Norio  
Office of the Regional Clerk, Niagara Region  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way,  
P.O. Box 1042  
Thorold, ON L2V 4T7

Dear Ms. Norio:

**Re: City of Port Colborne Supports the Resolution from the Niagara Region, Niagara Regional Council regarding “Elect Respect” Campaign**

Please be advised that, at its meeting of August 26, 2025 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution from Niagara Regional Council regarding the “Elect Respect” Campaign.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden  
City Clerk

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ontario's Big City Mayors  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Local Members of Parliament  
Local Members of Provincial Parliament  
Niagara Regional Police  
Ontario Provincial Police  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
Local Area Municipalities



September 2, 2025

Mayor and Council  
City of Welland  
60 East Main St.  
Welland, ON  
L3B 3X4

Dear Mayor Campion and Council,

I am pleased to provide the 2025 Q2 statistics from our commingled services. We provide this data to our Board, Regional Council, and local municipalities on an ongoing basis. Building on the outcomes and observations reported in Q1, this update highlights ridership trends, operational insights, and service developments specific to the second quarter of 2025.

During Q2 2025, the commingled service provided a total of 65,171 trips. This represents a 3% increase compared to the 2023 baseline data, though a 12.7% decrease relative to the same period in 2024. In comparison to Q1 2025, which realized a total of 70,856 trips, Q2 serviced approximately 435 fewer trips per week on average. While seasonality may be a factor, the presence of user trip denials suggests the demand exists.

Specialized transit ridership totaled 11,039 trips, representing a 4% increase over the RFP baseline and a 19.4% decrease compared to Q2 2024. However, due to the comingled integrated service, registered specialized customers were able to book 2,581 local microtransit trips reflecting an increase in accessibility. Microtransit accounted for 51,551 trips, excluding the 2,581 provided to registered specialized transit users. Combined there were a total of 54,132 microtransit trips booked which represents a 2% increase over the RFP data and an 11% reduction compared to Q2 2024. In comparison to Q1 2025, which realized a 9.3% growth over the RFP data, Q2 only realized a 2% growth over the RFP data.

For further information, please see the [full report](#) presented at the August 26, 2025 meeting of the Niagara Transit Commission.

Thank you for your ongoing support of transit. Together we're continuing to create a truly connected, barrier free Niagara.

Sincerely,



Carla Stout  
General Manager, Niagara Transit



# Overall NT+ Service Metrics - 2025 (Q2)

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers  
**89,414**

Number of Trips  
**79,887**

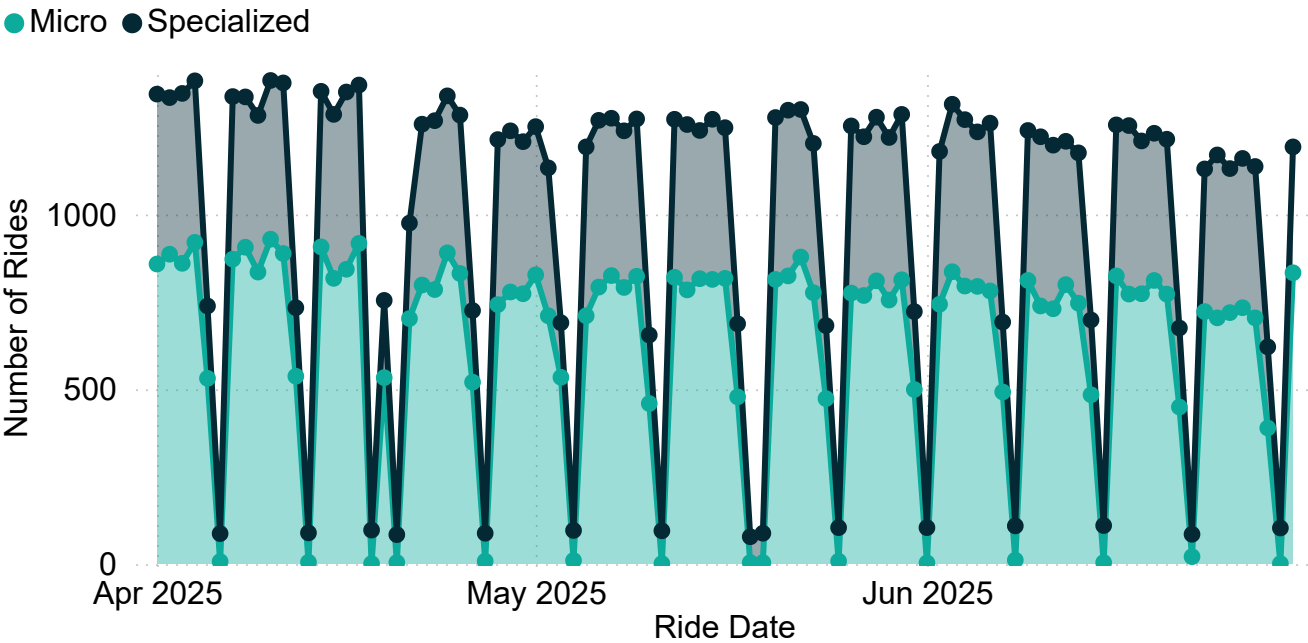
Number of Accessible Trips  
**12,988**

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device  
**928**

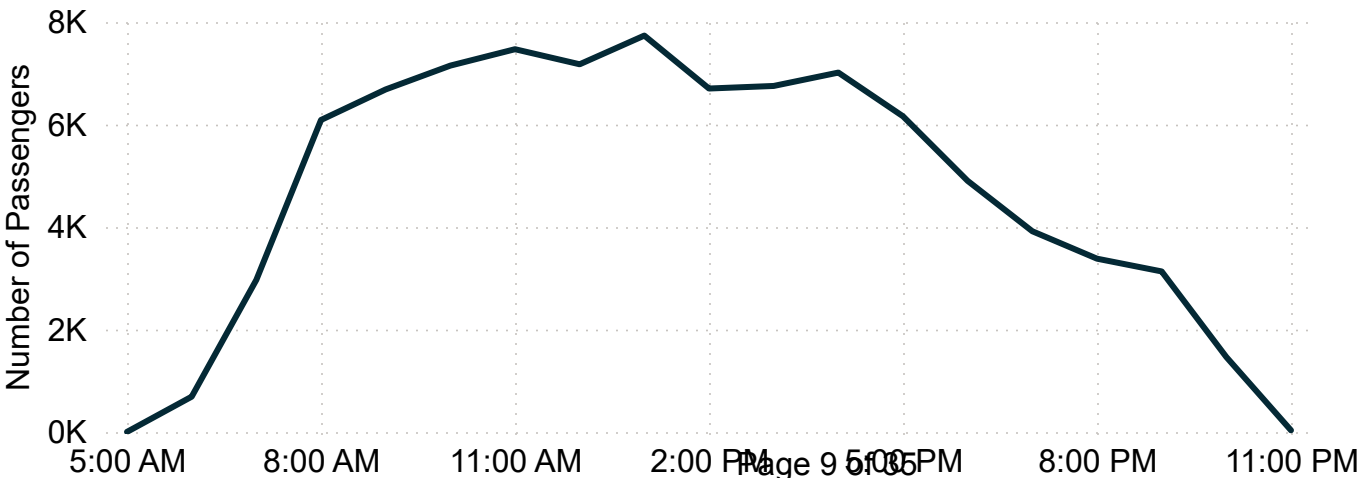
Average Direct Distance (km)  
**9.51**

Average Time On-Board (min)  
**17.97**

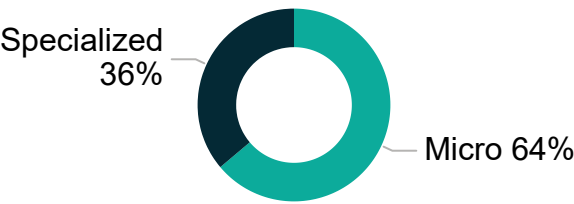
## Daily Ridership



## Peak Hours



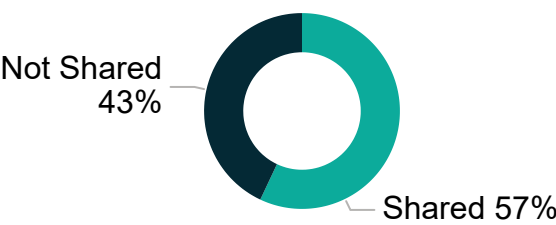
## Service Type



## Trip Type



## Trip Utilization



| Booking Method | Day Of | Pre-Booked | Total |
|----------------|--------|------------|-------|
| Agent          | 3081   | 13874      | 16955 |
| App            | 29510  | 29501      | 59011 |
| Subscription   |        | 3921       | 3921  |
| Total          | 32591  | 47296      | 79887 |

# Overall NT+ In-House Service Metrics - 2025 (Q2)

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers  
**21,237**

Number of Trips  
**18,023**

Number of Accessible Trips  
**7,304**

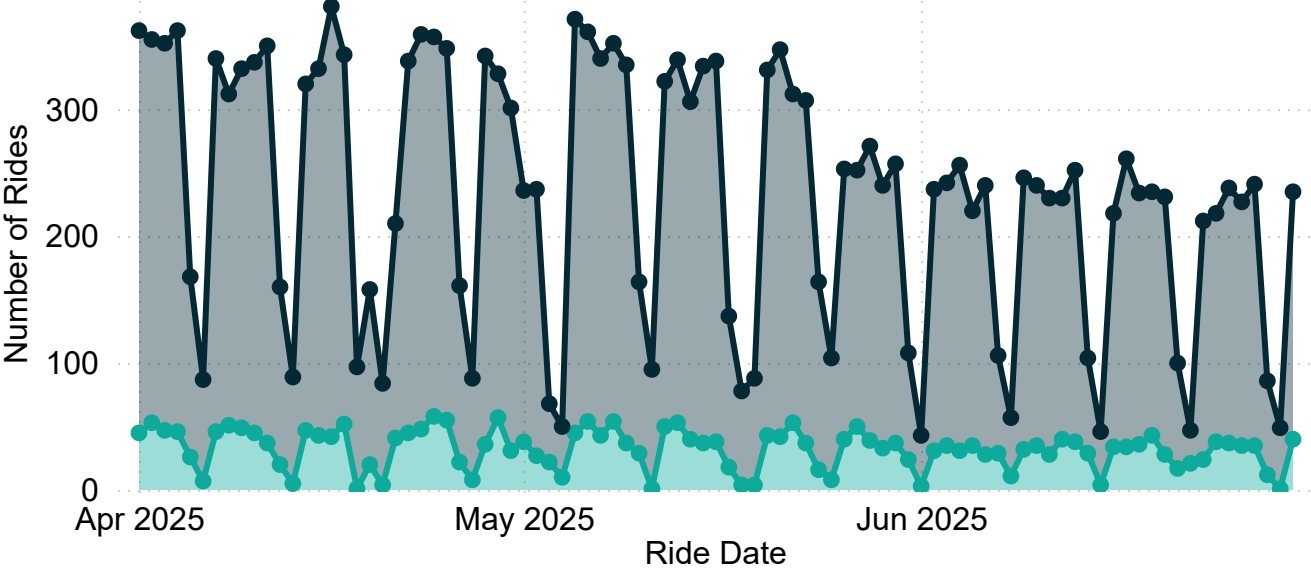
Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device  
**68**

Average Direct Distance (km)  
**5.12**

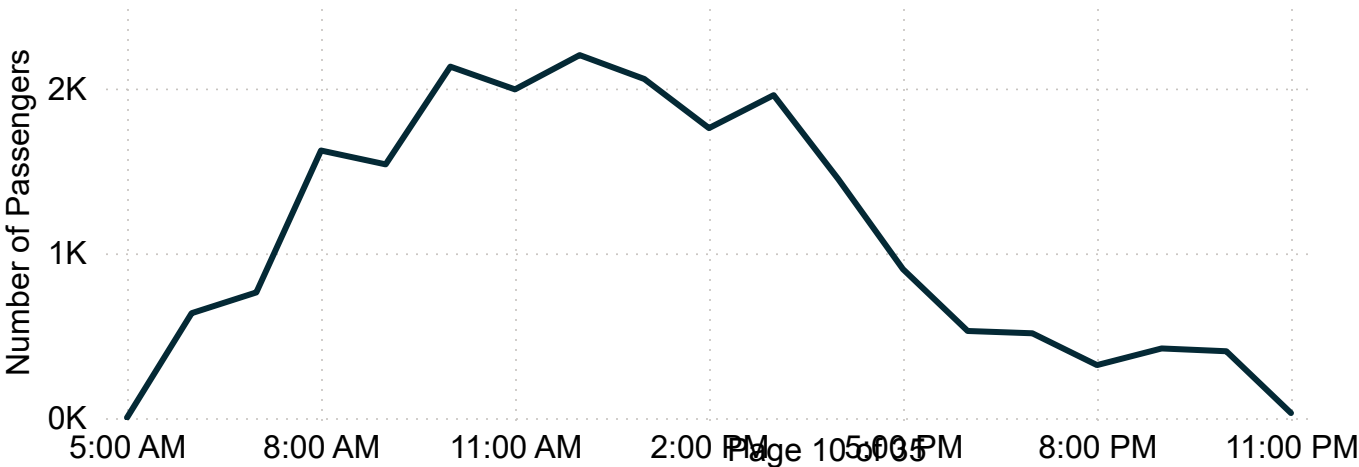
Average Time On-Board (min)  
**17.67**

Daily Ridership

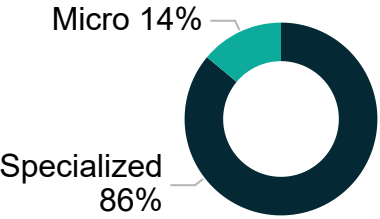
● Micro ● Specialized



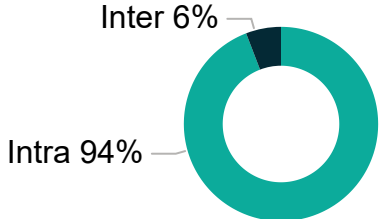
Peak Hours



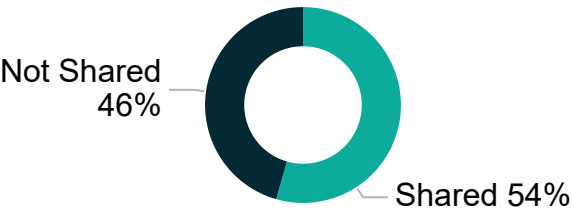
Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



| Booking Method | Day Of | Pre-Booked | Total |
|----------------|--------|------------|-------|
| Agent          | 1005   | 7719       | 8724  |
| App            | 2596   | 6138       | 8734  |
| Subscription   |        | 565        | 565   |
| Total          | 3601   | 14422      | 18023 |

Overall NT+ In-House 2025 (Q2) Service Metrics - Niagara Falls

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers

3,816

Number of Trips

3,311

Number of Accessible Trips

1,180

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

(Blank)

Average Direct Distance (km)

