

# City Update February 2026 PTAC Meeting



# Agenda

- 2025 Mobility Division Key Performance Indicators



Above: Speed hump on Newton Street



# Mobility & Safety in Somerville: 2025 Key Performance Indicators



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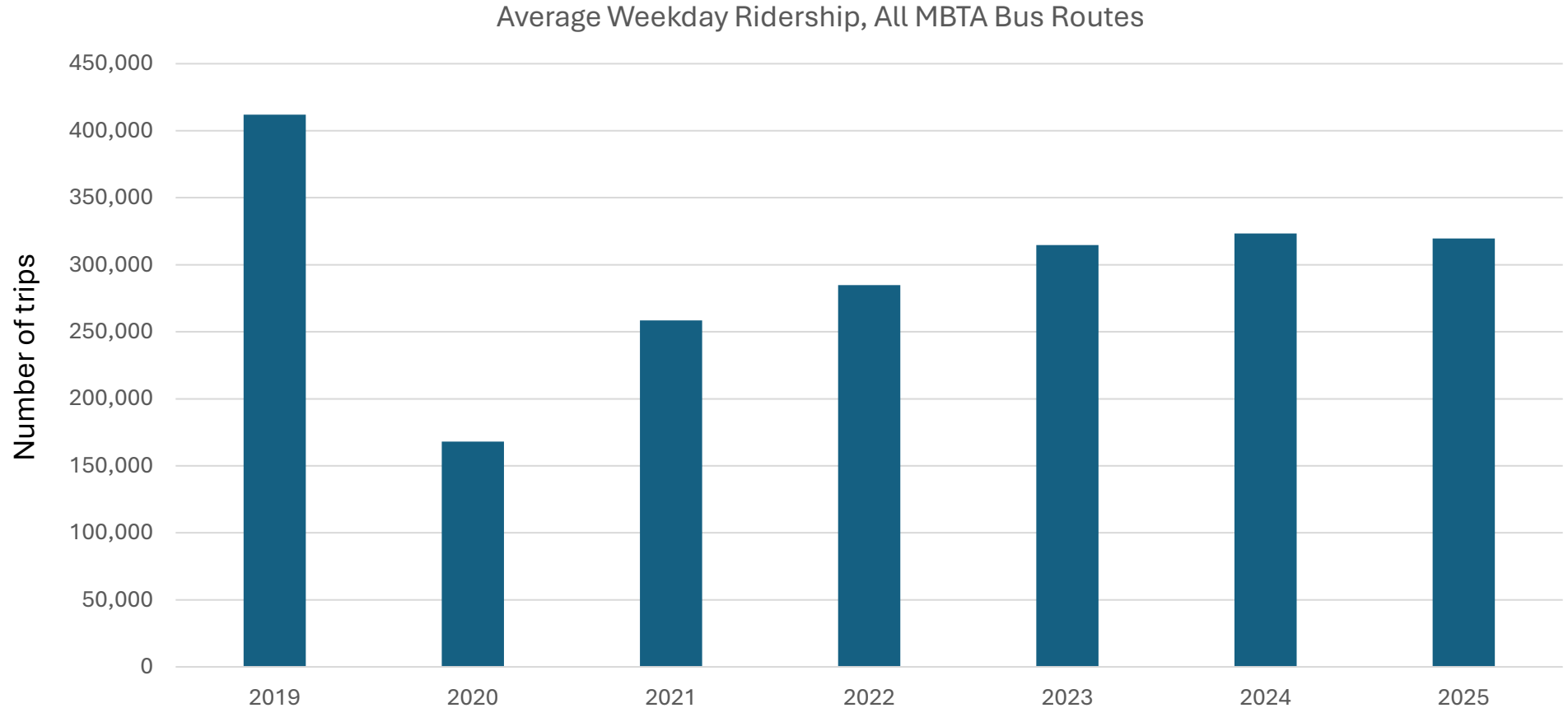
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MBTA bus ridership has levelled off in recent years, **a typical weekday in 2025 had 320,000 riders across the region**



Source: MBTA automated passenger counter data



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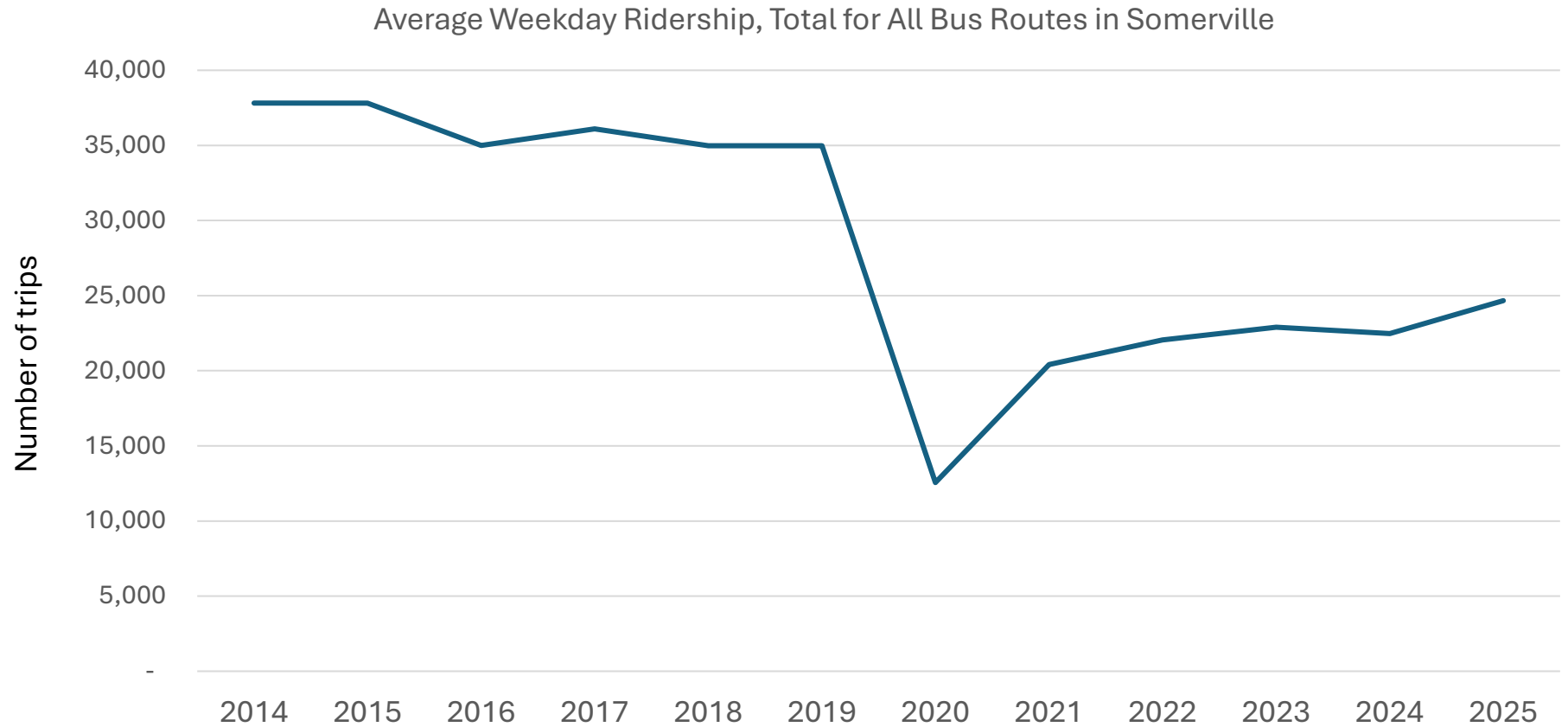
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Somerville's bus ridership increased about 10% since last year; **in 2025 our routes averaged 25,000 bus trips per weekday**



*Note: Data include all trips on bus routes in Somerville, even if trip did not start or end in Somerville*

Source: MBTA automated passenger counter data



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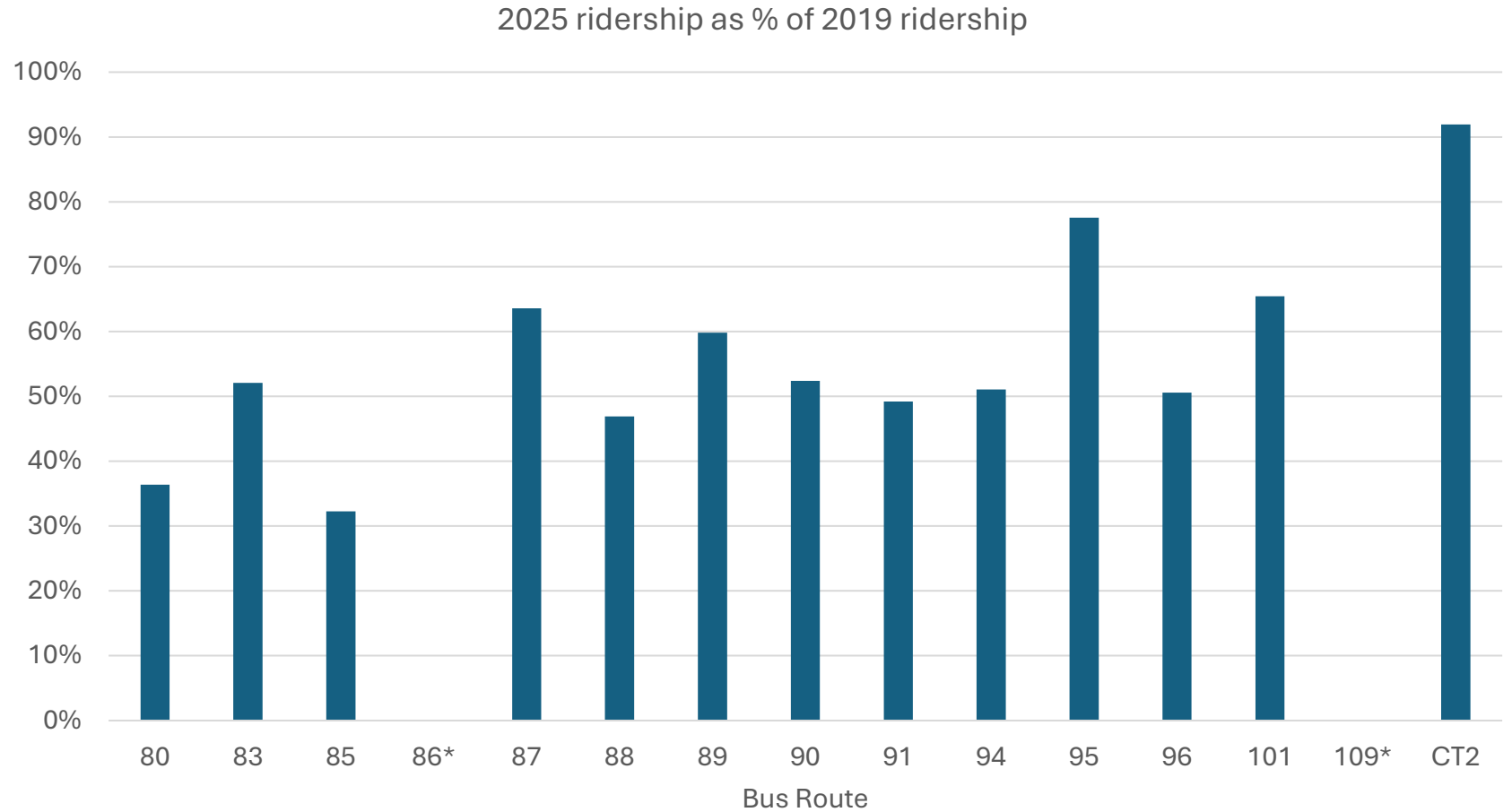
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Somerville has fourteen MBTA bus routes; in 2025 many routes served less than 60% of their 2019 ridership



*Note: Major route/service changes for Route 86 / Route 109 began in December 2024 so 2019 comparison is not provided*