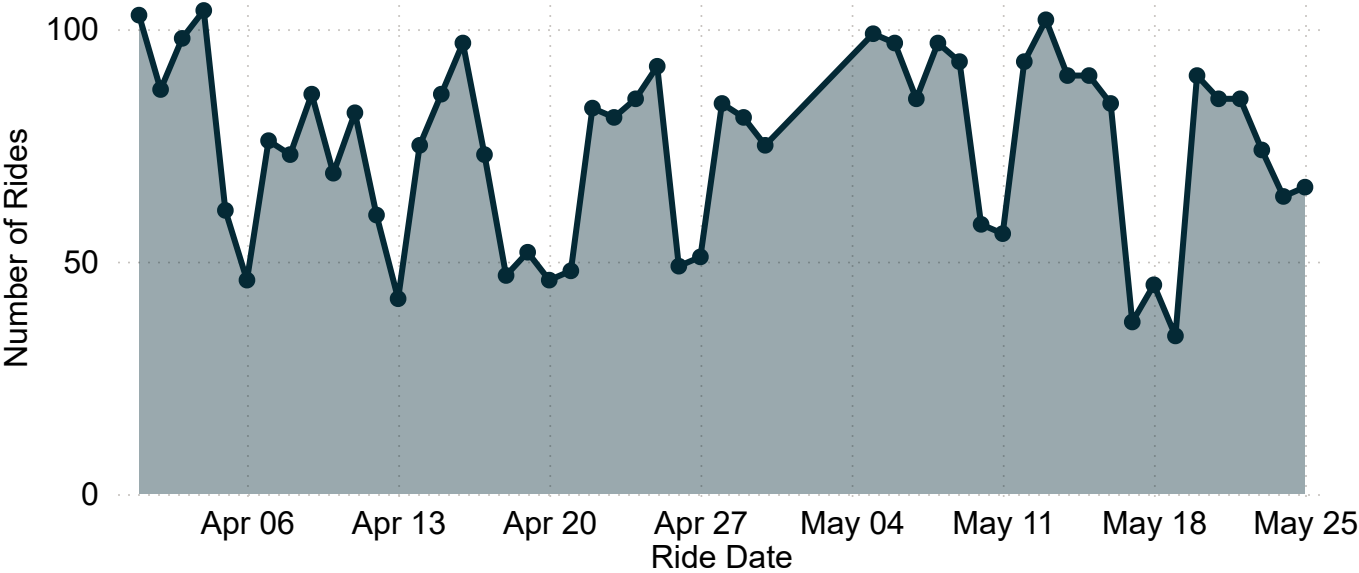
5.07

Average Time On-Board (min)

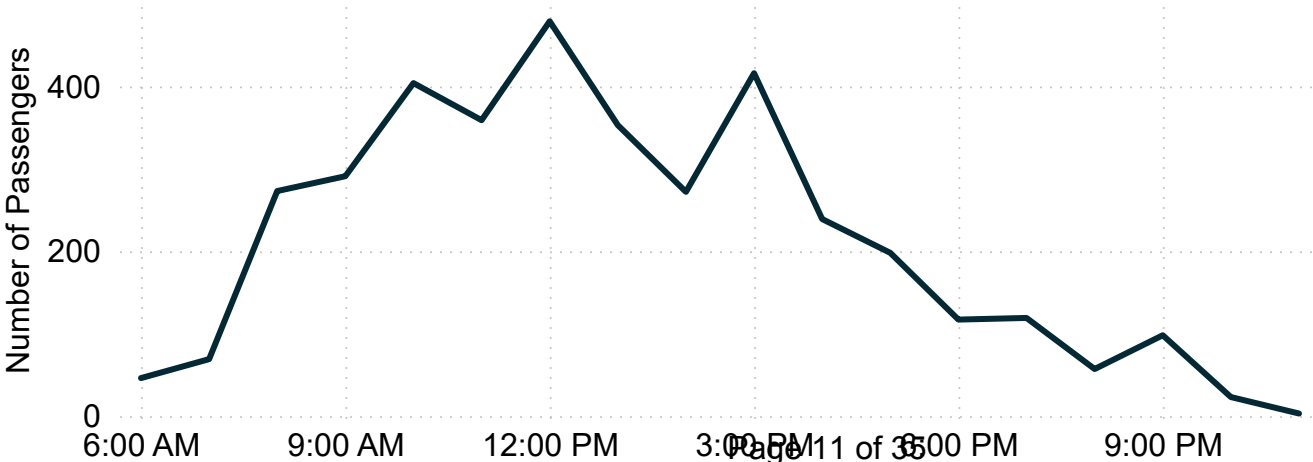
17.65

Daily Ridership

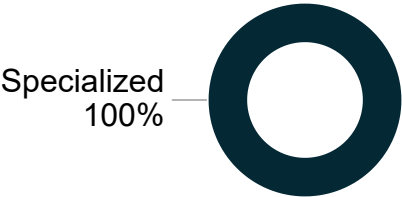
Specialized



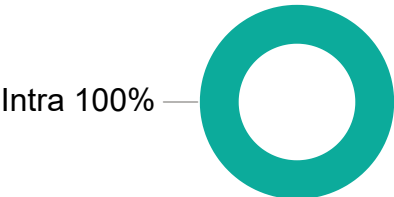
Peak Hours



Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



| Booking Method | Day Of | Pre-Booked | Total |
|----------------|--------|------------|-------|
| Agent          | 281    | 1534       | 1815  |
| App            | 344    | 587        | 931   |
| Subscription   |        | 565        | 565   |
| Total          | 625    | 2686       | 3311  |

Power BI Desktop

# Overall NT+ In-House 2025 (Q2) Service Metrics - St. Catharines

Number of Passengers

9,640

Number of Trips

7,795

Number of Accessible Trips

3,515

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

3

Average Direct Distance (km)

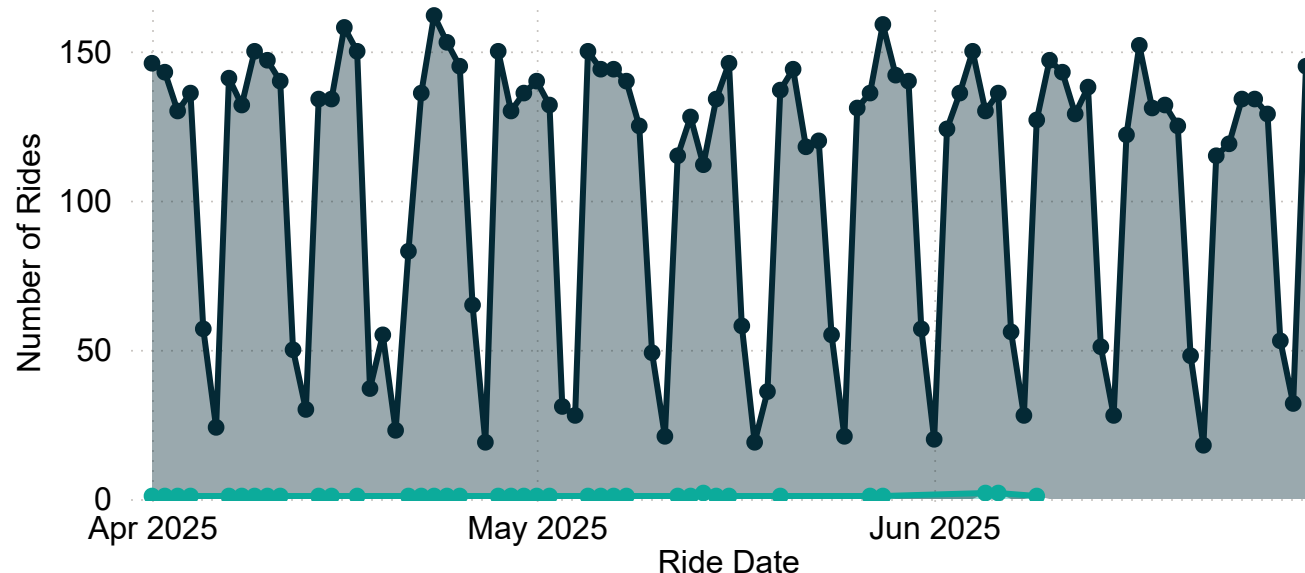
5.10

Average Time On-Board (min)

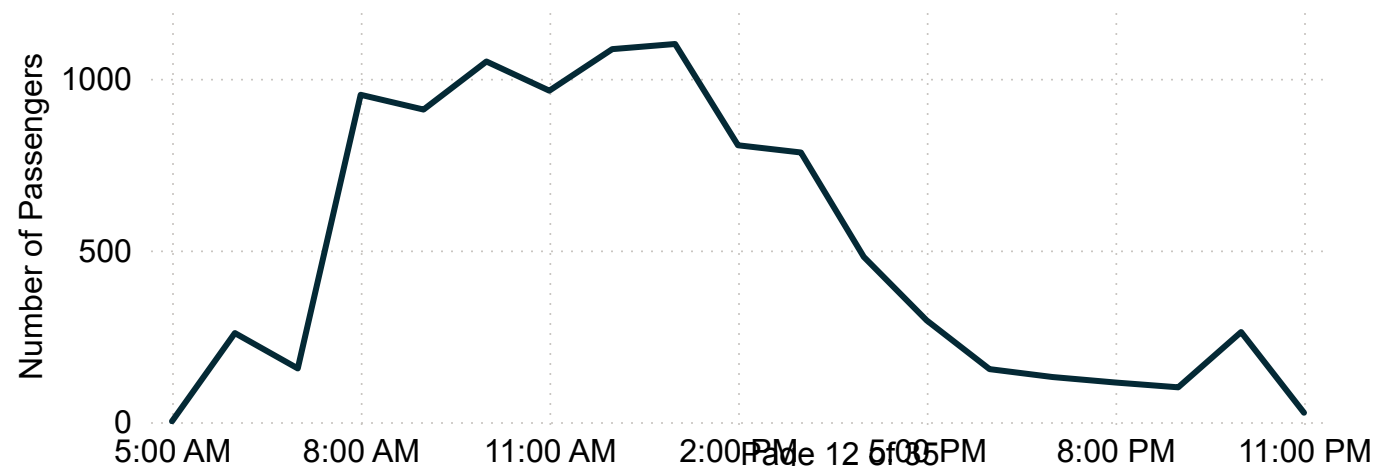
18.77

## Daily Ridership

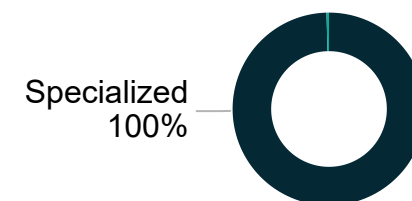
● Micro ● Specialized



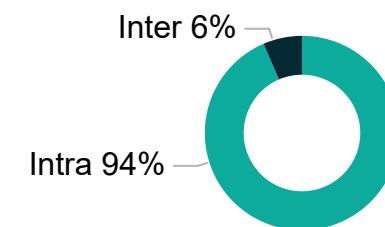
## Peak Hours



## Service Type



## Trip Type



## Trip Utilization



| Booking Method | Day Of | Pre-Booked | Total |
|----------------|--------|------------|-------|
| Agent          | 444    | 3555       | 3999  |
| App            | 554    | 3242       | 3796  |
| Total          | 998    | 6797       | 7795  |

Power BI Desktop

# Overall NT+ In-House 2025 (Q2) Service Metrics - Thorold

Number of Passengers

649

Number of Trips

599

Number of Accessible Trips

399

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

(Blank)

Average Direct Distance (km)

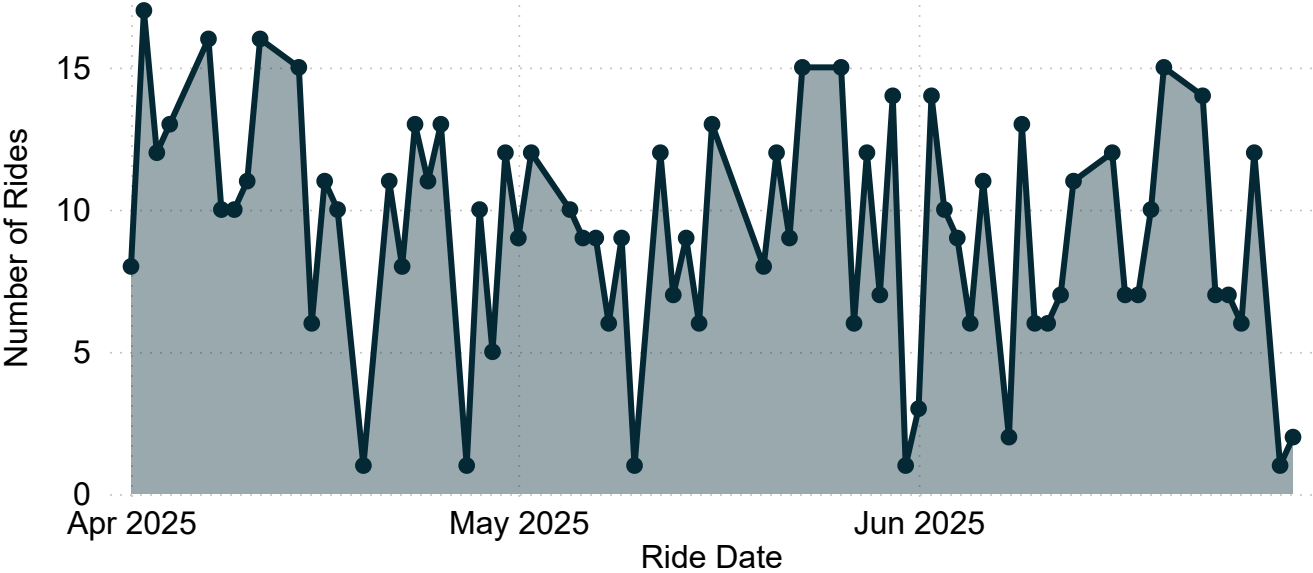
8.06

Average Time On-Board (min)

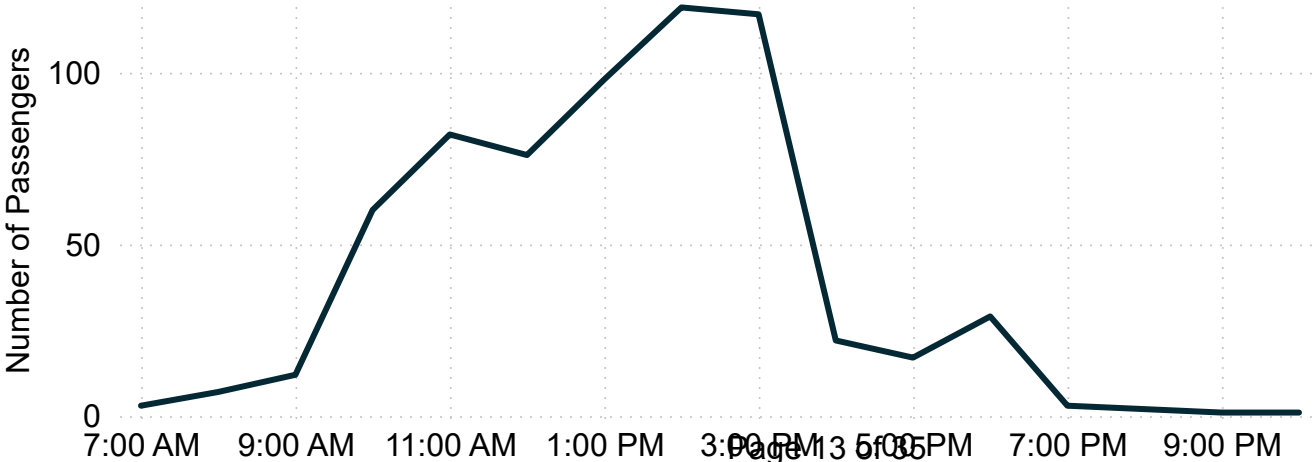
22.29

Daily Ridership

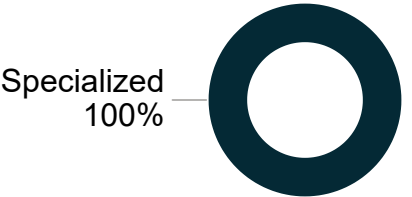
● Specialized



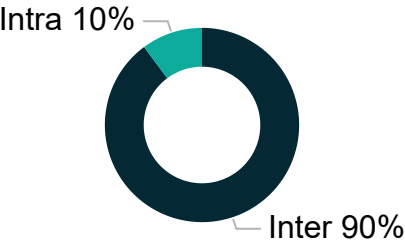
Peak Hours



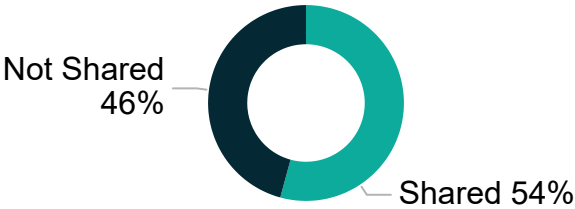
Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



| Booking Method | Day Of | Pre-Booked | Total |
|----------------|--------|------------|-------|
| Agent          | 18     | 178        | 196   |
| App            | 37     | 366        | 403   |
| Total          | 55     | 544        | 599   |