Source: MBTA automated passenger counter data



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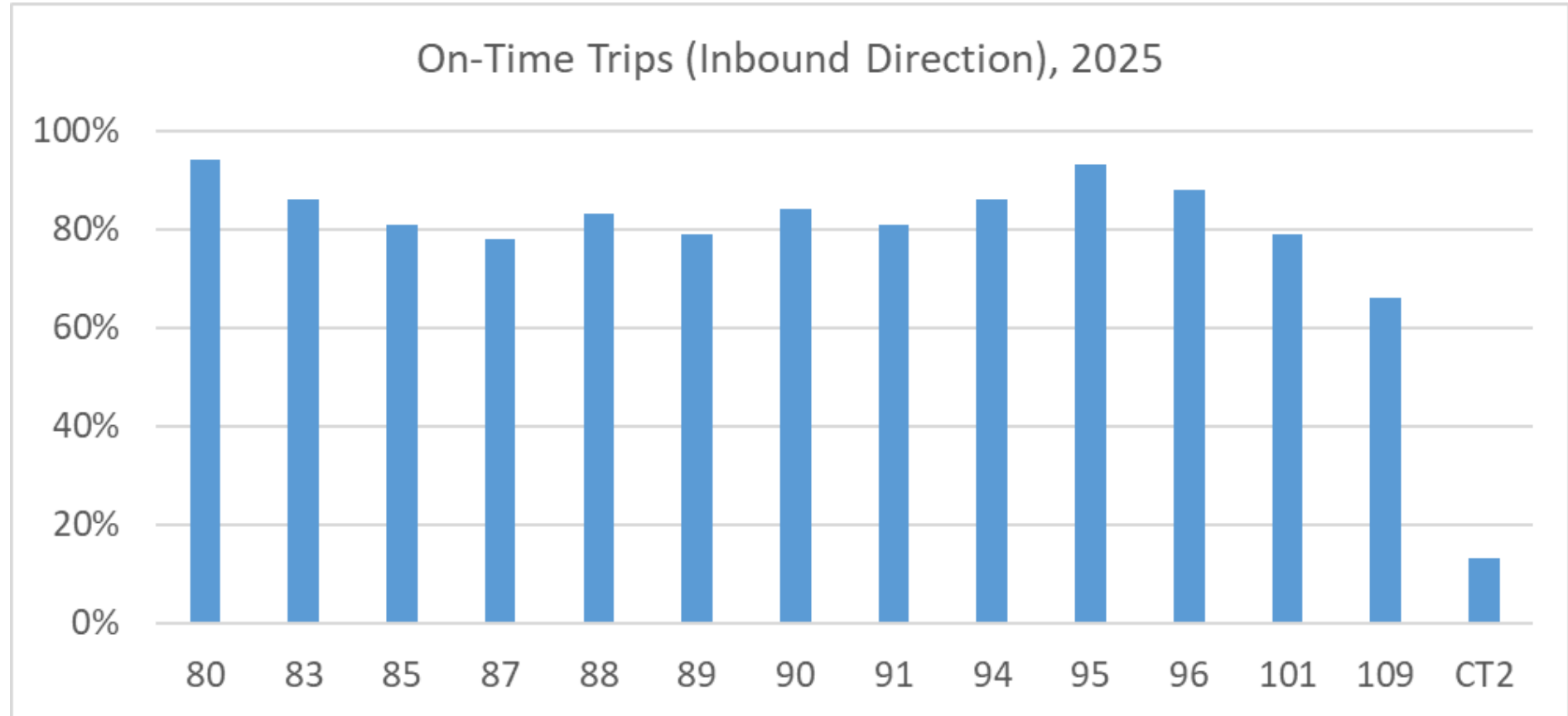
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Bus reliability is a major influence on ridership;  
**most Somerville routes reported 80% on-time performance**



Source: MBTA data via Transit Matters public dashboard



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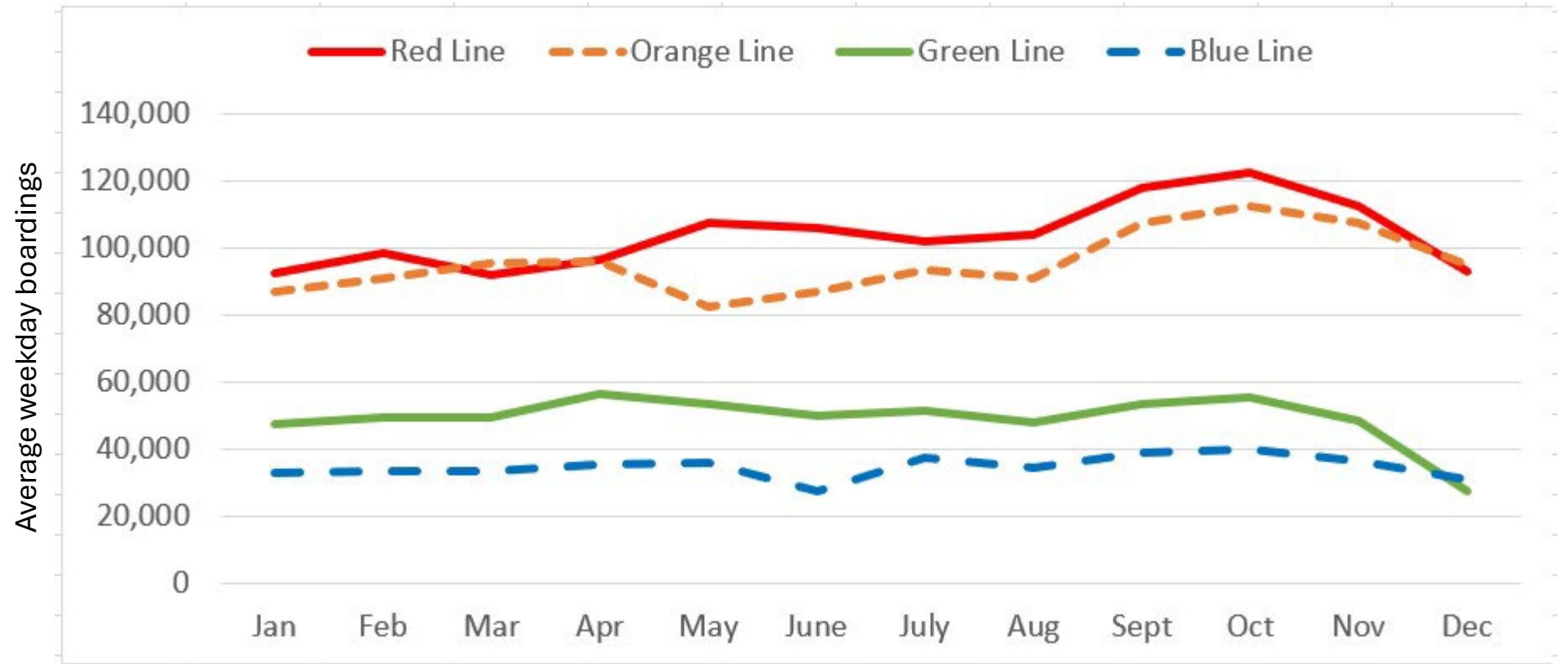
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MBTA subway/light rail ridership varied in 2025; **total daily boardings ranged from 250,000 to 330,000**



Source: MBTA data via Transit Matters public dashboard



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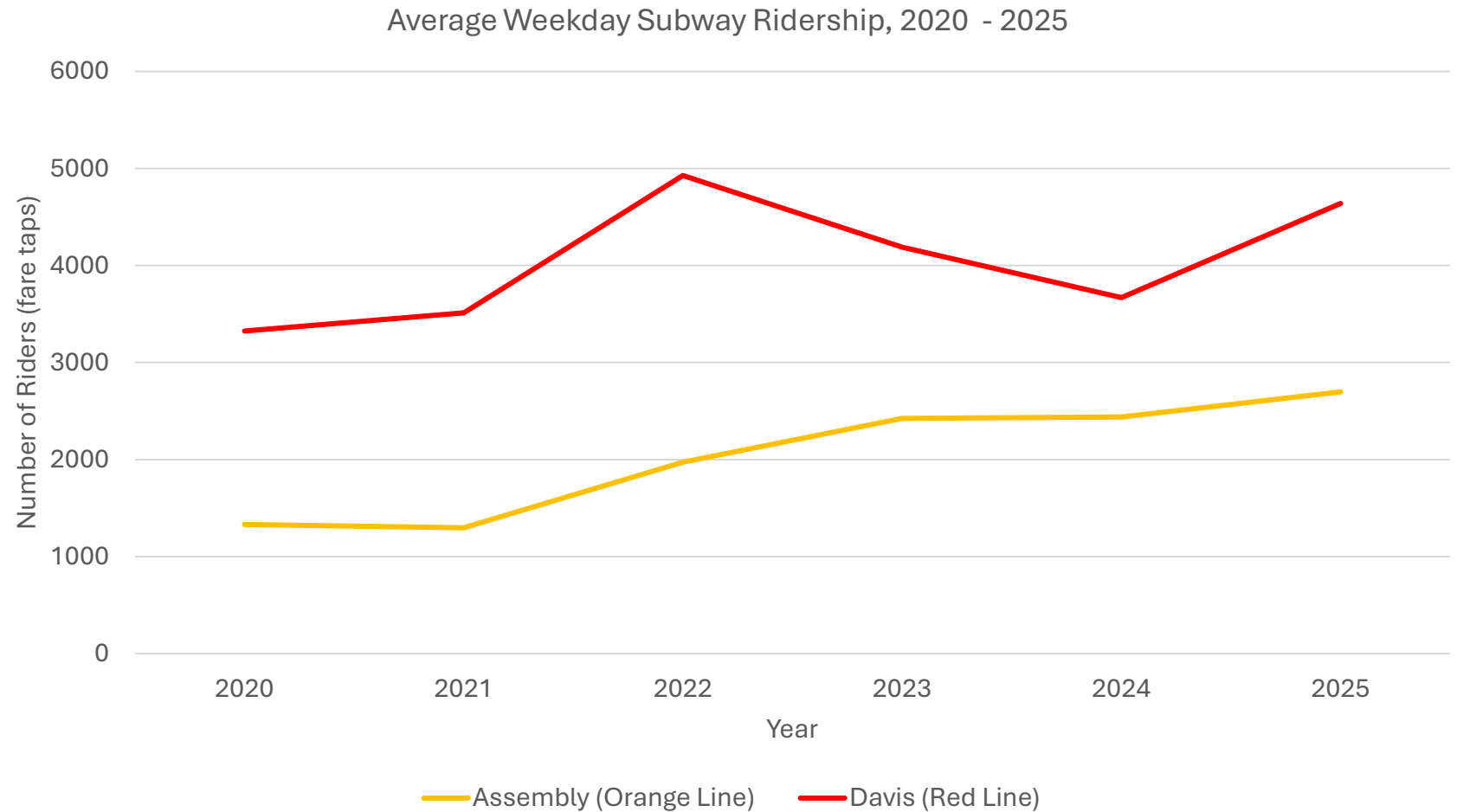
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# Subway boardings at Somerville stations increased in 2025; Red Line boardings at Davis were **26% higher** than in 2024



Note: Green Line ridership in Somerville is not included due to unreliable data

Source: MBTA open data portal

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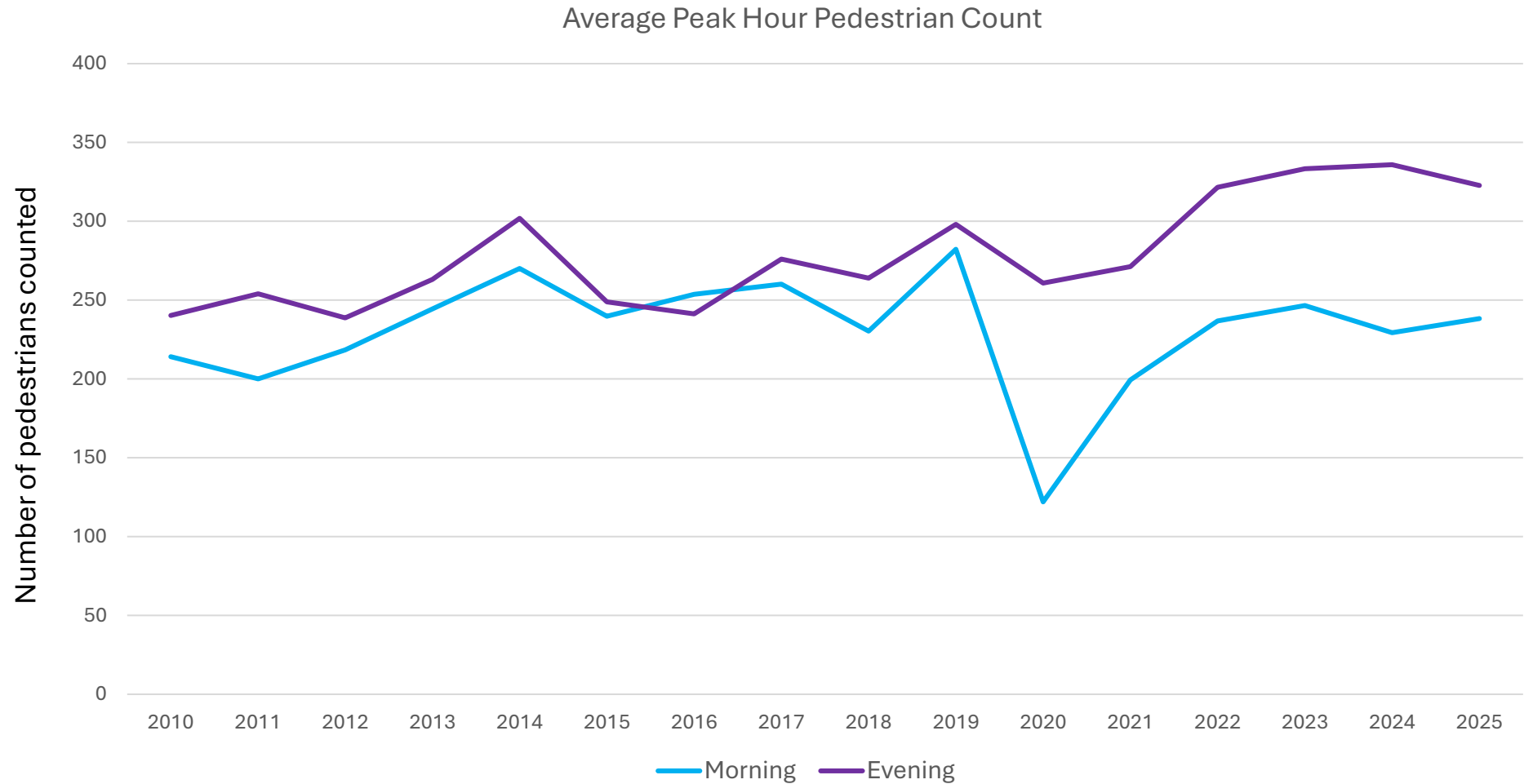
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Somerville continued our annual pedestrian counts in 2025; **our data show that morning and evening patterns have diverged**