Power BI Desktop

# Overall NT+ In-House 2025 (Q2) Service Metrics - Welland

Number of Passengers

7,116

Number of Trips

6,309

Number of Accessible Trips

2,206

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

65

Average Direct Distance (km)

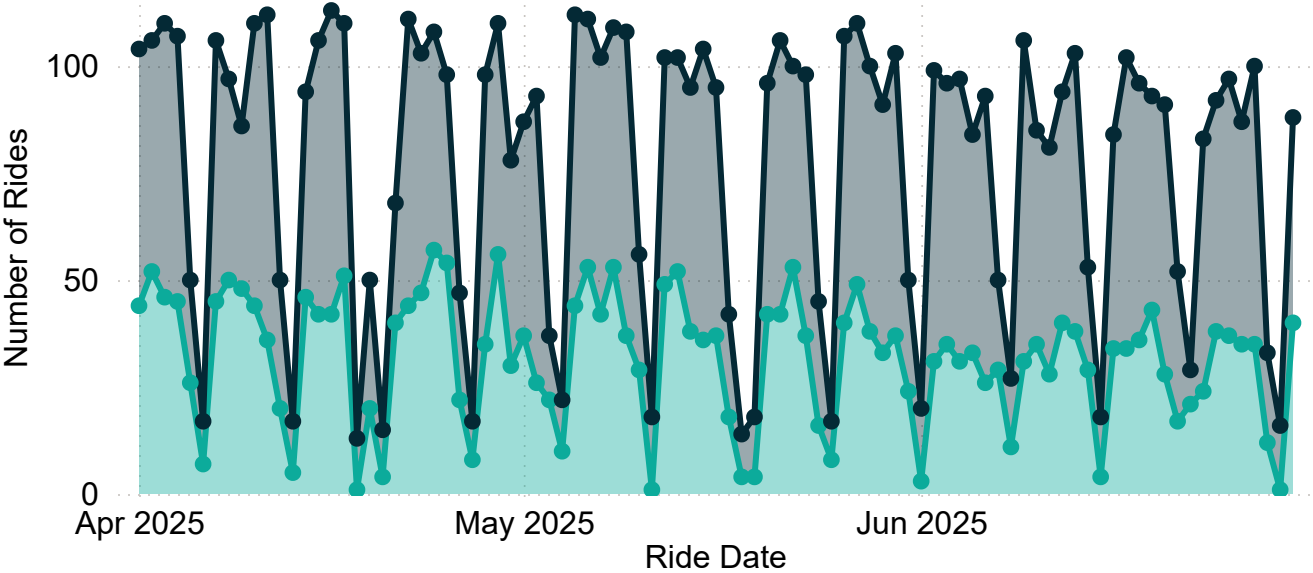
4.88

Average Time On-Board (min)

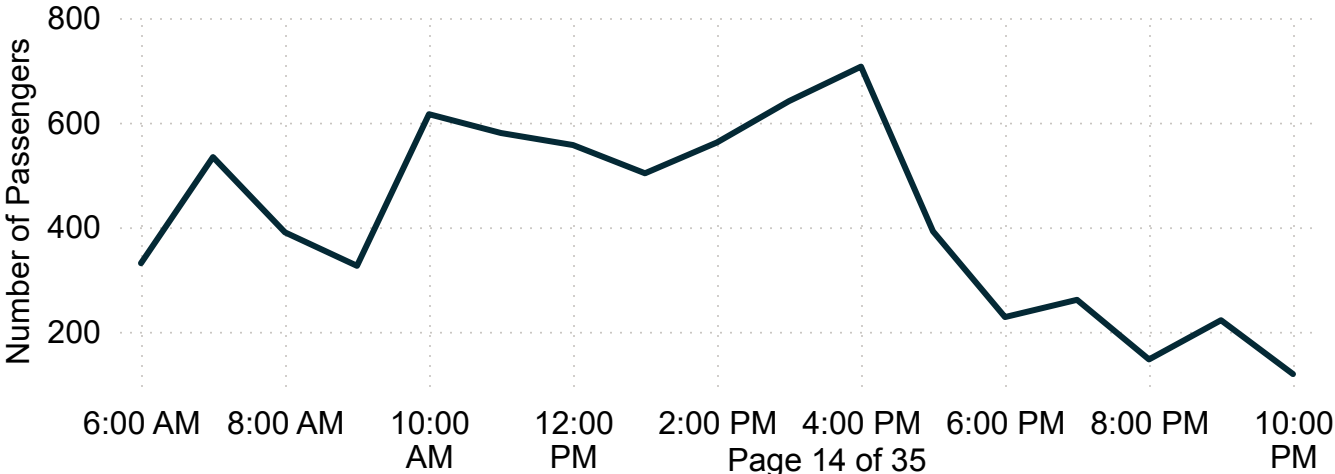
15.86

Daily Ridership

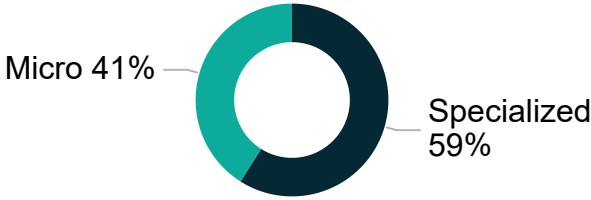
Micro Specialized



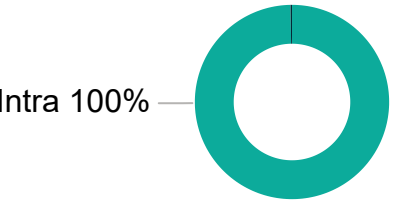
Peak Hours



Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



| Booking Method | Day Of | Pre-Booked | Total |
|----------------|--------|------------|-------|
| Agent          | 262    | 2449       | 2711  |
| App            | 1661   | 1937       | 3598  |
| Total          | 1923   | 4386       | 6309  |

# Overall NT+ (Contract) Voyago Service Metrics - 2025 (Q2)

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers  
**65,171**

Number of Trips  
**59,223**

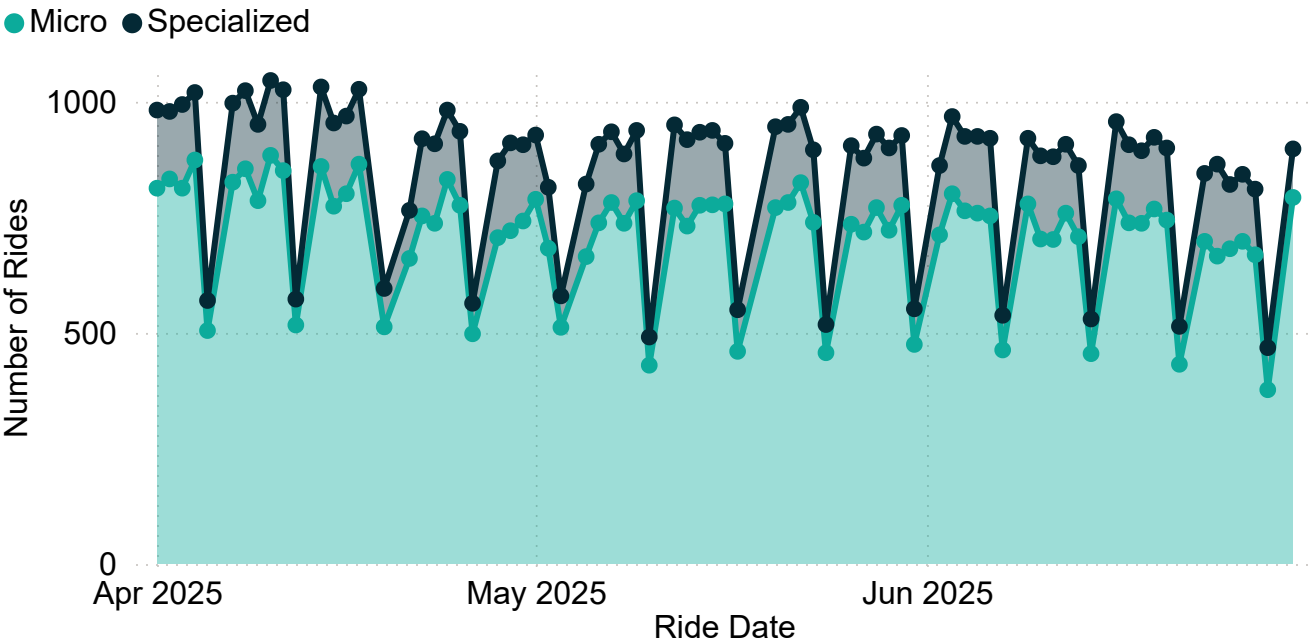
Number of Accessible Trips  
**4,766**

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device  
**860**

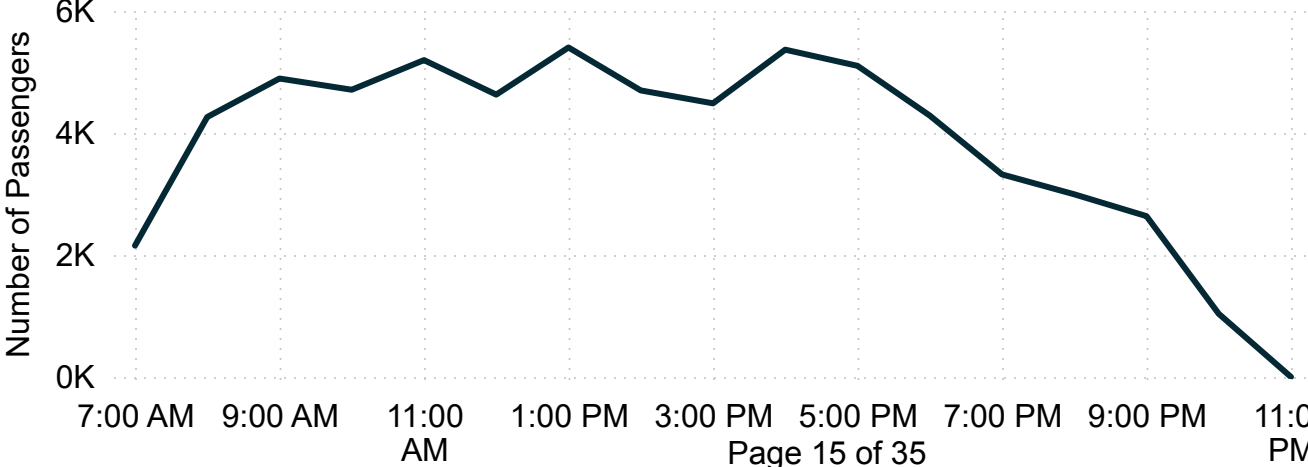
Average Direct Distance (km)  
**11.06**

Average Time On-Board (min)  
**18.13**

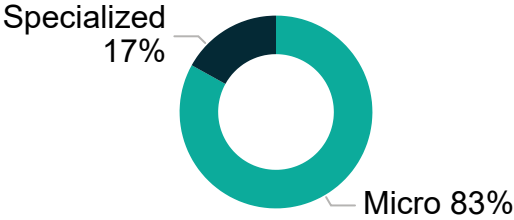
Daily Ridership



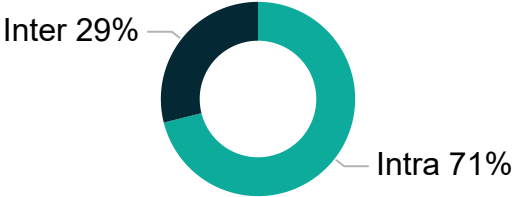
Peak Hours



Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



| Booking Method | Day Of | Pre-Booked | Total |
|----------------|--------|------------|-------|
| Agent          | 1775   | 4988       | 6763  |
| App            | 26558  | 22960      | 49518 |
| Subscription   |        | 2942       | 2942  |
| Total          | 28333  | 30890      | 59223 |



# NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q2) Service Metrics - Fort Erie

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers

24,406

Number of Trips

21,314

Number of Accessible Trips

1,042

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

409

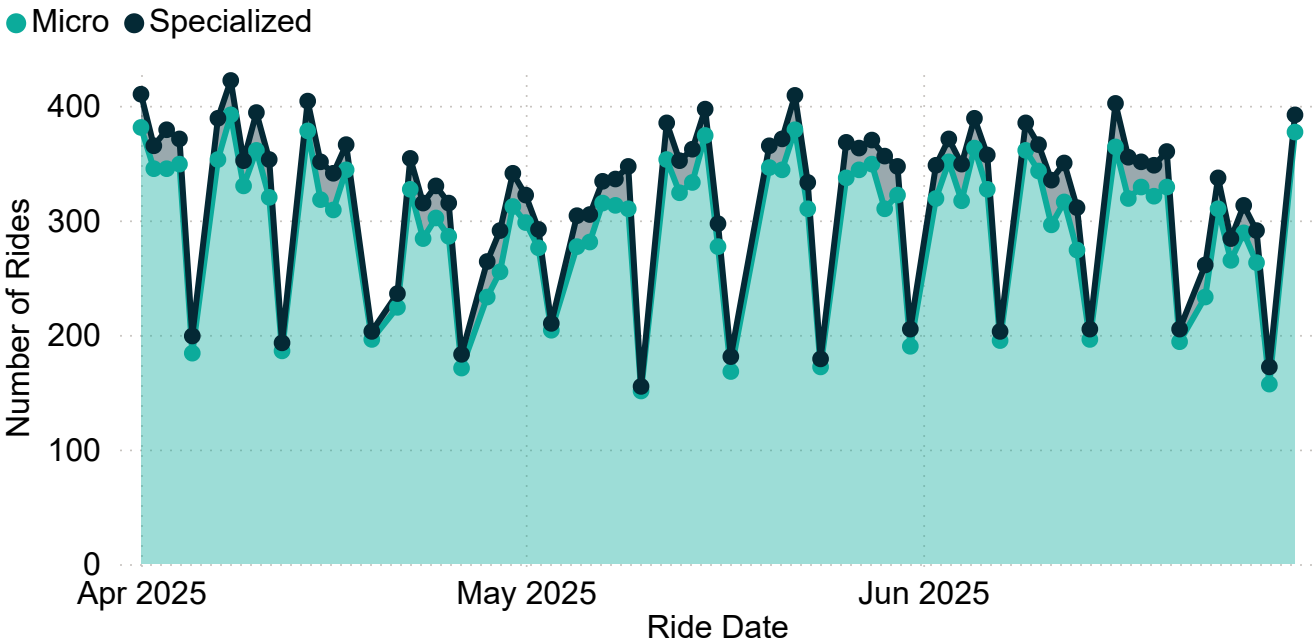
Average Direct Distance (km)

8.05

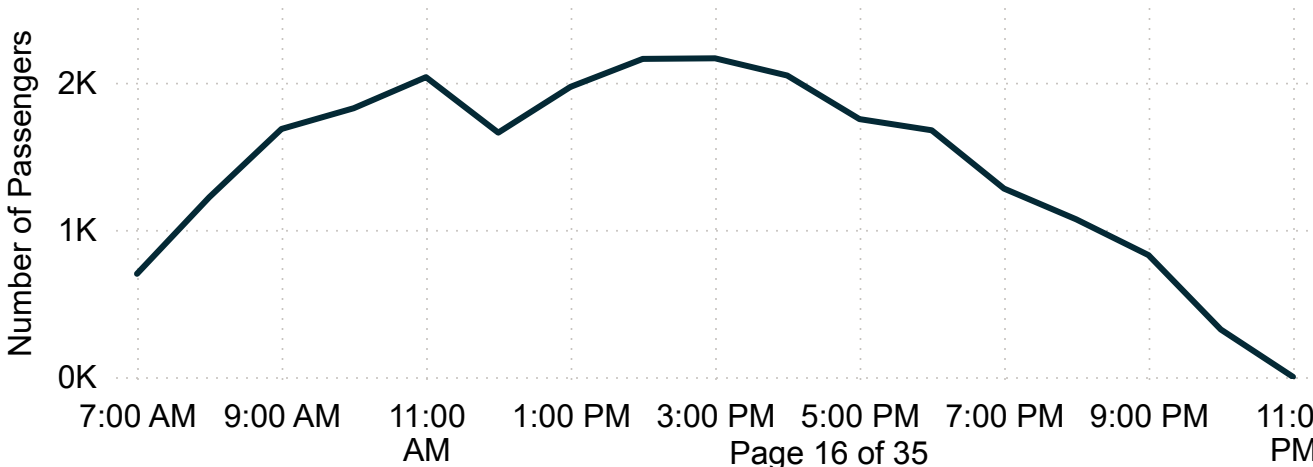
Average Time On-Board (min)

14.34

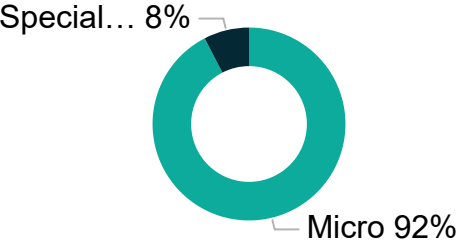
Daily Ridership



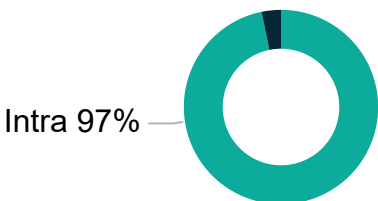
Peak Hours



Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



| Booking Method | Day Of | Pre-Booked | Total |
|----------------|--------|------------|-------|
| Agent          | 1027   | 1250       | 2277  |
| App            | 12131  | 6334       | 18465 |
| Subscription   |        | 572        | 572   |
| Total          | 13158  | 8156       | 21314 |

# NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q2) Service Metrics - Grimsby

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers  
**6,255**

Number of Trips  
**5,910**

Number of Accessible Trips  
**186**

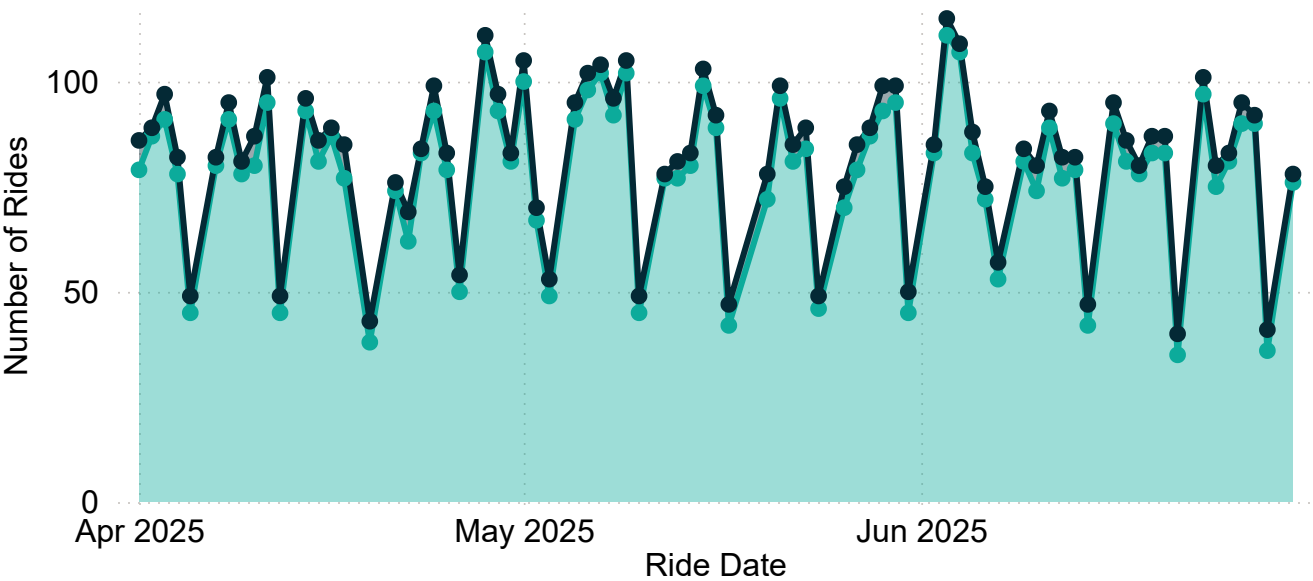
Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device  
**108**

Average Direct Distance (km)  
**9.77**

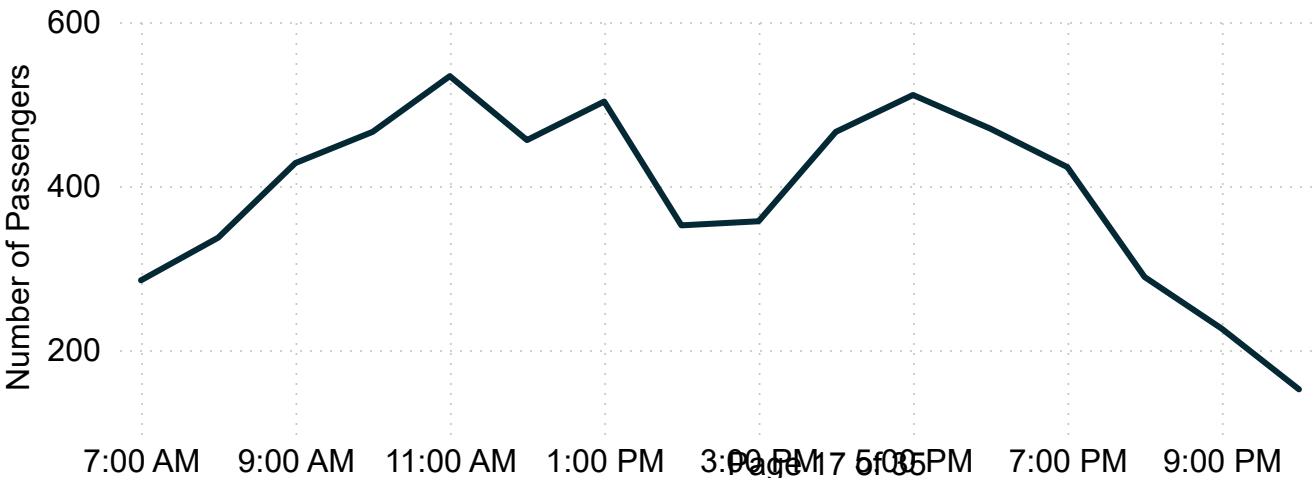
Average Time On-Board (min)  
**15.89**

Daily Ridership

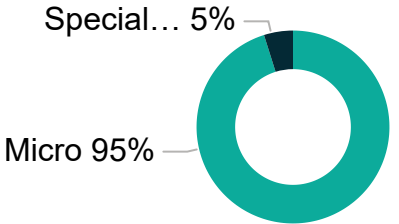
● Micro ● Specialized



Peak Hours



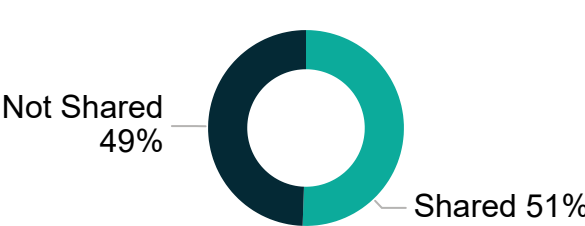
Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



| Booking Method | Day Of | Pre-Booked | Total |
|----------------|--------|------------|-------|
| Agent          | 138    | 229        | 367   |
| App            | 2510   | 2859       | 5369  |
| Subscription   |        | 174        | 174   |
| Total          | 2648   | 3262       | 5910  |

Power BI Desktop

# NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q2) Service Metrics - Lincoln

Number of Passengers

5,856

Number of Trips

5,520

Number of Accessible Trips

241

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

117

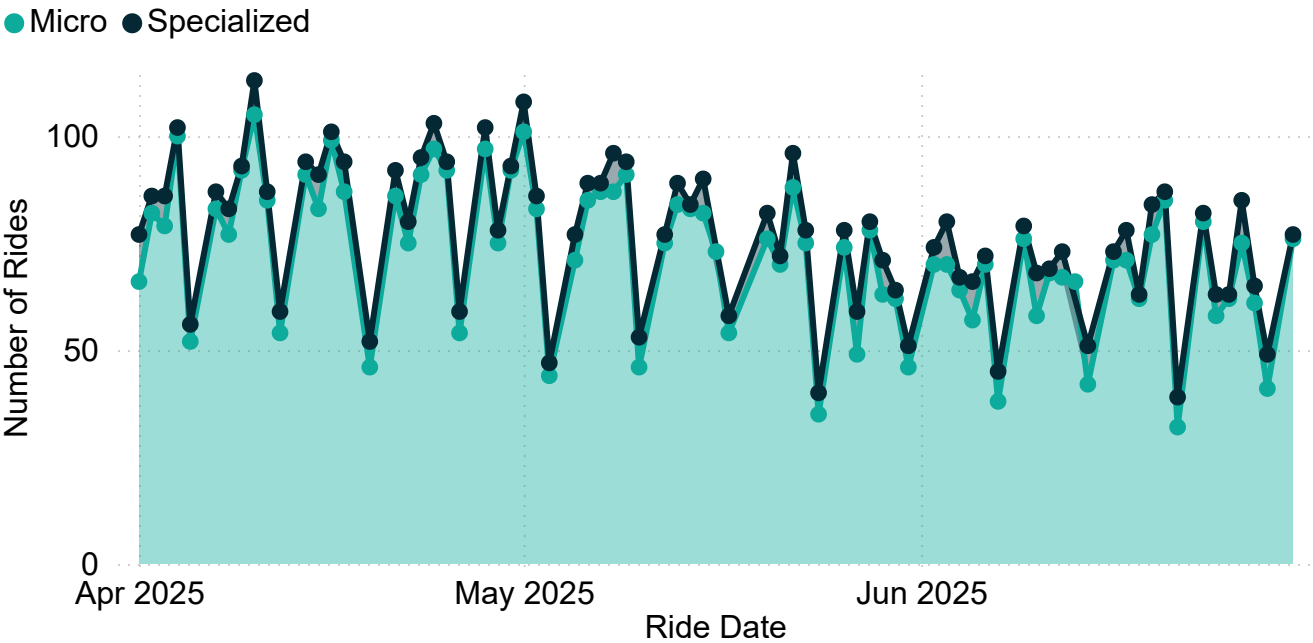
Average Direct Distance (km)

12.04

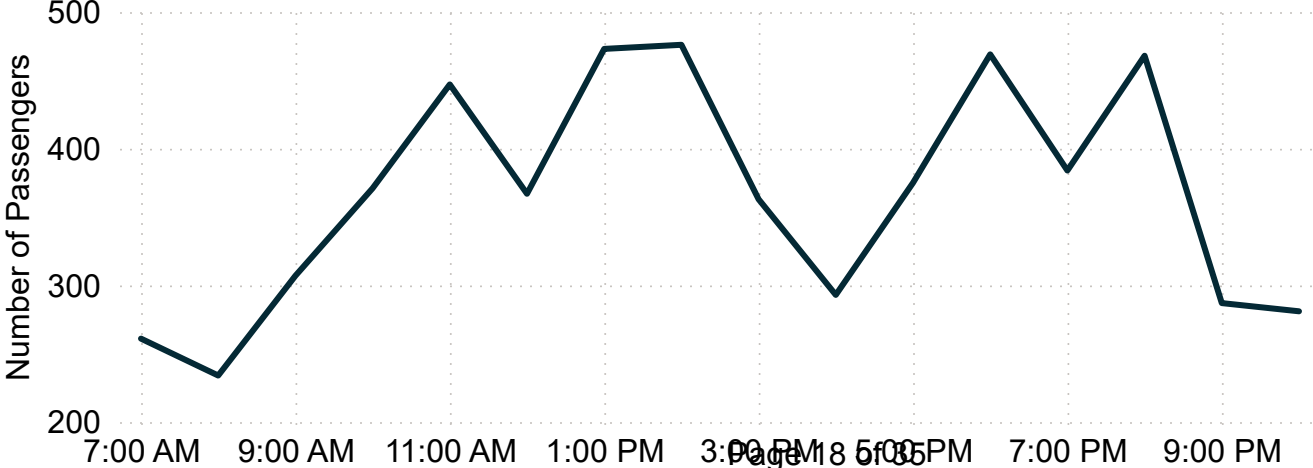
Average Time On-Board (min)

18.29

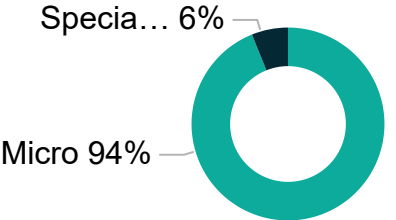
Daily Ridership



Peak Hours



Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



| Booking Method | Day Of | Pre-Booked | Total |
|----------------|--------|------------|-------|
| Agent          | 89     | 219        | 308   |
| App            | 2390   | 2704       | 5094  |
| Subscription   |        | 118        | 118   |
| Total          | 2479   | 3041       | 5520  |

# NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q2) Service Metrics - Niagara Falls

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers

2,125

Number of Trips

1,859

Number of Accessible Trips

724

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

2

Average Direct Distance (km)

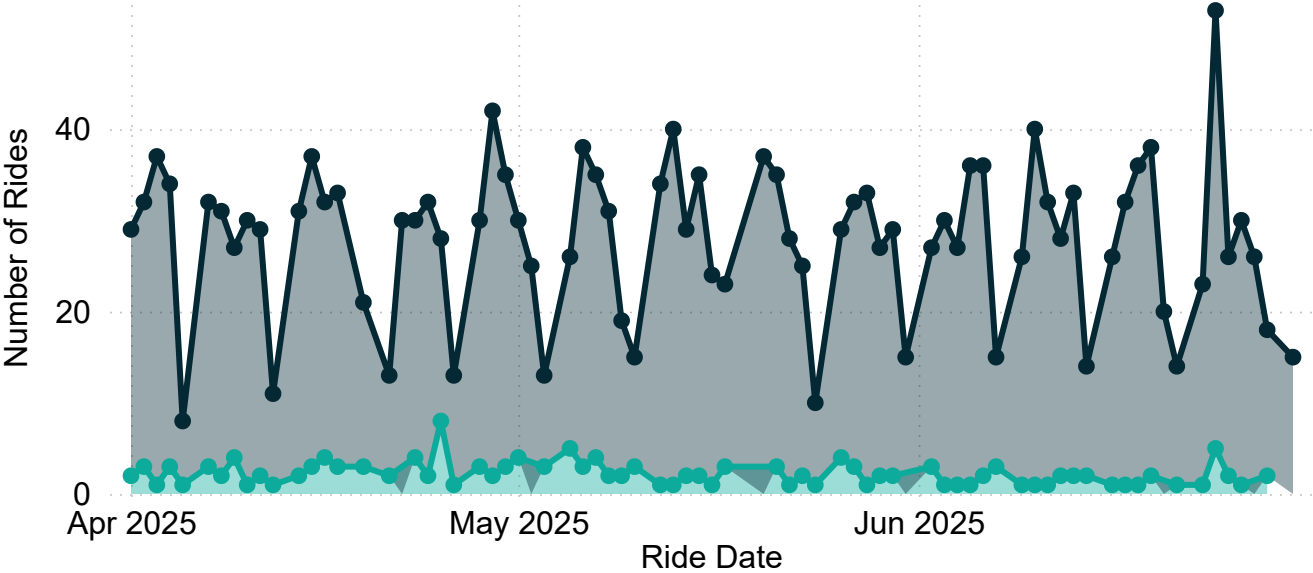
21.41

Average Time On-Board (min)