Source: City of Somerville annual bike & pedestrian count program at 42 locations



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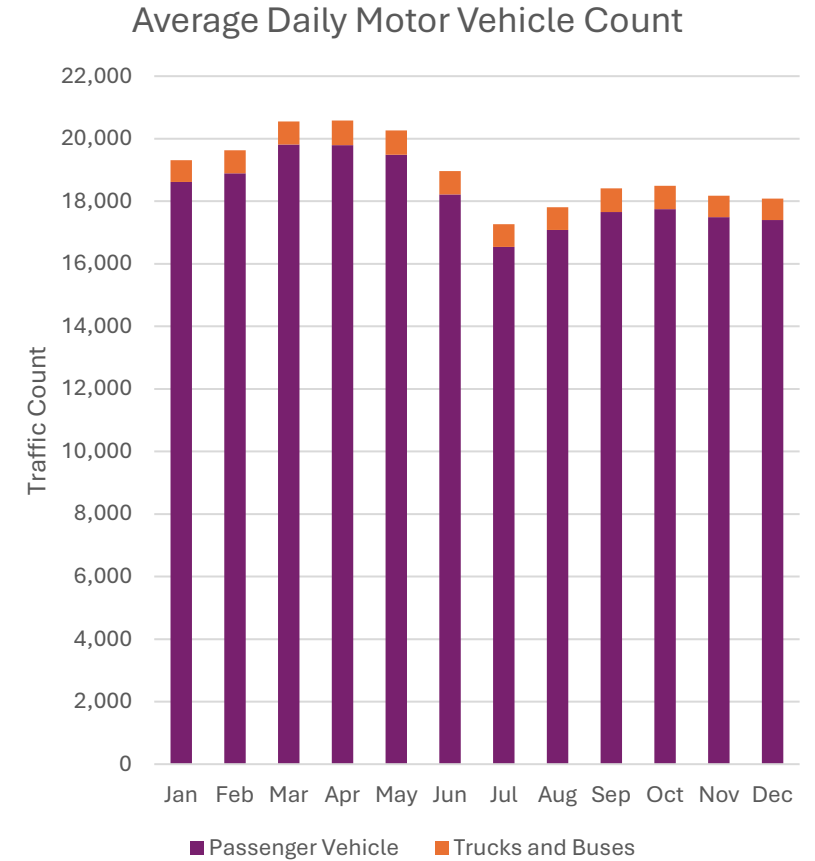
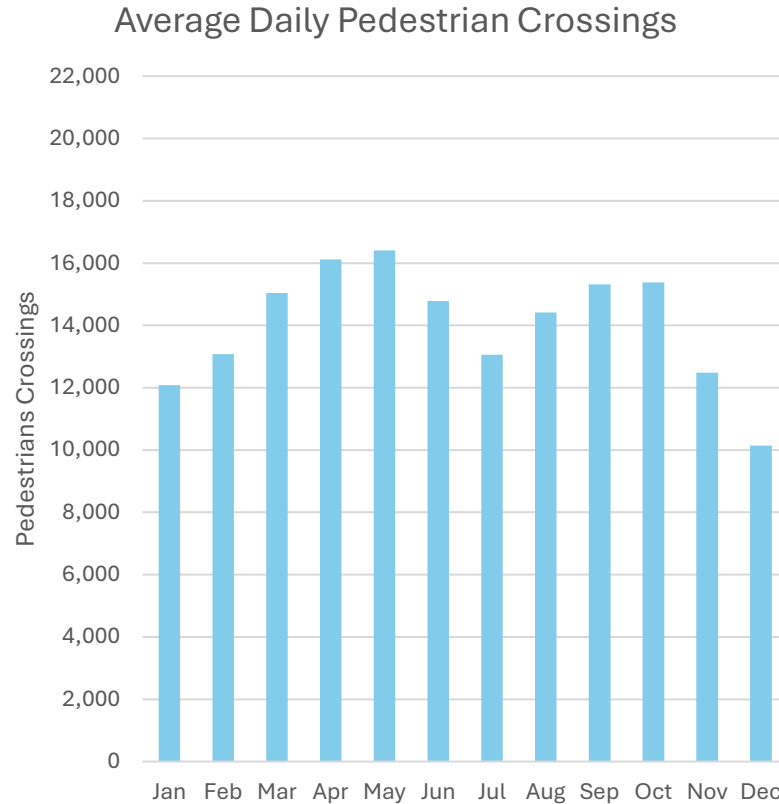
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### Somerville now has a permanent traffic counter in Davis Square; **spring was the busiest season for both pedestrian and vehicle traffic**



**Fun Fact:** The single busiest day of pedestrian activity was the Saturday of Honk! festival, 10/11/25, with over 42,000 crossings counted in Davis Square that day!

Source: City of Somerville MioVision One Traffic Camera in Davis Square

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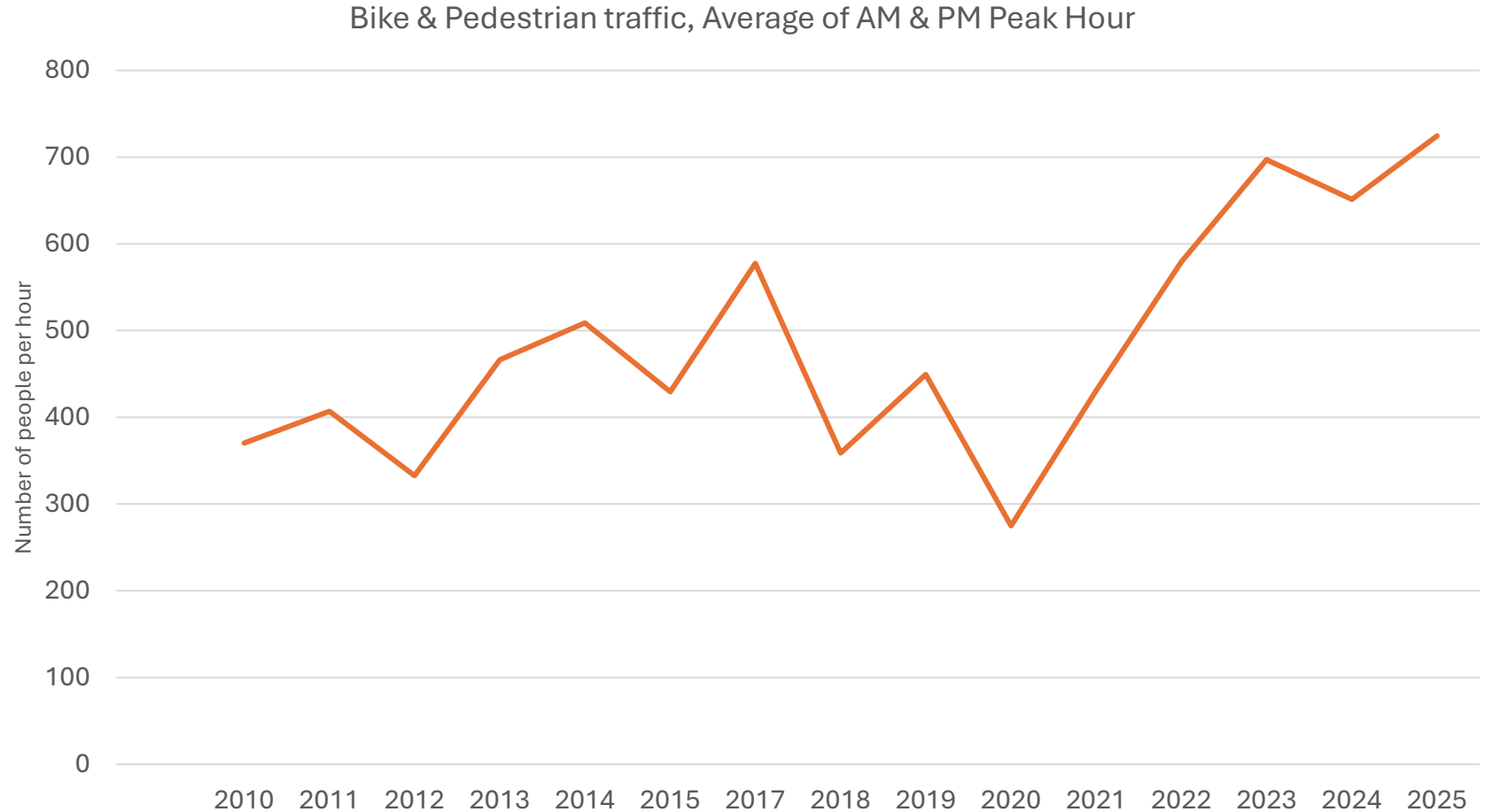
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Our count program includes four sites on the Community Path;  
**average counts at these sites set new records in 2025**



Note: Count locations = Buena Vista Road, Grove Street, Willow Avenue, Cedar Street

Source: City of Somerville annual bike & pedestrian count program at 42 locations

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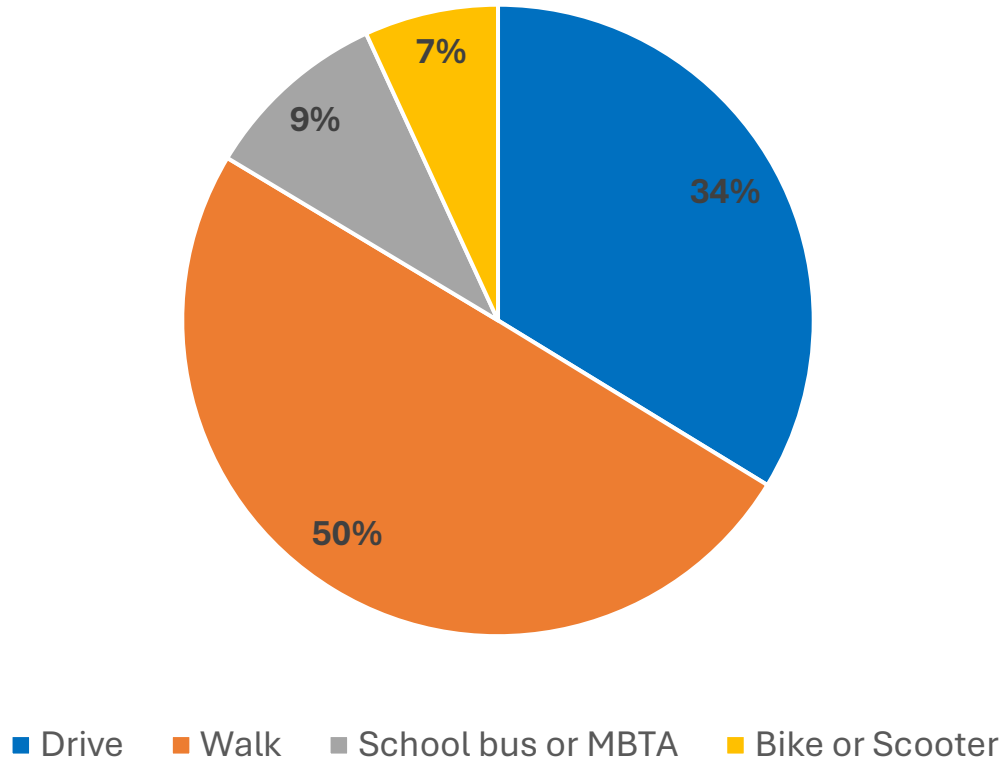
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# Somerville surveys our school families on travel preference; **most students walk, bike, or take transit to school**

Getting to School - all SPS, Average 2019 to 2025



Notes: Average of all SPS schools, AM and PM travel mode, for families surveyed between 2018-19 and 2025-26 school years; total survey responses = 16,047