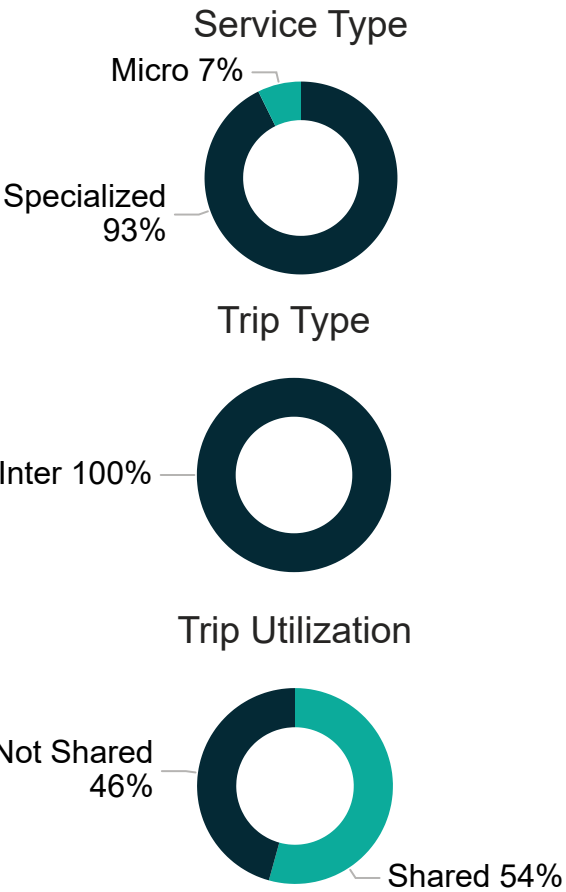
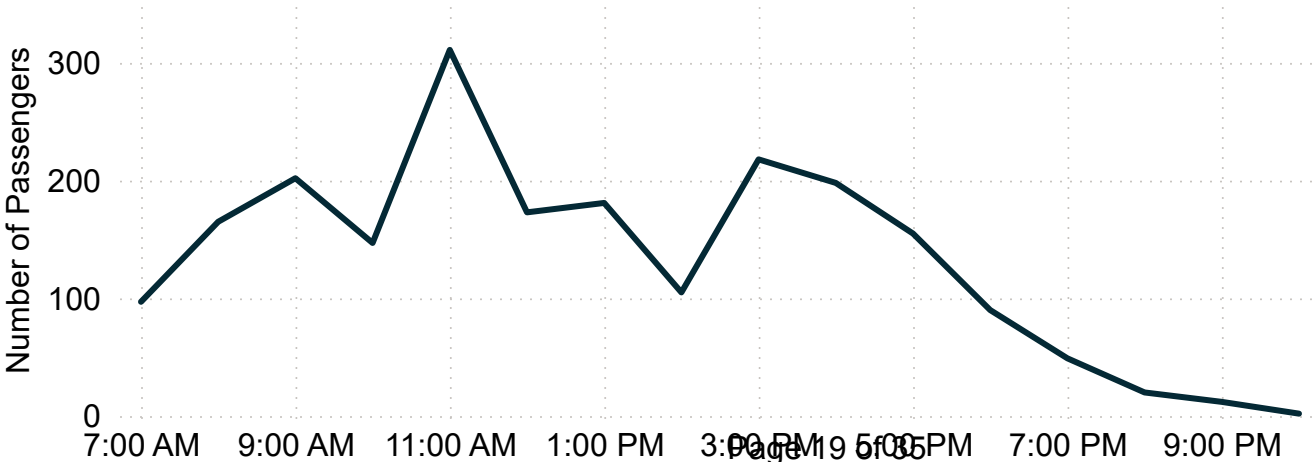
34.16

Daily Ridership

● Micro ● Specialized



Peak Hours



| Booking Method | Day Of | Pre-Booked | Total |
|----------------|--------|------------|-------|
| Agent          | 23     | 766        | 789   |
| App            | 112    | 478        | 590   |
| Subscription   |        | 480        | 480   |
| Total          | 135    | 1724       | 1859  |

Power BI Desktop

# NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q2) Service Metrics - Niagara-on-the-Lake

Number of Passengers

12,212

Number of Trips

11,536

Number of Accessible Trips

242

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

132

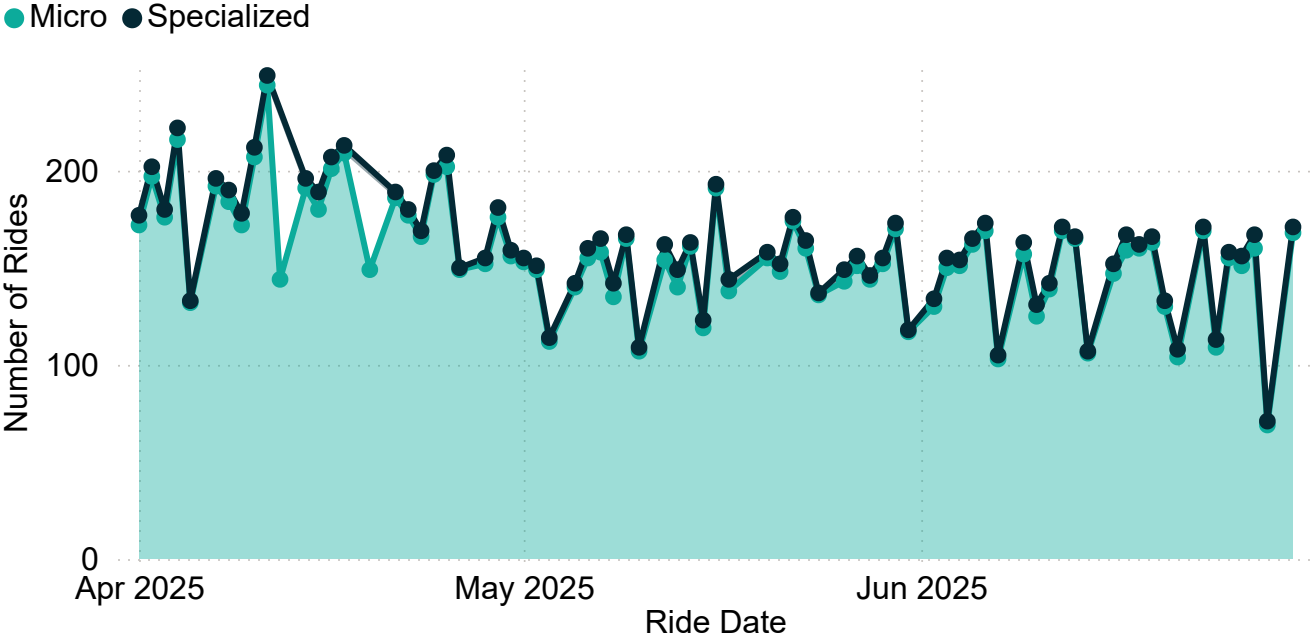
Average Direct Distance (km)

10.00

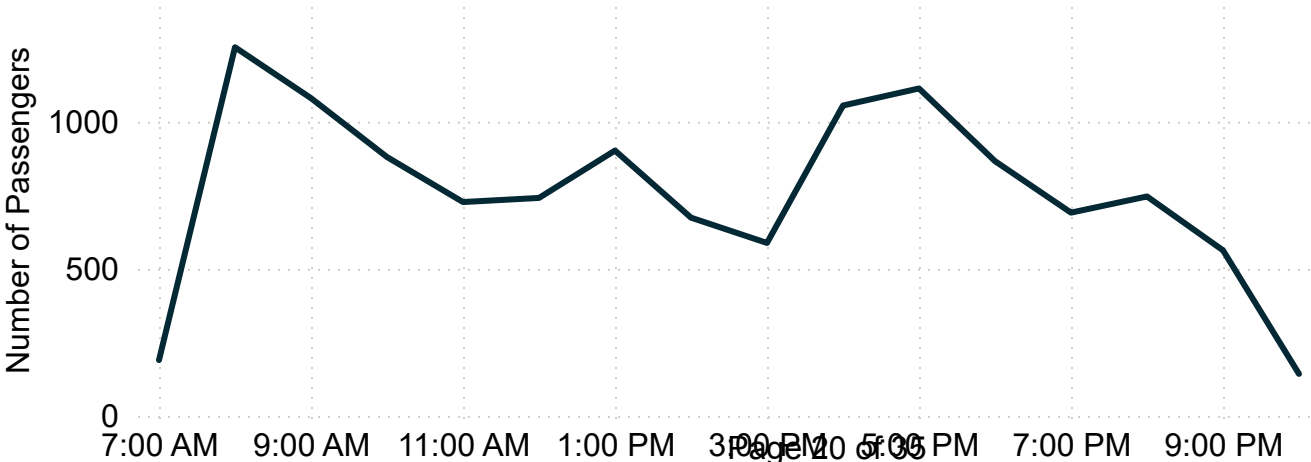
Average Time On-Board (min)

17.80

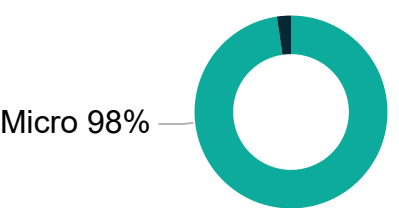
Daily Ridership



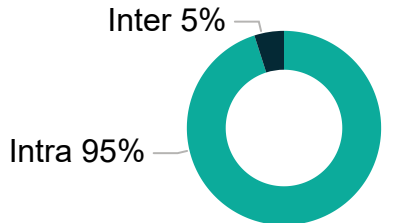
Peak Hours



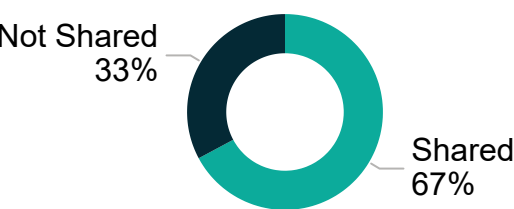
Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



| Booking Method | Day Of | Pre-Booked | Total |
|----------------|--------|------------|-------|
| Agent          | 110    | 164        | 274   |
| App            | 6100   | 5081       | 11181 |
| Subscription   |        | 81         | 81    |
| Total          | 6210   | 5326       | 11536 |

# NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q2) Service Metrics - Pelham

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers

1,458

Number of Trips

1,400

Number of Accessible Trips

214

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

51

Average Direct Distance (km)

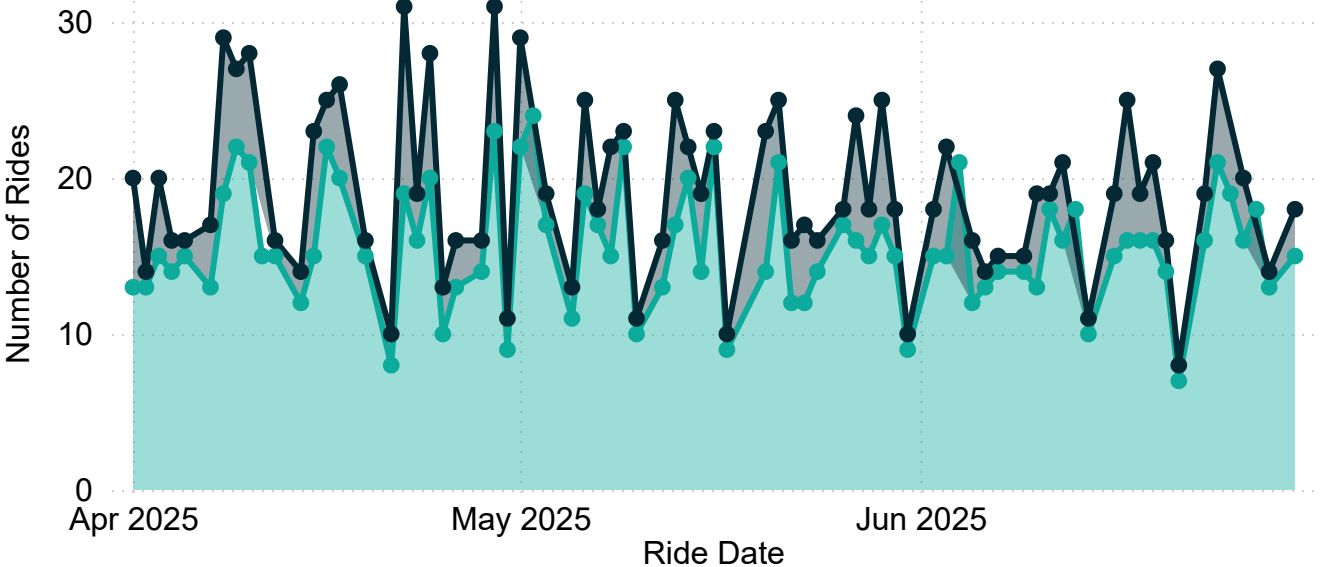
12.25

Average Time On-Board (min)

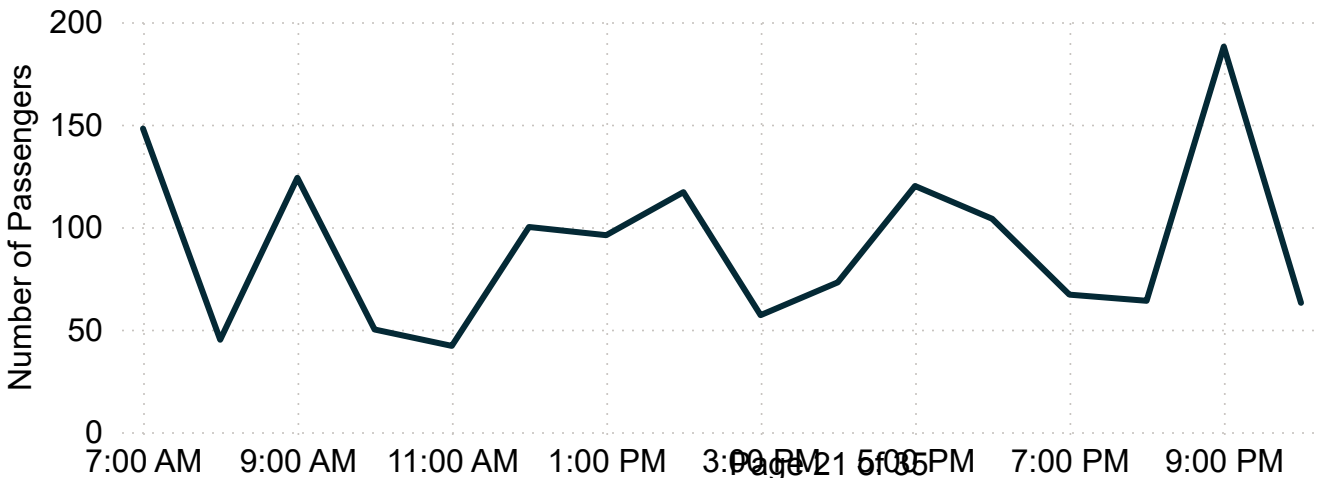
19.27

## Daily Ridership

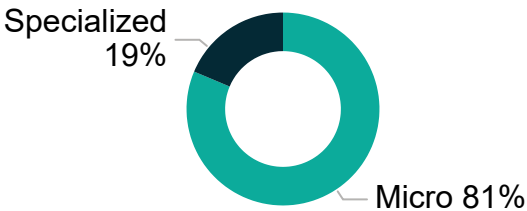
● Micro ● Specialized



## Peak Hours



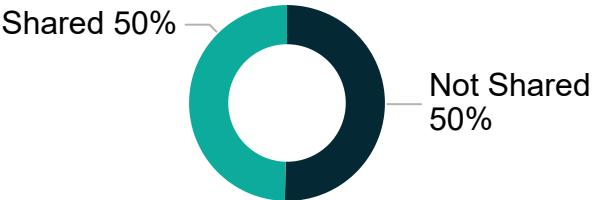
## Service Type



## Trip Type



## Trip Utilization



| Booking Method | Day Of | Pre-Booked | Total |
|----------------|--------|------------|-------|
| Subscription   |        | 126        | 126   |
| App            | 480    | 579        | 1059  |
| Agent          | 36     | 179        | 215   |
| Total          | 516    | 884        | 1400  |

Power BI Desktop

# NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q2) Service Metrics - Port Colborne

Number of Passengers

3,976

Number of Trips

3,546

Number of Accessible Trips

190

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

21

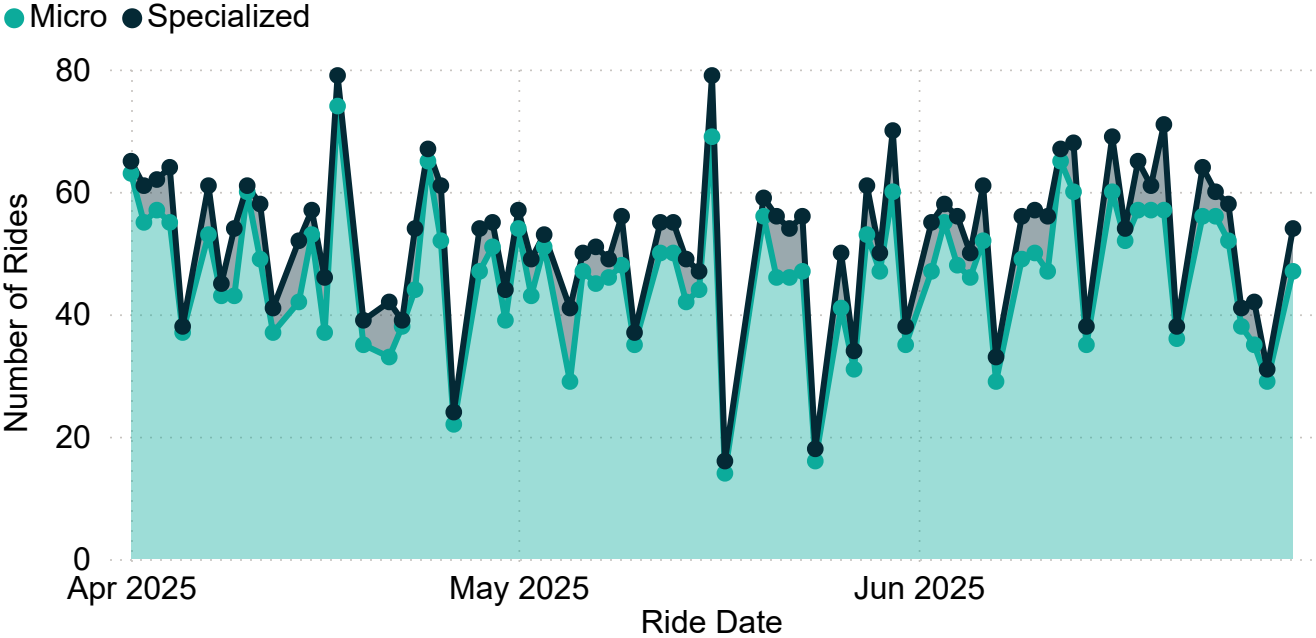
Average Direct Distance (km)

6.05

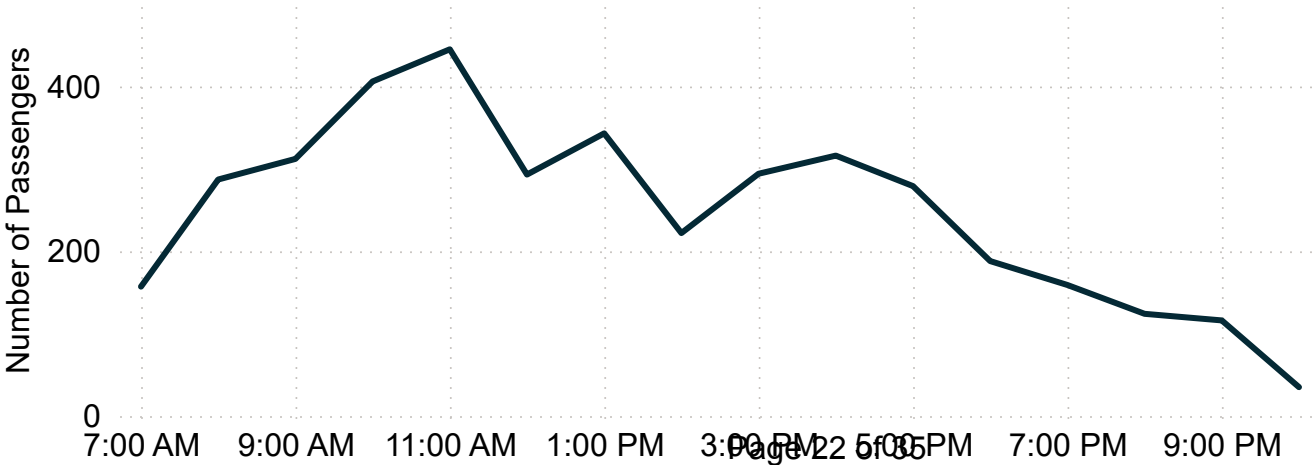
Average Time On-Board (min)

11.43

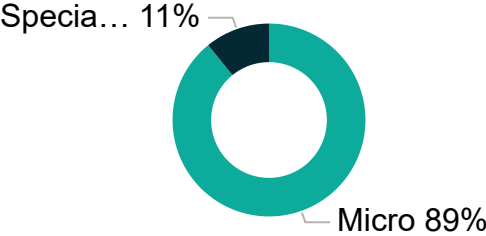
Daily Ridership



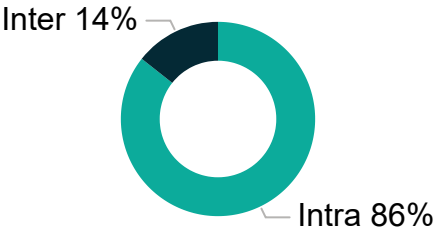
Peak Hours



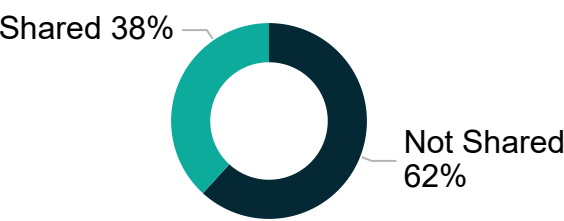
Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



| Booking Method | Day Of | Pre-Booked | Total |
|----------------|--------|------------|-------|
| Agent          | 193    | 317        | 510   |
| App            | 1976   | 817        | 2793  |
| Subscription   |        | 243        | 243   |
| Total          | 2169   | 1377       | 3546  |



# NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q2) Service Metrics - St. Catharines

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers  
**4,250**

Number of Trips  
**3,947**

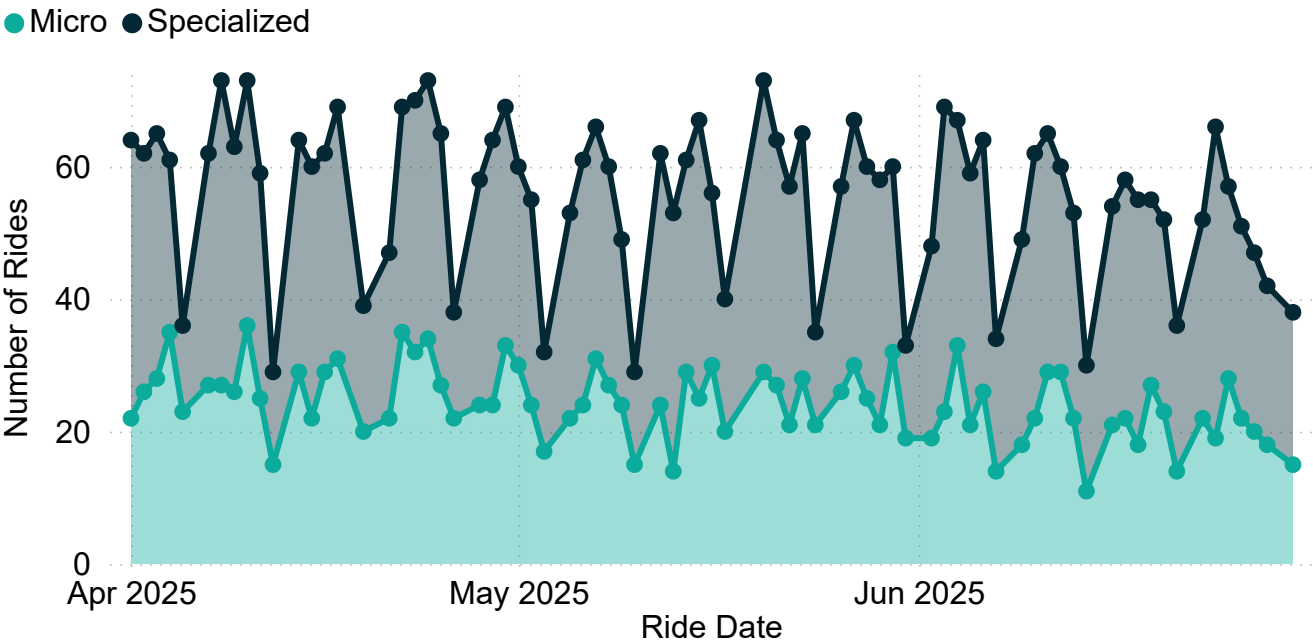
Number of Accessible Trips  
**750**

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device  
**9**

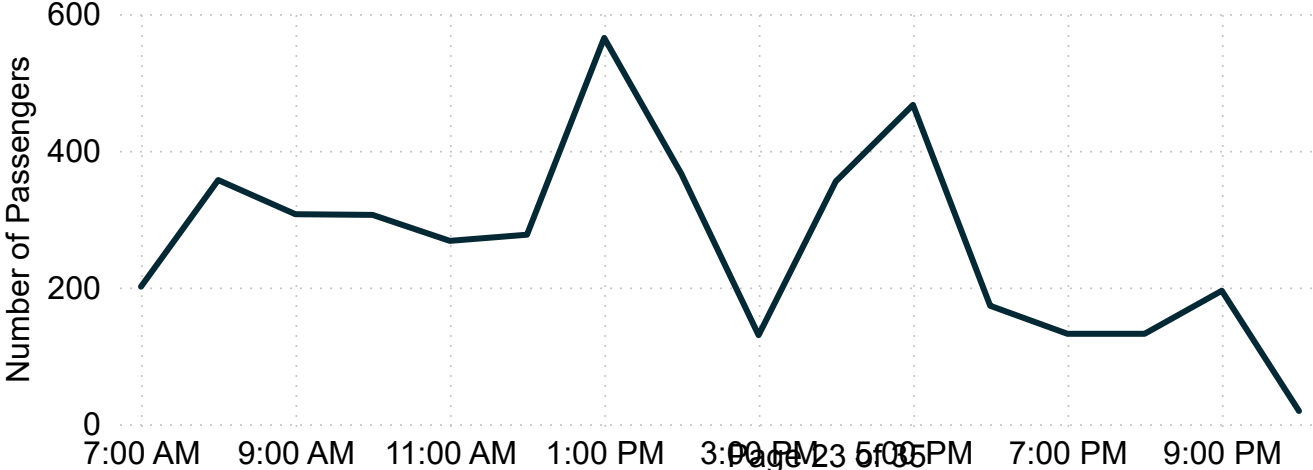
Average Direct Distance (km)  
**21.67**

Average Time On-Board (min)  
**29.75**

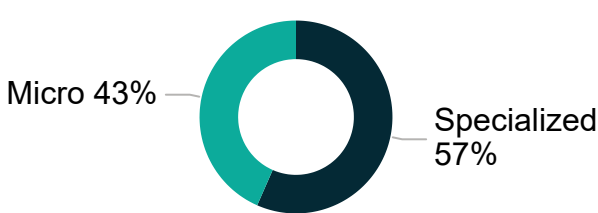
Daily Ridership



Peak Hours



Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



| Booking Method | Day Of | Pre-Booked | Total |
|----------------|--------|------------|-------|
| Agent          | 82     | 791        | 873   |
| App            | 412    | 2205       | 2617  |
| Subscription   |        | 457        | 457   |
| Total          | 494    | 3453       | 3947  |

# NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q2) Service Metrics - Thorold

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers

1,187

Number of Trips

1,002

Number of Accessible Trips

432

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

(Blank)

Average Direct Distance (km)

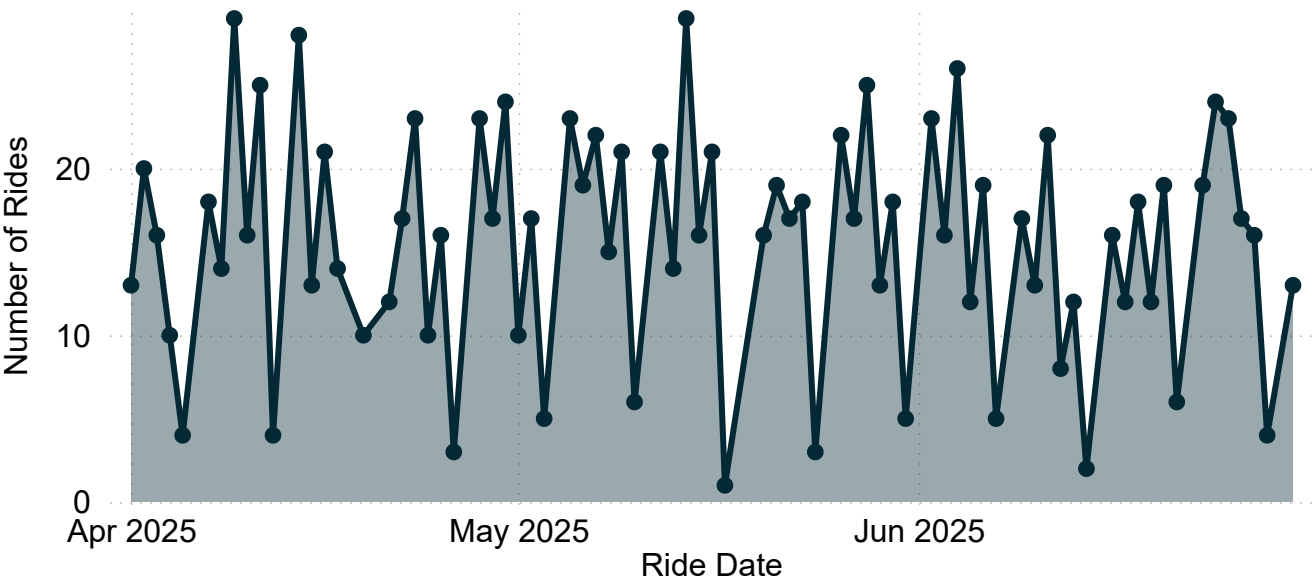
11.15

Average Time On-Board (min)