Source: Somerville Public Schools annual travel survey

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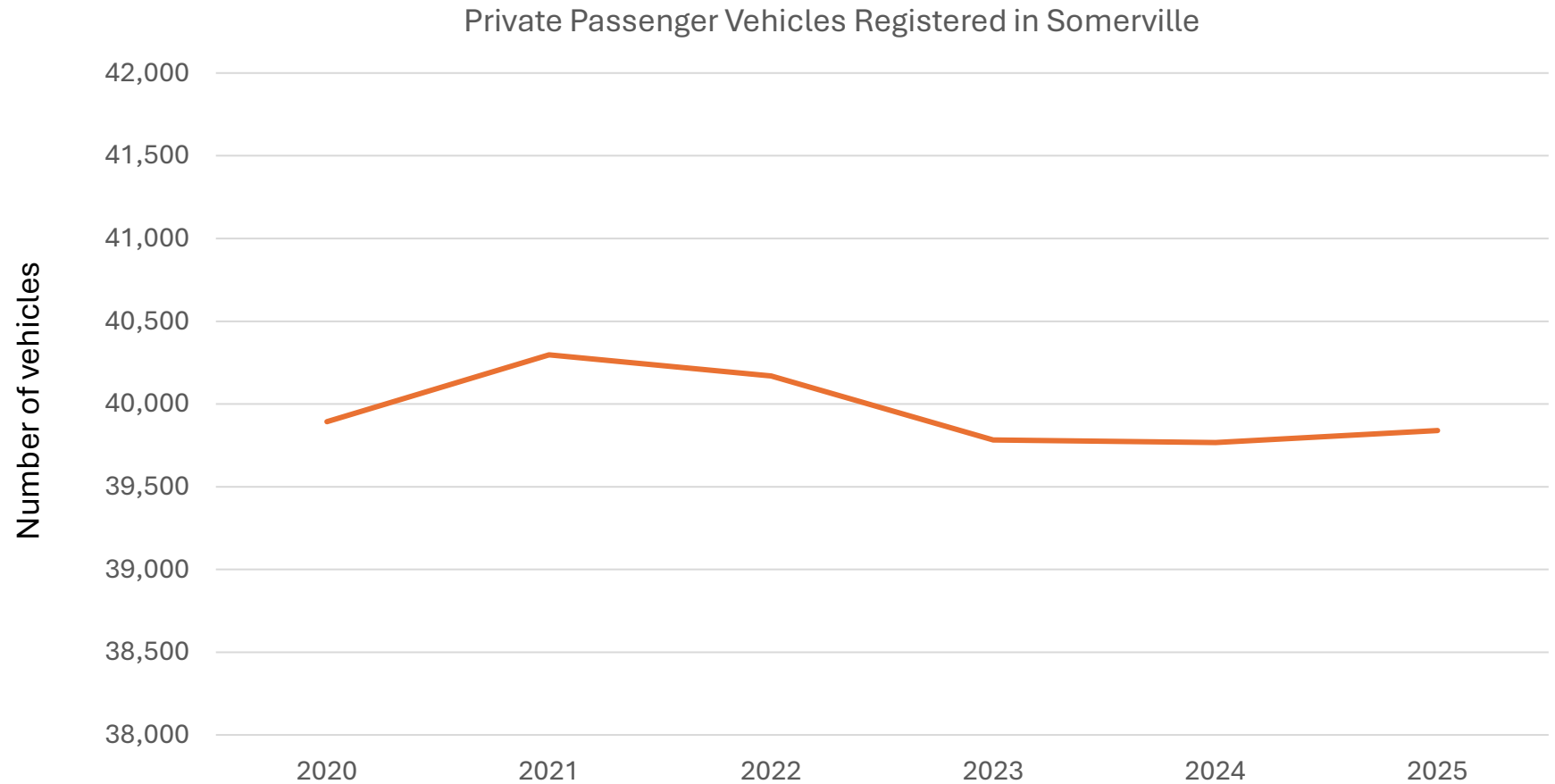
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The Massachusetts RMV publishes data on vehicle registration; **Somerville averages around 40,000 passenger vehicles**



*Note: vehicle registrations as of July 1 each year*

Source: Massachusetts Vehicle Census public data dashboard

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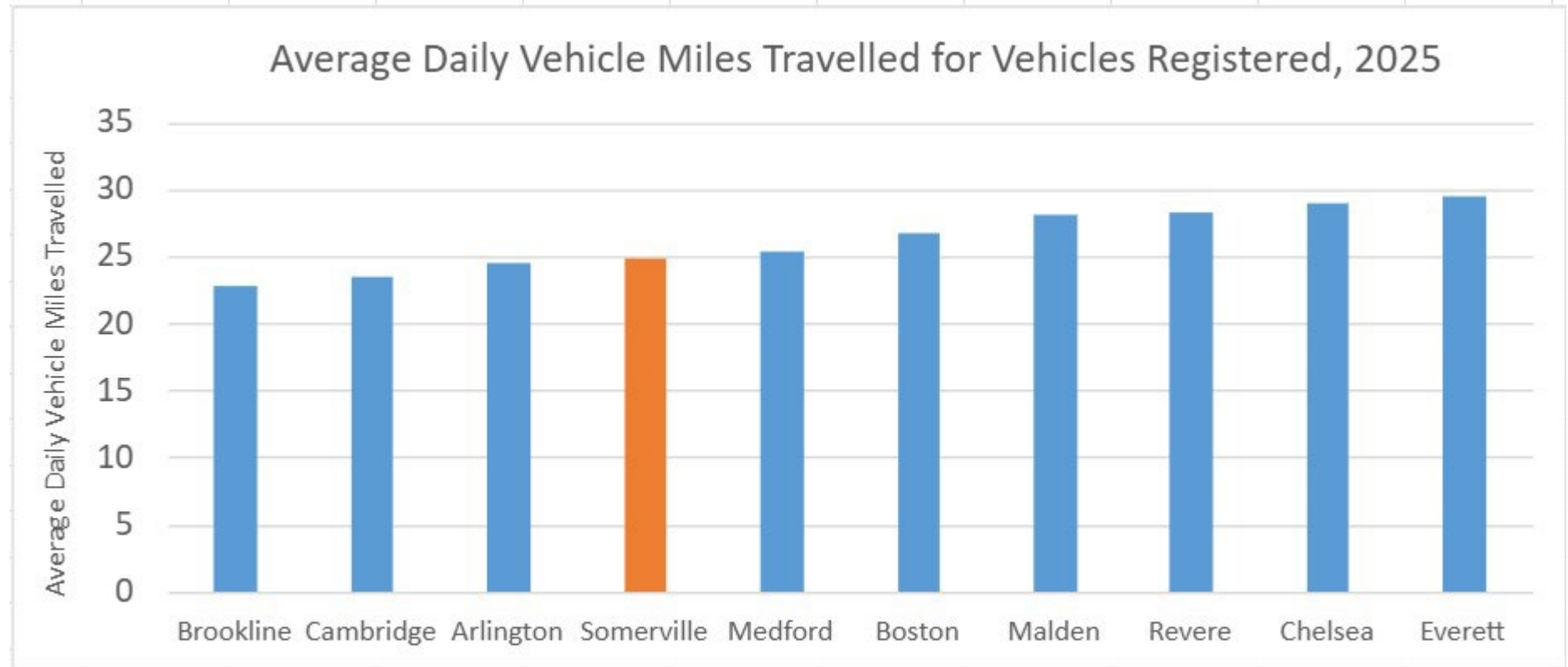
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Our state RMV publishes data on vehicle mileage;  
**Somerville's average is roughly 25 miles per vehicle per day**



Notes: data include private passenger vehicles only; vehicle registrations as of October 1

Source: Massachusetts Vehicle Census public data dashboard



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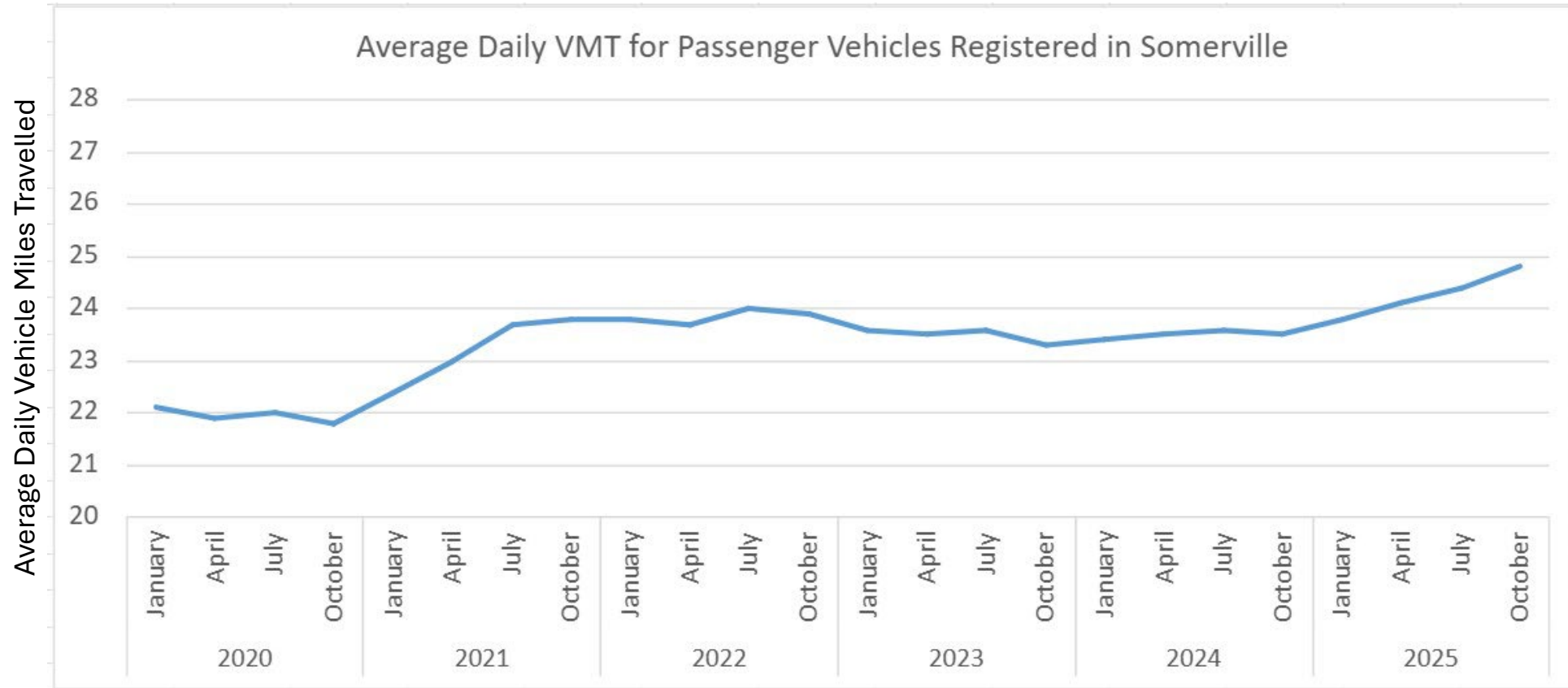
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RMV data can help illustrate trends in driving behavior; **average VMT in Somerville has increased 12% since 2020**