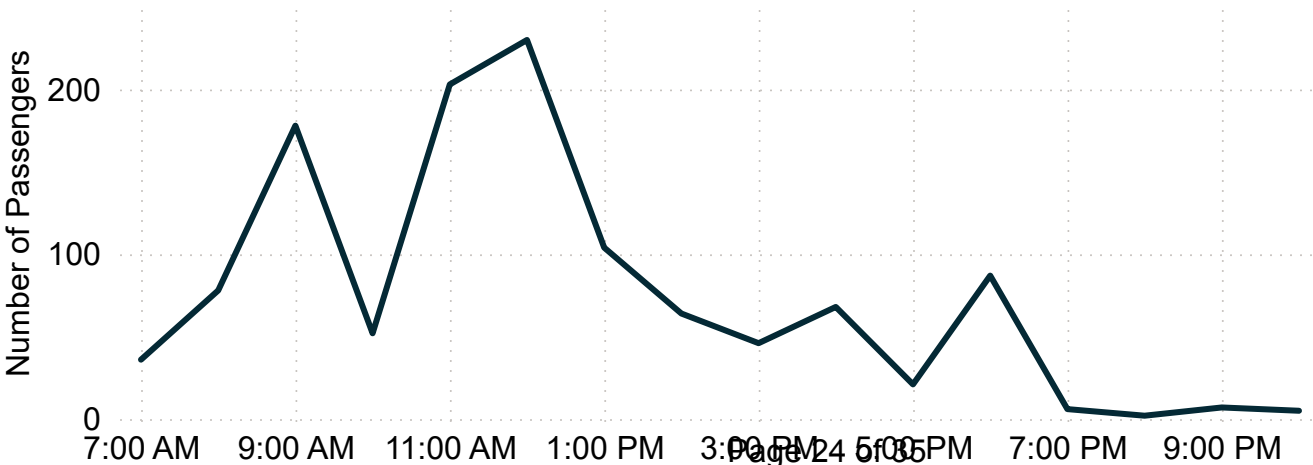
21.65

Daily Ridership

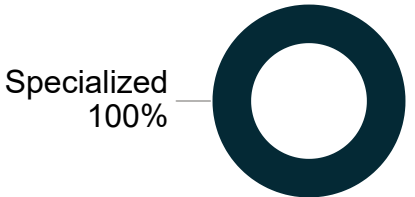
● Specialized



Peak Hours



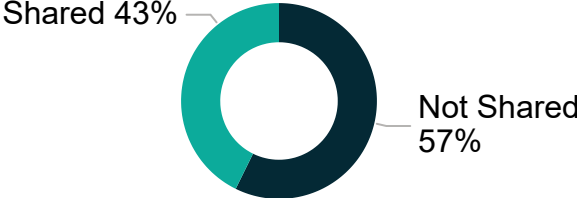
Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



| Booking Method | Day Of | Pre-Booked | Total |
|----------------|--------|------------|-------|
| Agent          | 31     | 356        | 387   |
| App            | 12     | 458        | 470   |
| Subscription   |        | 145        | 145   |
| Total          | 43     | 959        | 1002  |

Power BI Desktop

# NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q2) Service Metrics - Wainfleet

Number of Passengers

213

Number of Trips

203

Number of Accessible Trips

37

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

1

Average Direct Distance (km)

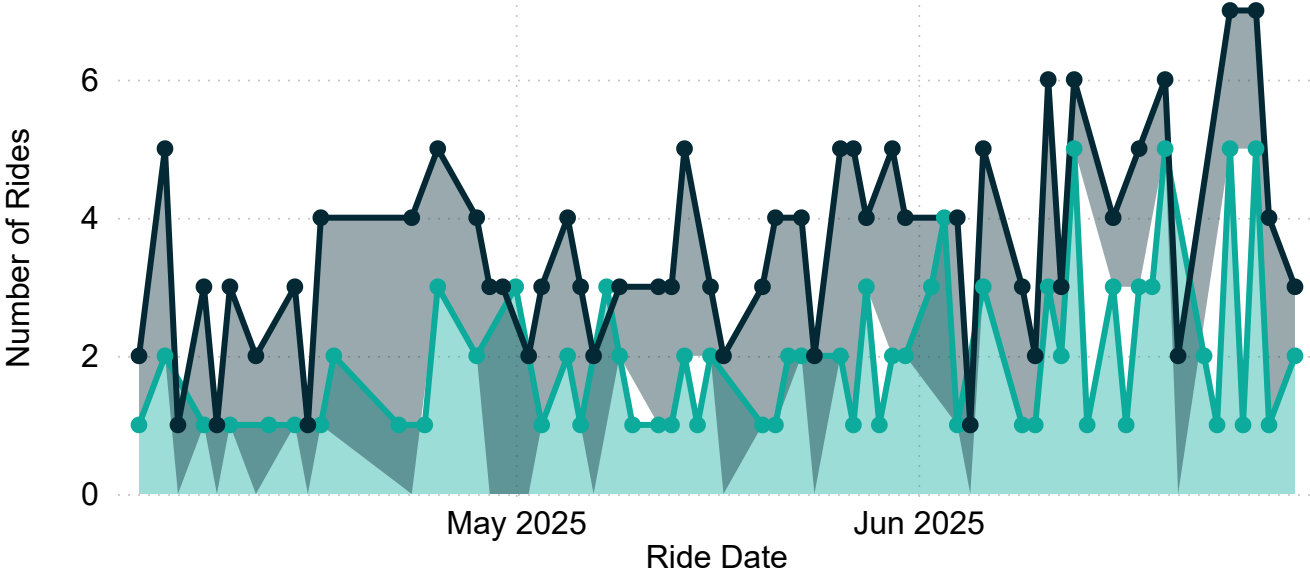
22.45

Average Time On-Board (min)

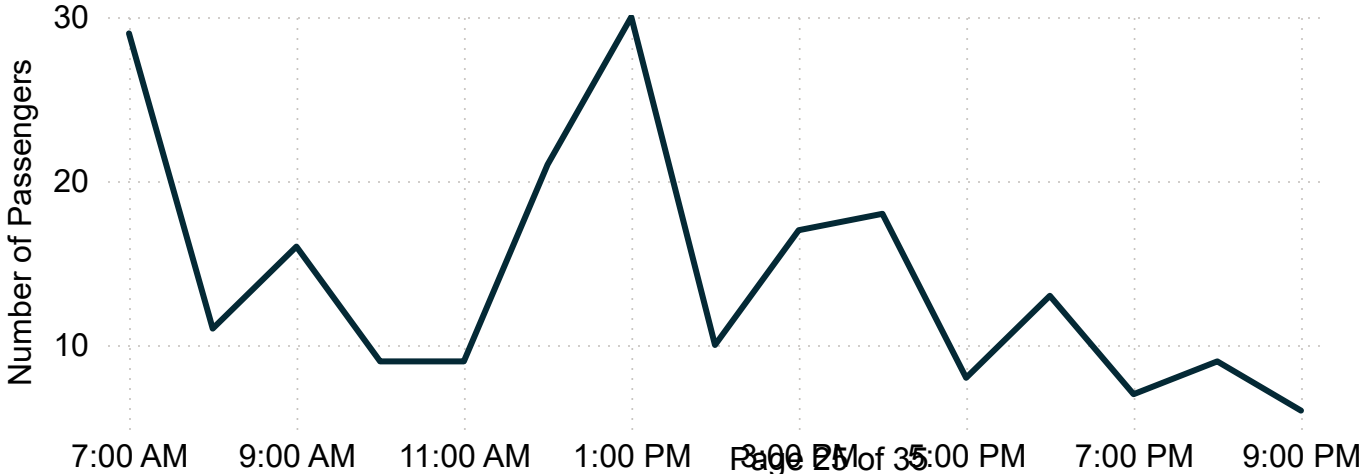
27.63

Daily Ridership

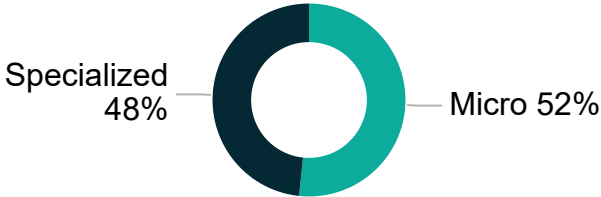
Micro Specialized



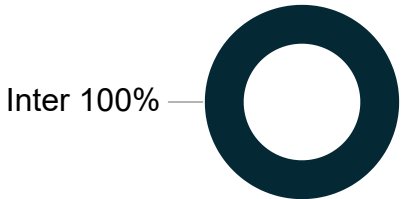
Peak Hours



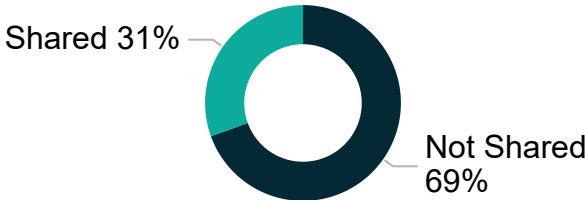
Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



| Booking Method | Day Of | Pre-Booked | Total |
|----------------|--------|------------|-------|
| Agent          | 3      | 48         | 51    |
| App            | 26     | 123        | 149   |
| Subscription   |        | 3          | 3     |
| Total          | 29     | 174        | 203   |

# NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q2) Service Metrics - Welland

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers

2,482

Number of Trips

2,284

Number of Accessible Trips

690

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

4

Average Direct Distance (km)

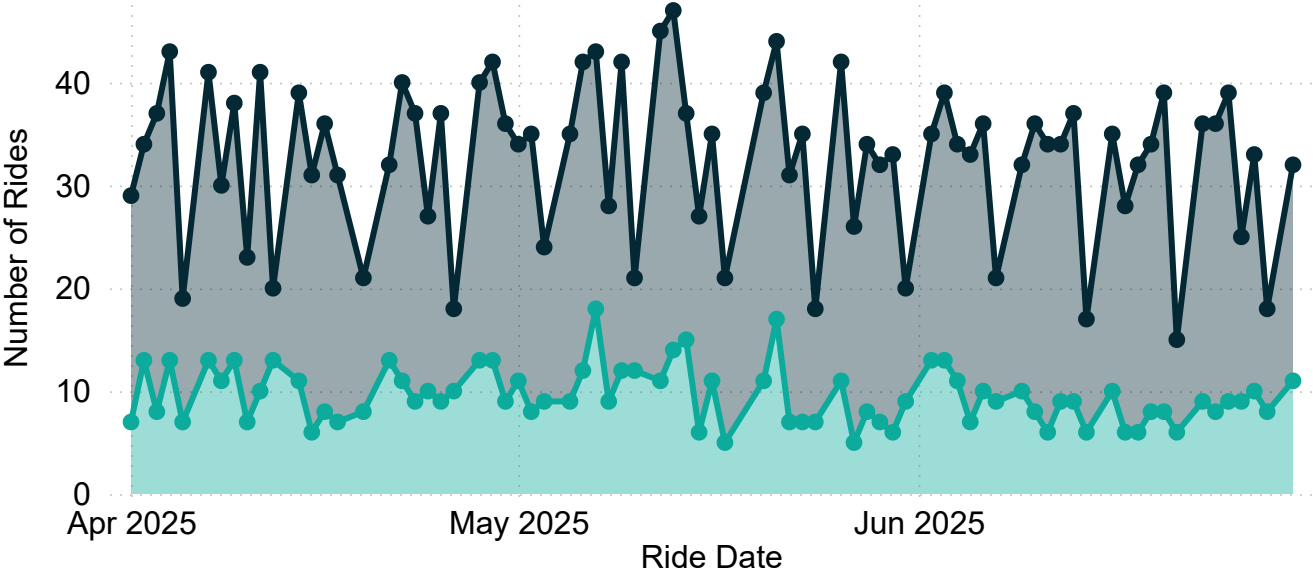
20.58

Average Time On-Board (min)

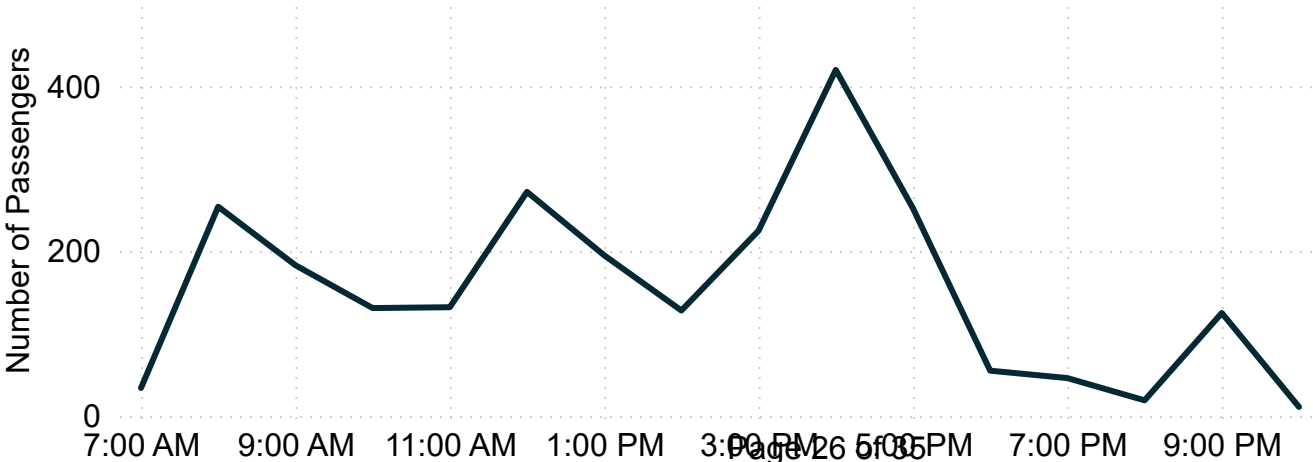
31.18

Daily Ridership

Micro Specialized



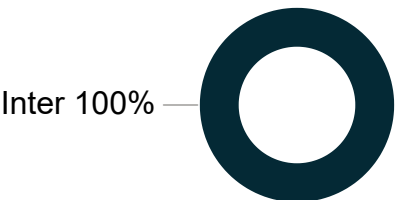
Peak Hours



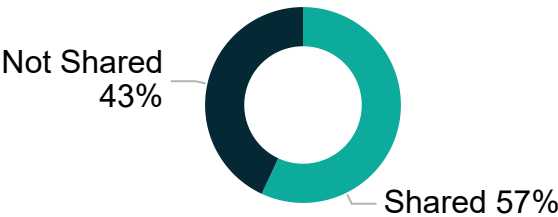
Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



| Booking Method | Day Of | Pre-Booked | Total |
|----------------|--------|------------|-------|
| Agent          | 30     | 601        | 631   |
| App            | 250    | 860        | 1110  |
| Subscription   |        | 543        | 543   |
| Total          | 280    | 2004       | 2284  |

# NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q2) Service Metrics - West Lincoln

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers

715

Number of Trips

675

Number of Accessible Trips

8

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

6

Average Direct Distance (km)

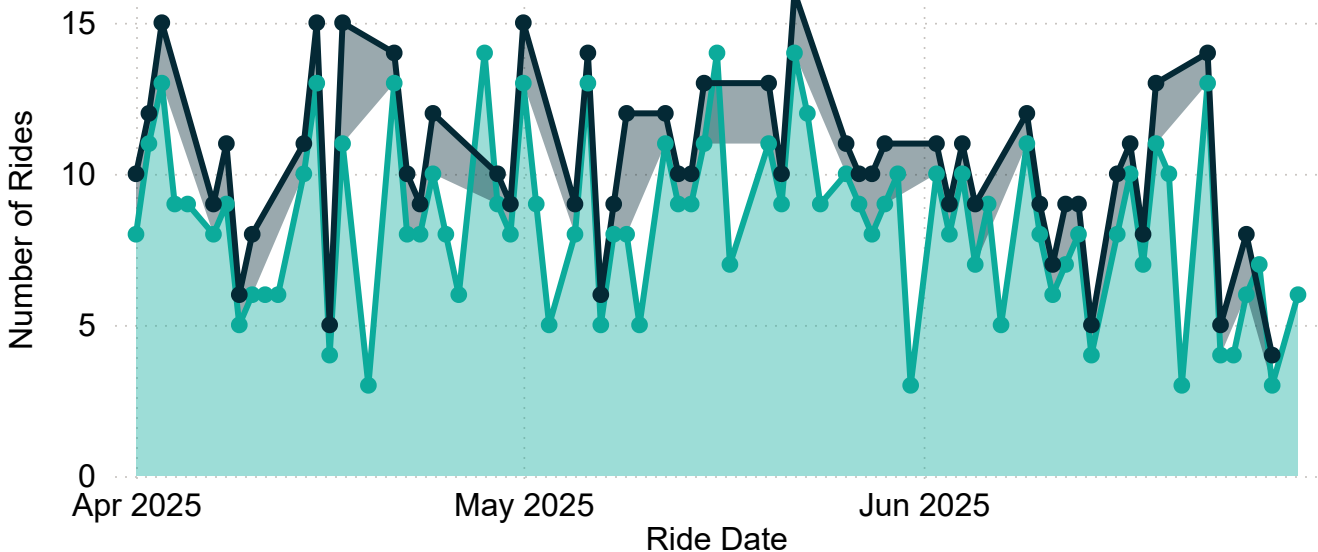
23.63

Average Time On-Board (min)

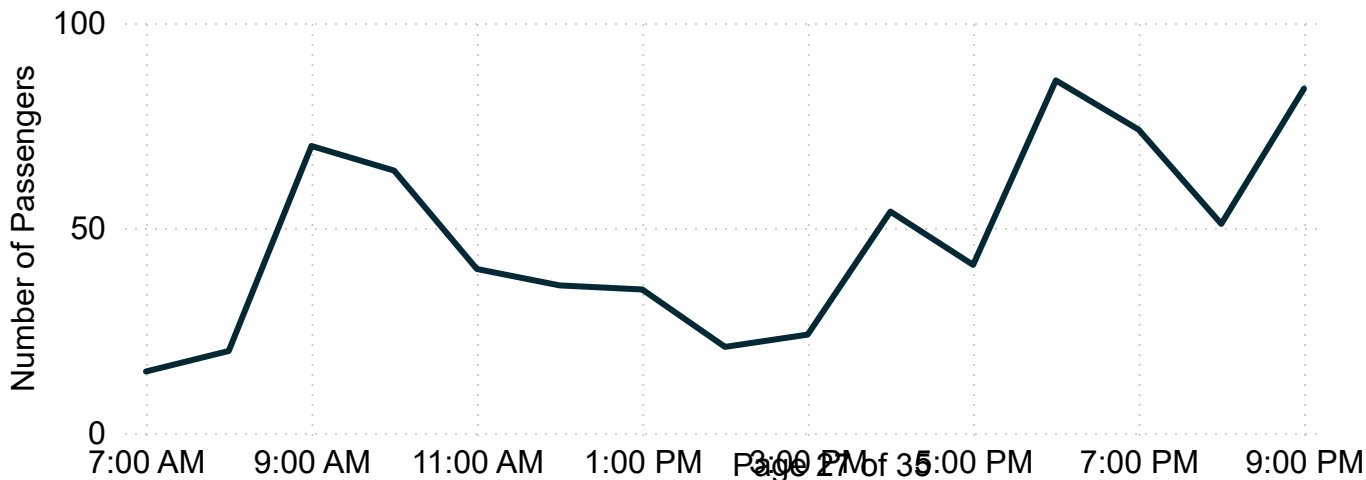
29.33

## Daily Ridership

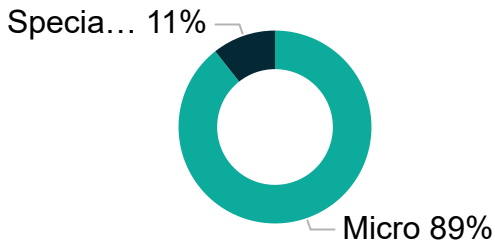
● Micro ● Specialized



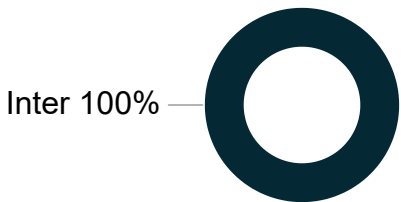
## Peak Hours



## Service Type



## Trip Type



## Trip Utilization

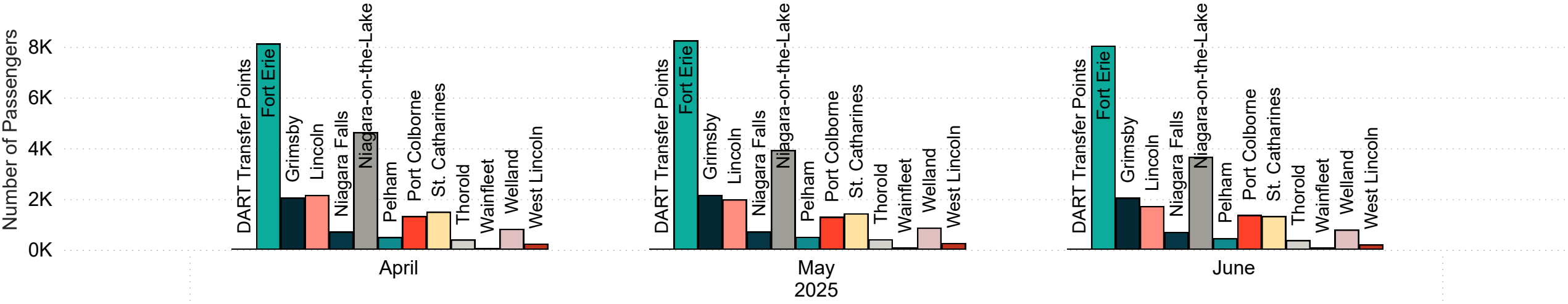


| Booking Method | Day Of | Pre-Booked | Total |
|----------------|--------|------------|-------|
| Agent          | 12     | 48         | 60    |
| App            | 159    | 456        | 615   |
| Total          | 171    | 504        | 675   |

Power BI Desktop

# Overall NT+ (Contract) Voyago Trip Origin Metrics - 2025 (Q2)

Ridership By Trip Origin



| Origin Municipality  | DART Transfer Points | Fort Erie | Grimsby | Lincoln | Niagara Falls | Niagara-on-the-Lake | Pelham | Port Colborne | St. Catharines | Thorold | Wainfleet | Welland | West Lincoln | Total |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------------|---------------------|--------|---------------|----------------|---------|-----------|---------|--------------|-------|
| DART Transfer Points |                      | 7         | 1       |         | 8             |                     |        |               | 10             |         |           | 10      |              | 36    |
| Fort Erie            | 7                    | 23624     |         |         | 219           | 4                   |        | 108           | 135            | 30      |           | 279     |              | 24406 |
| Grimsby              |                      |           | 4082    | 1119    | 6             | 1                   | 29     | 12            | 755            | 3       | 3         | 52      | 193          | 6255  |
| Lincoln              |                      |           | 1058    | 2770    | 17            | 13                  | 71     | 9             | 1554           | 21      | 1         | 127     | 215          | 5856  |
| Niagara Falls        | 9                    | 181       | 6       | 19      |               | 236                 | 21     | 11            | 803            | 202     | 12        | 622     | 3            | 2125  |
| Niagara-on-the-Lake  |                      | 5         |         | 16      | 393           | 11610               | 18     |               | 126            | 36      | 1         | 5       | 2            | 12212 |
| Pelham               |                      | 3         | 47      | 70      | 18            | 19                  | 464    | 6             | 226            | 32      | 10        | 554     | 9            | 1458  |
| Port Colborne        |                      | 116       | 11      |         | 12            |                     | 8      | 3405          | 17             | 6       | 60        | 335     | 6            | 3976  |
| St. Catharines       | 8                    | 116       | 726     | 1387    | 795           | 188                 | 201    | 17            |                | 296     | 14        | 353     | 149          | 4250  |
| Thorold              |                      | 30        | 3       | 21      | 207           | 42                  | 32     | 4             | 358            | 378     | 16        | 92      | 4            | 1187  |
| Wainfleet            |                      |           | 3       | 4       | 11            |                     | 12     | 25            | 7              | 22      |           | 122     | 7            | 213   |
| Welland              | 10                   | 247       | 21      | 179     | 600           | 6                   | 516    | 327           | 367            | 92      | 74        |         | 43           | 2482  |
| West Lincoln         |                      |           | 178     | 233     | 1             | 5                   | 9      | 6             | 167            | 50      | 7         | 59      |              | 715   |
| Total                | 34                   | 24329     | 6136    | 5818    | 2287          | 12124               | 1381   | 3930          | 4525           | 1168    | 198       | 2610    | 631          | 65171 |

# Glossary

- **Agent Booking Method** - Rides that are booked by phoning in and speaking with a customer service representative
- **App Booking Method** - Rides that are booked by using the Niagara Transit Plus application on a mobile device
- **Average Direct Distance** - The average distance in kilometres it would take to drive directly from origin to destination without any stops
- **Average Time On-Board** - The average time a passenger is spending on-board the vehicle
- **Day of Booking Type** - Rides that are booked on the same day of use
- **Inter Trip Type** - Rides that travel from one municipality to another, crossing municipal boundaries
- **Intra Trip Type** - Rides that stay within the municipal boundary in which the trip originated
- **Micro Daily Ridership** - Number of passengers taking micro transit trips per day
- **Micro Service Type** - Number of trips that are using the micro transit service
- **Number of Accessible** - Number of trips that are using either the micro or specialized transit service that are accessible, where the passenger is using a mobility device
- **Number of Micro Trips with Accessible Device** - Number of trips using the micro transit service that are accessible, where the passenger is using a mobility device
- **Number of Passengers** - Total number of passengers that have completed trips
- **Number of Trips** - Total number of trips being completed
- **Peak Hours** - Hours of the day that have the highest demand for ridership
- **Pre-Book Booking Type** - Rides that are booked in advance of the requested trip day
- **Specialized Daily Ridership** - Number of passengers taking specialized transit trips per day
- **Specialized Service Type** - Number of trips that are using the specialized transit service
- **Subscription Booking Method** - Trips that are booked once and happen on a recurring schedule ie. trips to dialysis





# THE CORPORATION OF THE **TOWN OF COBALT**

September 3, 2025

To whom it may concern,

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on August 19, 2025, the Town of Cobalt adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-124**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Hughes

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Government has enacted O. Reg. 343/22, establishing mandatory certification requirements for firefighters under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997;

**AND WHEREAS** Council for the Town of Cobalt acknowledges the importances of standardized firefighter training and safety;

**AND WHEREAS** these mandatory certification requirements pose significant challenges for small, rural and northern municipalities due to limited financial and training resources, geographical barriers and reliance on volunteer fire departments;

**AND WHEREAS** the implementation of these requirements without additional flexibility or support may negatively impact the Town's ability to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and provide adequate fire protection to its residents;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt formally opposes the mandatory firefighter certification requirements as currently outlined in O. Reg. 343/22;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General, Premier of Ontario, MPP John Vanthof, the Fire Marshal, AMO, FONOM and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Kind Regards,



Steven Dalley  
Town Manager, Clerk/Treasurer  
Tel: (705) 679-8877  
Email: [sdalley@cobalt.ca](mailto:sdalley@cobalt.ca)

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
MPP, John Vanthof, [jvanthof-co@ndp.on.ca](mailto:jvanthof-co@ndp.on.ca)  
Solicitor General, [Michael.kerzner@pc.ola.org](mailto:Michael.kerzner@pc.ola.org)  
Ontario Fire Marshall, [askofm@ontario.ca](mailto:askofm@ontario.ca)  
AMO, [resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca)  
FONOM, [fonom.info@gmail.com](mailto:fonom.info@gmail.com)  
Ontario Municipalities



August 29, 2025

MPP Will Bouma, MP Larry Brock, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario municipalities

*Sent via email: [will.bouma@pc.ola.org](mailto:will.bouma@pc.ola.org)*

Dear MPP Will Bouma,

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held August 26, 2025 adopted the following:

**12.3.1. Advocacy for Provincial Scrap Metal Legislation and Bail System Reform, 2025-421 - Councillor Hunt**

WHEREAS a Town Hall meeting, hosted by Councillors of Ward 4 was held on Monday June 23, 2025, to discuss recommendations and actions taken to address ongoing concerns from local businesses regarding break-ins, theft and vandalism; and

WHEREAS Ward 4 businesses owners were invited to share their experiences and contribute to identifying actionable steps to theft concerns and help identify steps to foster a safer and more secure environment for businesses in Brantford; and

WHEREAS staff from the City of Brantford Bylaw & Security Department and representatives from Brantford Police Services provided presentations outlining current measures and actionable recommendations; and

WHEREAS business owners in attendance requested that a formal letter be drafted advocating for the transition of the municipal scrap metal bylaw into a provincial statute, to be addressed to MPP Will Bouma, Attorney General of

Ontario Doug Downey, MP Larry Brock and Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada Sean Fraser; and

WHEREAS business owners further requested that the letter include a call to strengthen the bail system to better protect communities by ensuring repeat offenders are not prematurely released.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT City Council DIRECT Staff to prepare a formal advocacy letter to MPP Will Bouma, Attorney General of Ontario Doug Downey, MP Larry Brock and Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada Sean Fraser, recommending the transition of the municipal scrap metal bylaw to a provincial statute. The letter to be completed by August 31, 2025, should also include:

- i. A request to strengthen the bail system to enhance community safety; and
  - ii. Testimonials from local business owners detailing the financial and operational impacts of break-ins, theft and vandalism, including threats to personal safety, and the financial burden of increased insurance cost; and
- B. THAT a copy of this resolution BE FORWARDED to MPP Will Bouma, MP Larry Brock, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario municipalities.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Chris Gauthier  
City Clerk  
[cgauthier@brantford.ca](mailto:cgauthier@brantford.ca)

CC MP Larry Brock - [larry.brock@parl.gc.ca](mailto:larry.brock@parl.gc.ca)  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - [amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca), [policy@amo.on.ca](mailto:policy@amo.on.ca)  
All Ontario municipalities

**Township of Southgate**  
**Administration Office**  
185667 Grey County Road 9, RR 1  
Dundalk, ON N0C 1B0



**Phone:** 519-923-2110  
**Toll Free:** 1-888-560-6607  
**Fax:** 519-923-9262  
**Web:** [www.southgate.ca](http://www.southgate.ca)

September 4, 2025

### **Re: Resolution of Support – City of St. Catharines – Elect Respect Pledge**

---

Please be advised that at the September 3, 2025, regular Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate, approved the following:

No. 2025-423

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Dobreen

**Seconded By** Councillor John

**Be it resolved that** the correspondence from the City of St. Catharine's regarding the Elect Respect pledge be received and supported as outlined below:

**WHEREAS** democracy is healthy when everyone is able to participate fully and safely and contribute to the well-being of their community; and

**WHEREAS** we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS** Ontario's municipally elected officials and municipal staff are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment; and

**WHEREAS** social media platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds from running for office; and

**WHEREAS** better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientation, ages and abilities are heard and represented around municipal council tables; and

**WHEREAS** the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office; and

**WHEREAS** in 2024, female elected representatives from across Halton formed a group called H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) which pledged to speak out against harassment and negativity in politics and called on elected officials to uphold the highest standards of conduct; and

**WHEREAS** H.E.R. Halton has launched a campaign called Elect Respect to promote the importance of healthy democracy and safe, inclusive, respectful work environments for all elected officials and municipal staff that encourages individuals to participate in the political process; and

**WHEREAS** on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a non-partisan "Parliamentary Civility Pledge" to encourage all parliamentarians to commit to end workplace harassment and increase civility on Parliament Hill, modelled after the pledge developed in Halton by representatives of H.E.R.;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Southgate supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

- Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online,

- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks,
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks,
- Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office,
- Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats, and
- Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Township of Southgate Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at [www.electrespect.ca](http://www.electrespect.ca); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, MP Alex Ruff and MPP Paul Vickers, the Ontario Provincial Police, and all Ontario Municipalities.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110.

Sincerely,

*Lindsey Green*

Lindsey Green, Clerk  
Township of Southgate

cc:  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
MP Alex Ruff  
MPP Paul Vickers  
Ontario Provincial Police  
All Municipalities in Ontario