Note: VMT = Vehicle Miles Travelled

Source: Massachusetts Vehicle Census public data dashboard



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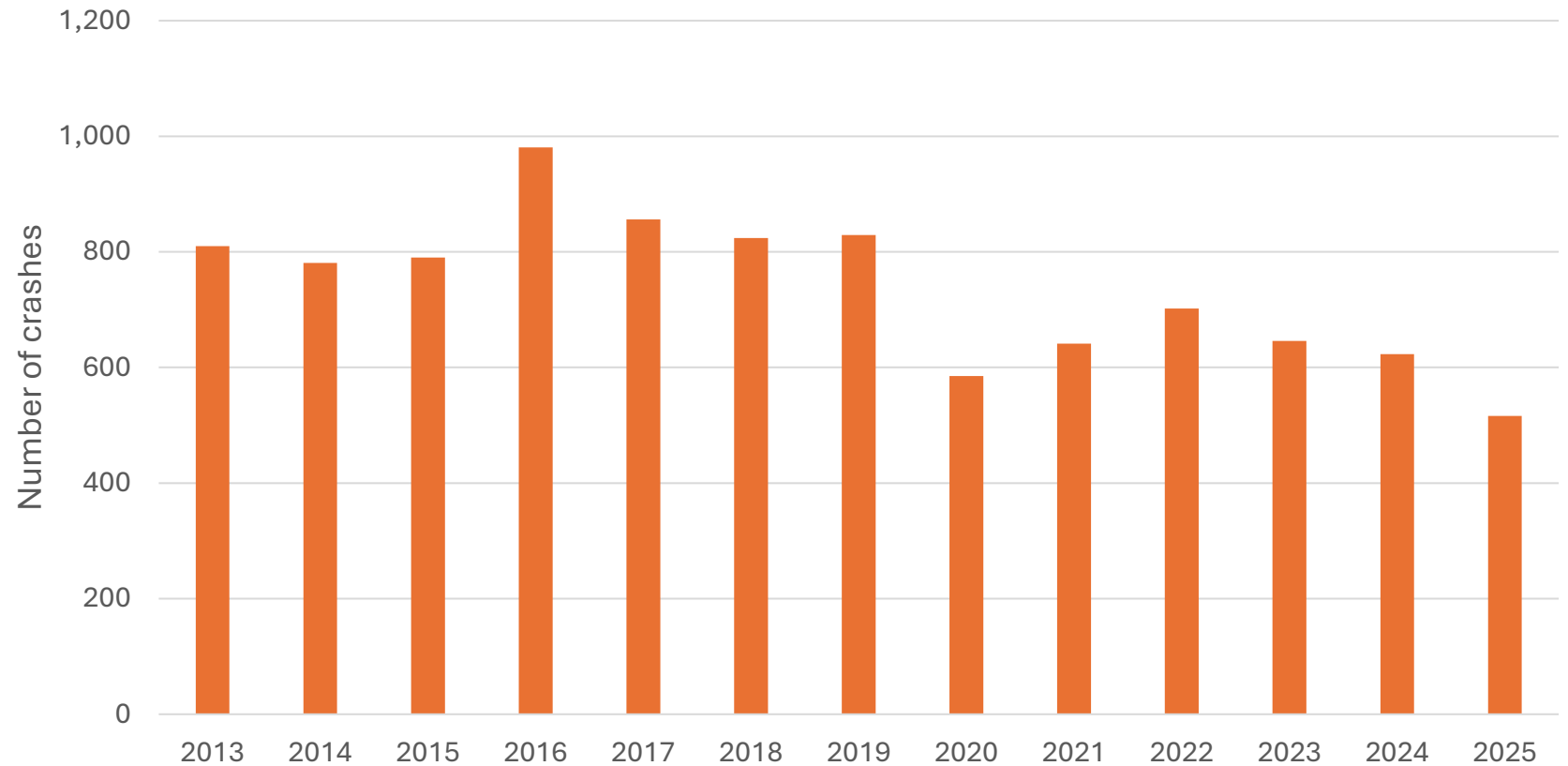
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Reported crashes in Somerville continued to decrease in 2025; **with 525 total crashes reported for the year**



*Note: data include records for all state and City roads in Somerville*

Source: MassDOT IMPACT crash data portal; retrieved 1/22/26; Somerville Police Department crash reports



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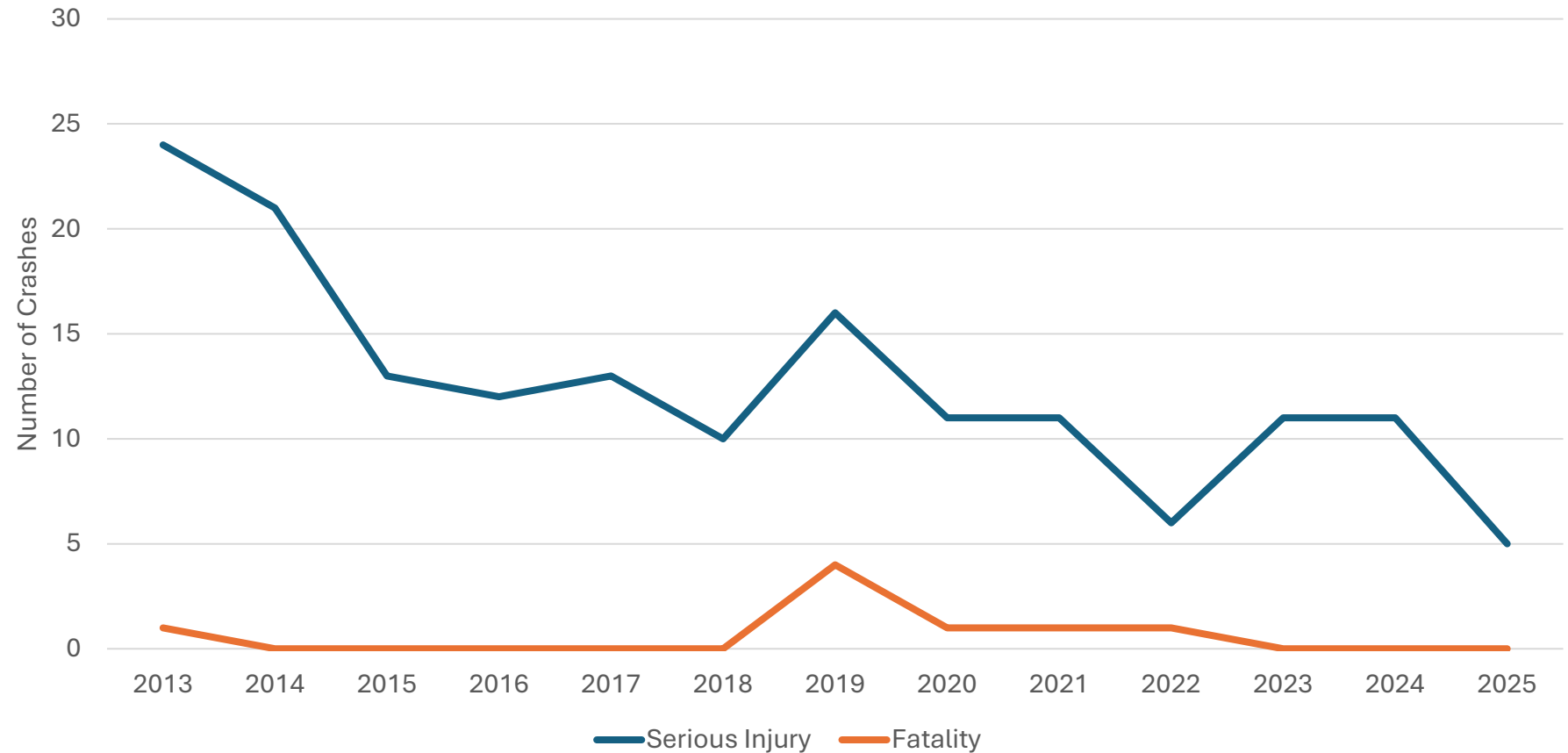
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In 2025 serious injury crashes in Somerville decreased by 50%,  
**and for the third year in a row we suffered no fatal crashes**



Serious injuries can include broken bones, loss of consciousness, and significant blood loss.  
Full details at <https://masscrashreportmanual.com/vulnerable-user/injury-status/>

Source: MassDOT IMPACT crash data portal; retrieved 1/22/26, & SPD crash reports

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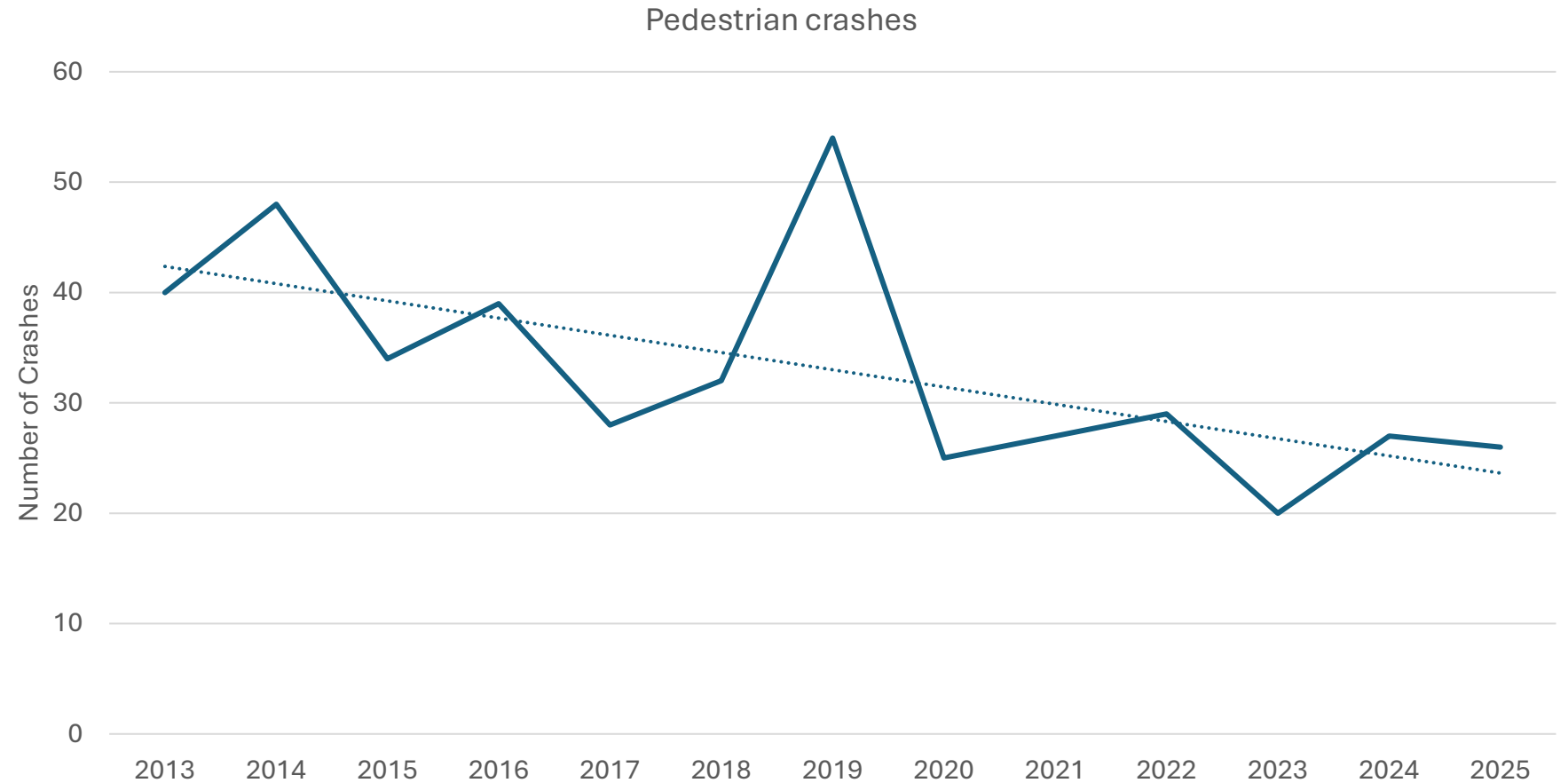
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There were 26 pedestrian crashes reported in Somerville in 2025, **the data show a general downward trend over the past decade**



*Note: data include records for all state and City roads in Somerville*

Source: MassDOT IMPACT crash data portal; retrieved 1/22/26, & SPD crash reports



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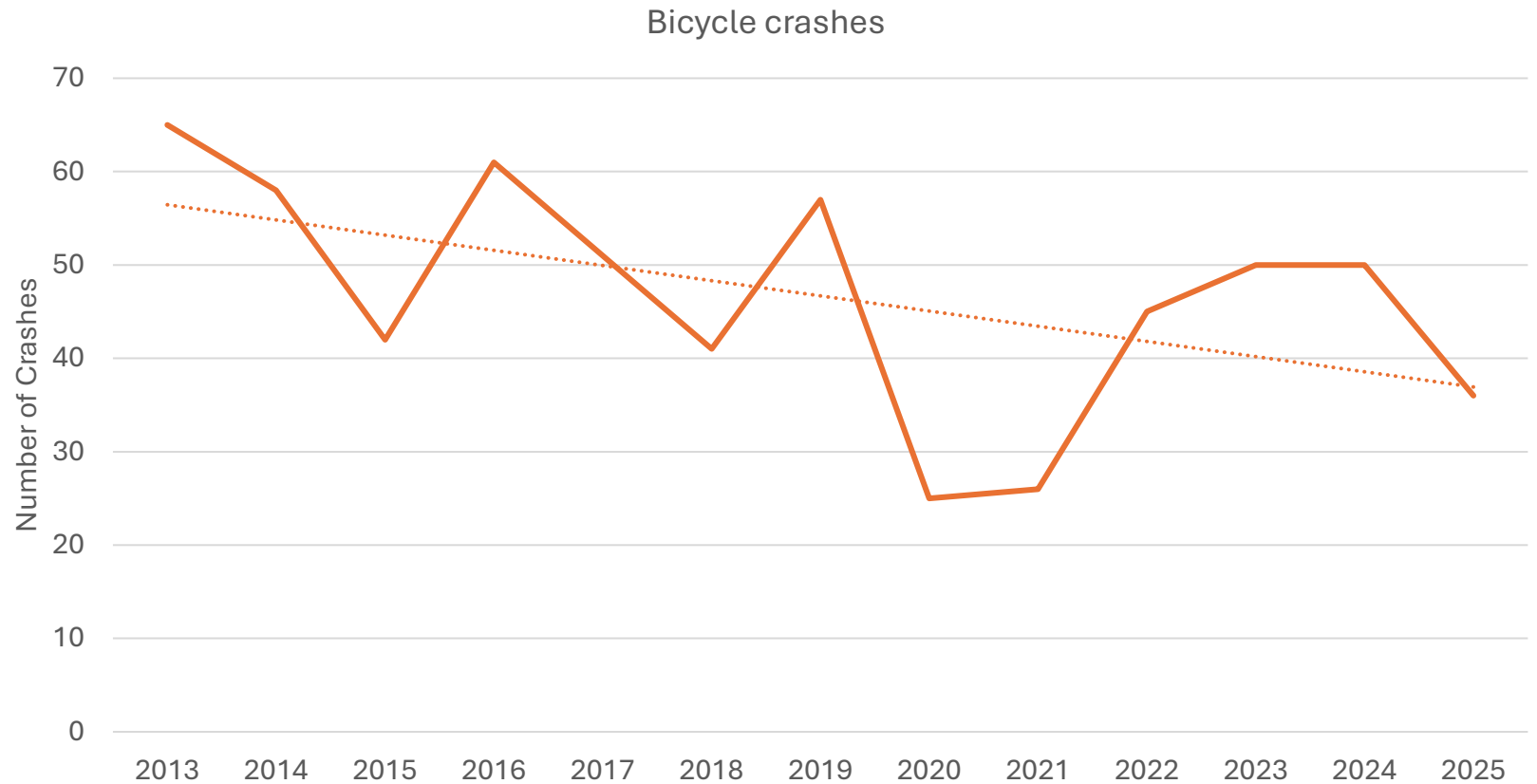
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In 2025 there were 36 bicycle crashes reported in Somerville, **this represents a 25% decrease from the previous 3-year average**



*Note: data include records for all state and City roads in Somerville*

Source: MassDOT IMPACT crash data portal; retrieved 1/22/26, & SPD crash reports

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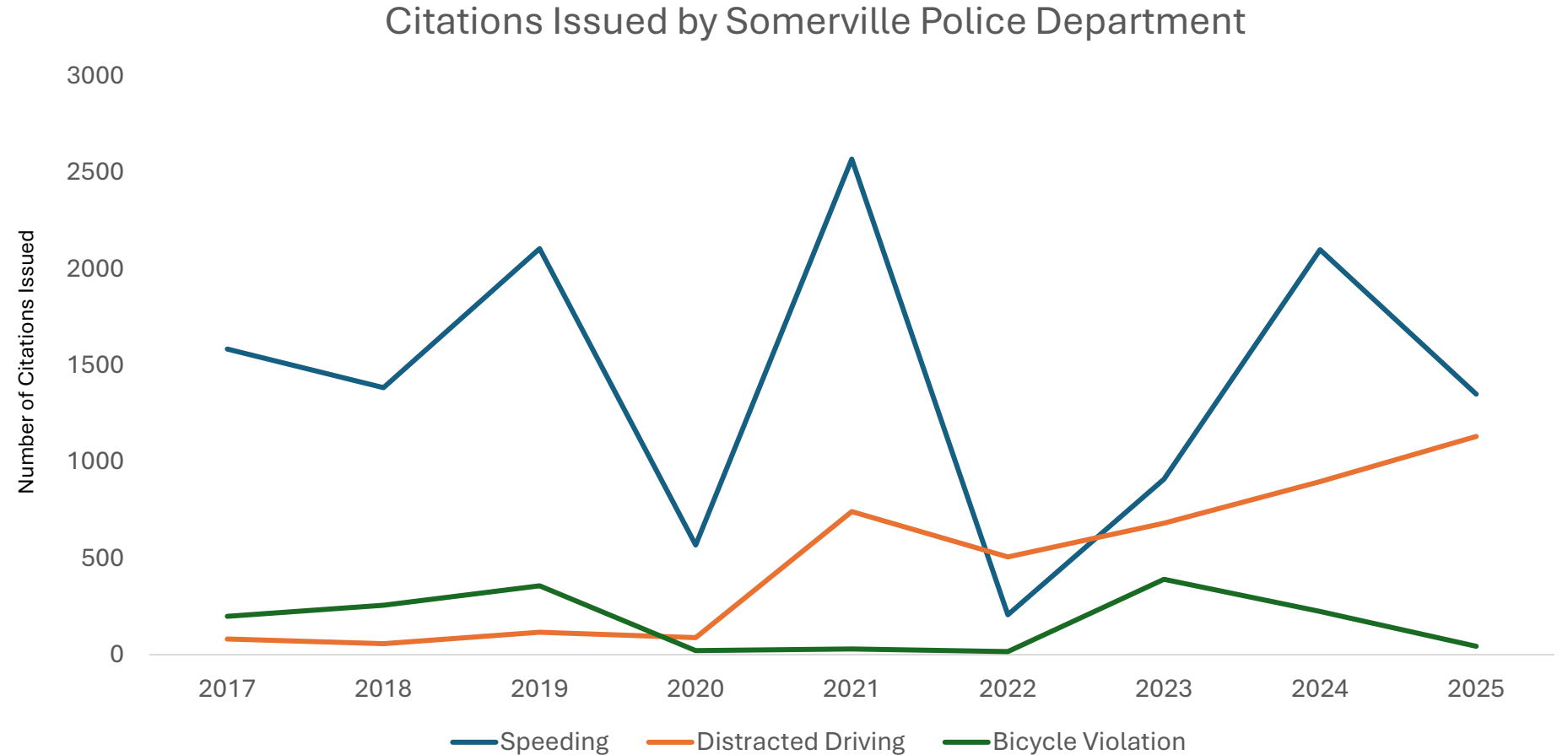
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Traffic citations are another data point to understand safety; **speeding and distracted driving are common violations**



*Note: bicycle violations are often for failure to stop for pedestrians at crosswalks or at red lights, but also include other bicyclist infractions*

Source: Somerville Police Department public data dashboard

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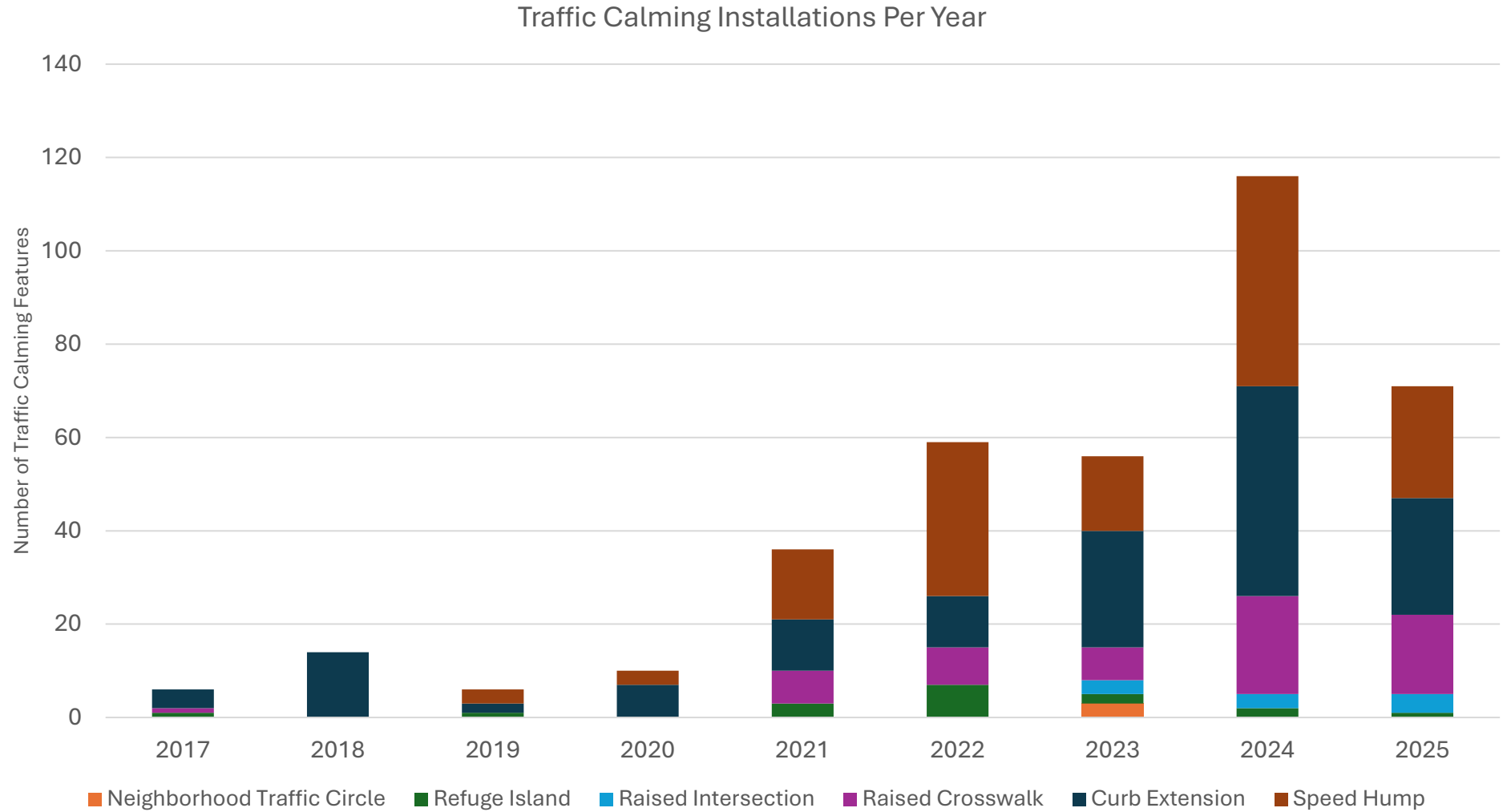
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In order to improve safety and respond to resident demand, **Somerville built more than 70 traffic calming features in 2025**



*Note: 2024 totals include features delivered through the Spring Hill Sewer Separation project*

Source: City of Somerville traffic calming database

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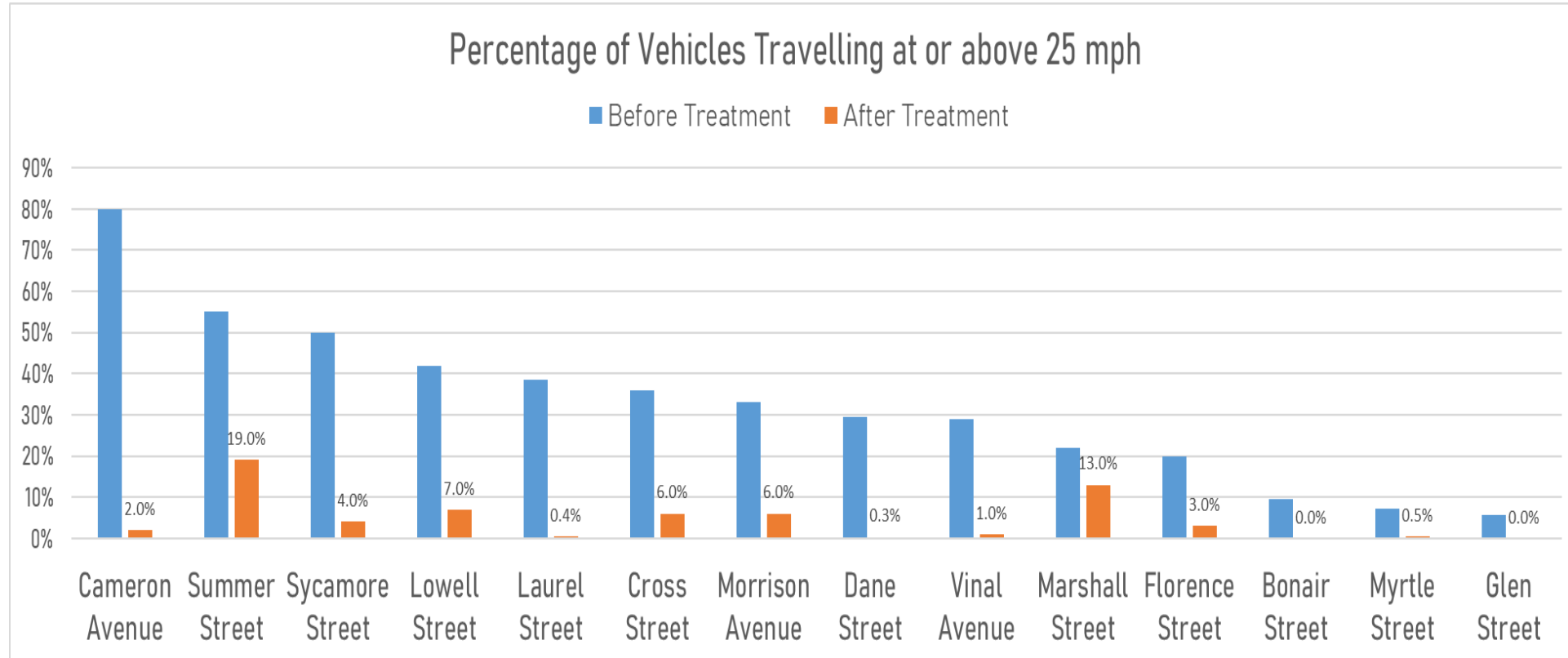
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# The City's traffic calming program improves safety; our data show significant speed reductions after treatment



Source: City of Somerville Automatic Traffic Recorder (ATR) devices



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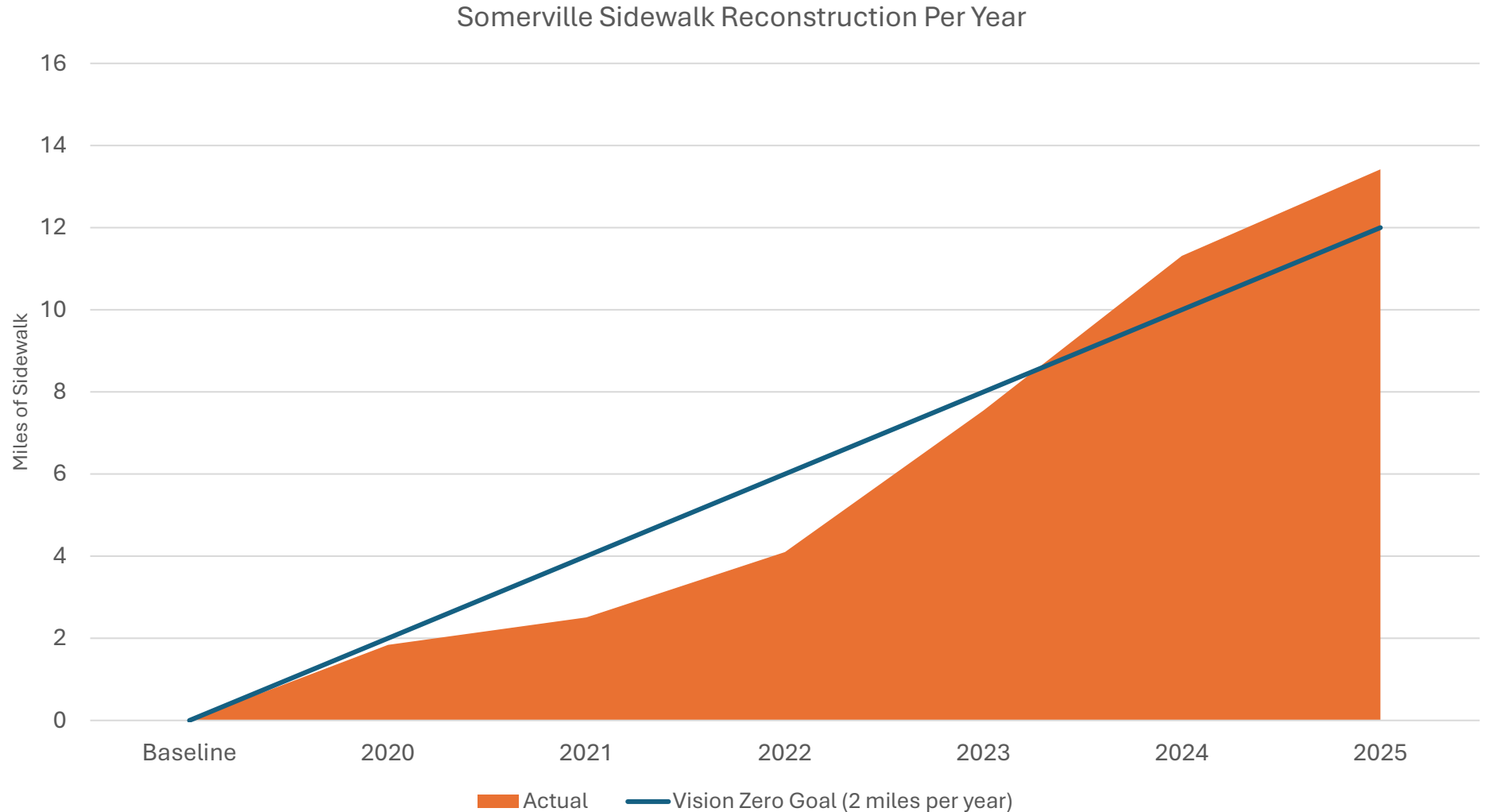
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The City reconstructs roughly two miles of sidewalk annually **to help improve safety, accessibility and quality of life**



Source: Engineering Division street reconstruction tracker

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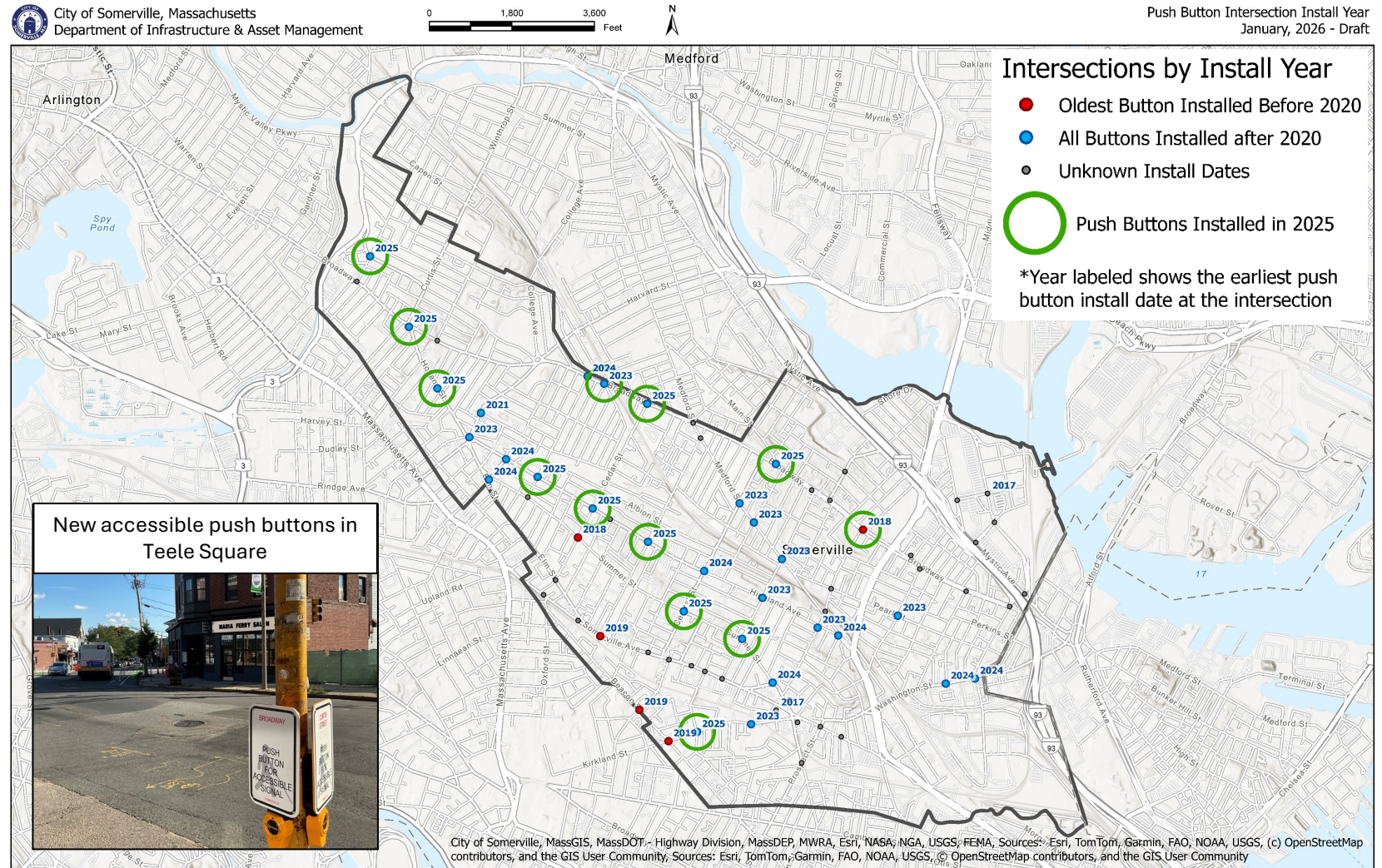
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We continued to invest in traffic signal accessibility in 2025, installing audible push buttons and countdown timers at 13 intersections



Source: Engineering Division traffic signal database



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In 2025 we continued to expand our pavement markings program; **we prioritized crosswalks, clear corners, speed humps, and bike lanes**

- Refreshed **260** faded crosswalks
- Added new clear corners markings or otherwise improved visibility at **49** intersections
- Refreshed faded markings on **29** speed humps
- Added **1,100 ft** of new green paint to existing bike lanes on Revolution Drive
- Refreshed **2.9 miles** of faded bike lane markings on 9 different streets



Freshly striped speed hump markings on Concord Ave at Dimick St

Source: Engineering Division pavement markings database



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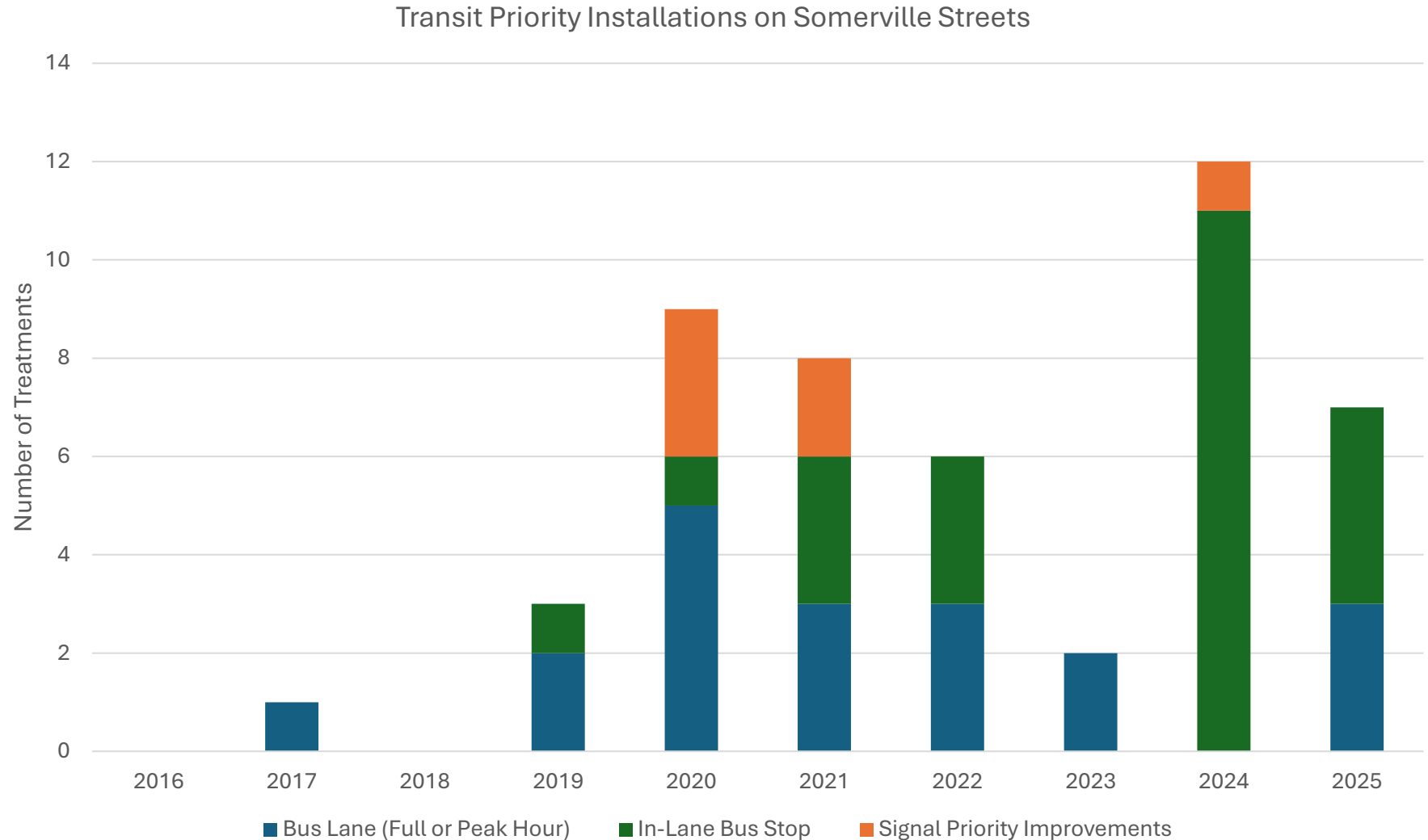
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Transit priority infrastructure is essential for reliable bus service;  
**in 2025 we installed 3 bus lanes and 4 in-lane bus stops**



Source: City of Somerville bus facilities database

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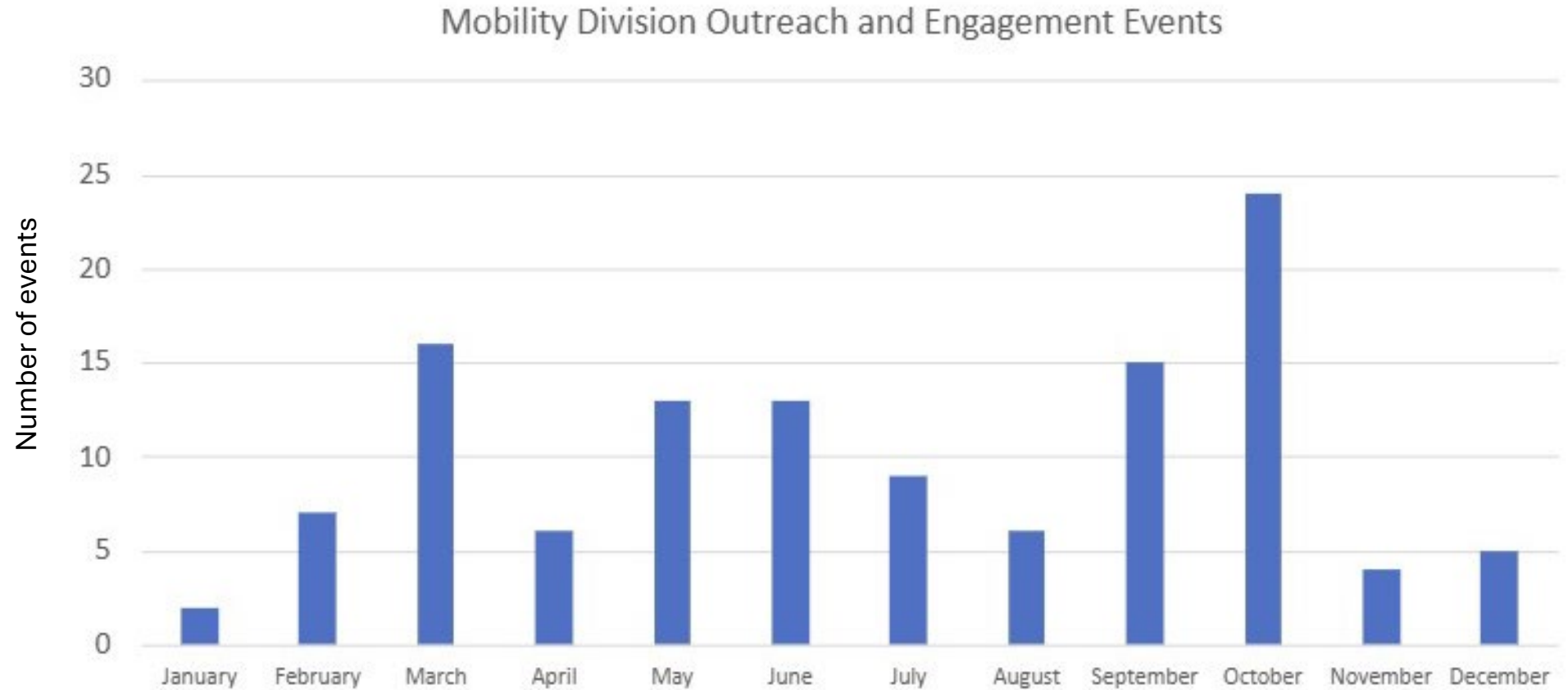
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Mobility Division's outreach program continues to grow, **we engaged community members at 120 events in 2025**



Source: Mobility Division event tracker



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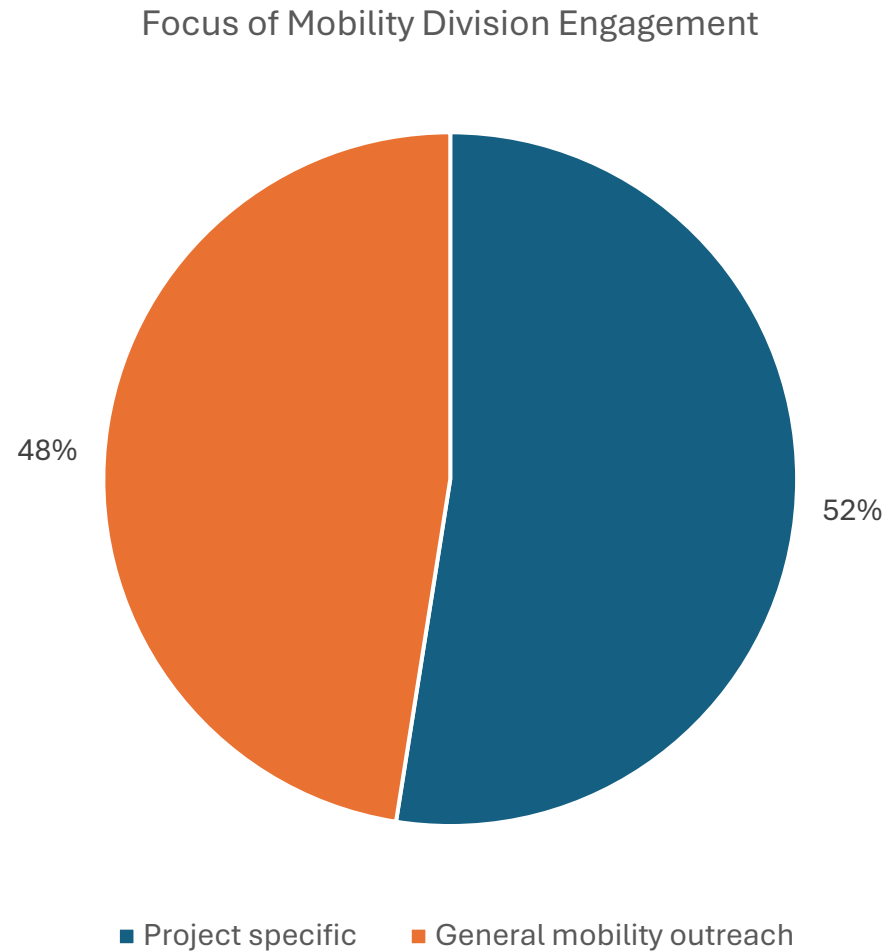
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Our engagement can be grouped in two main categories:  
**general outreach and project-specific outreach**



Source: Mobility Division event tracker



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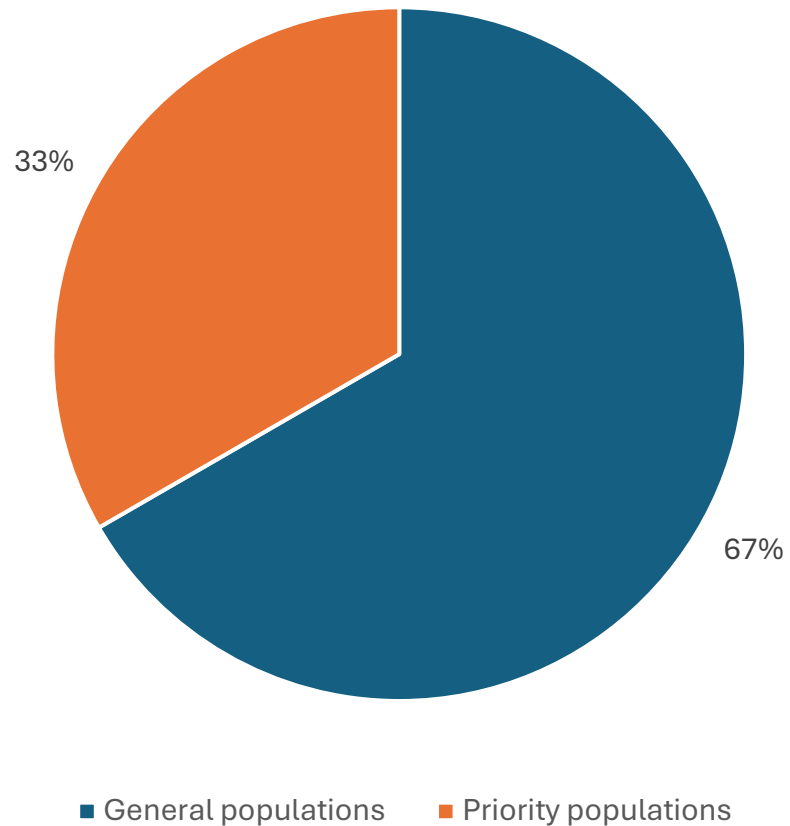
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# We continue to prioritize engagement with **people who face barriers to participation**

Priority Population Engagement



*Note: priority populations include youth, older adults, people with low income and people with limited English proficiency*

Source: Mobility Division event tracker

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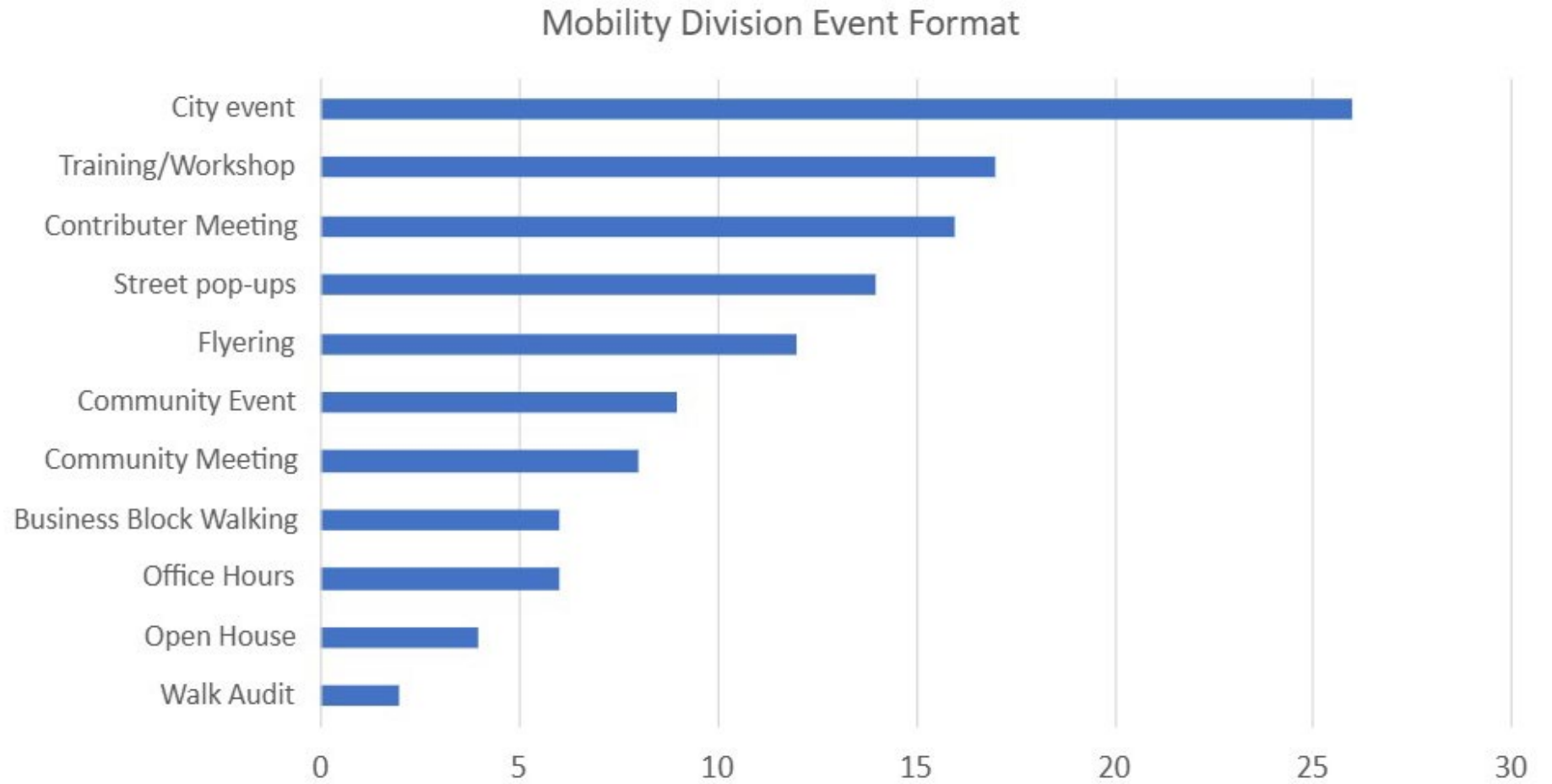
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Our engagement gets beyond traditional public meetings,  
**with the goal of meeting people where they are**



Source: Mobility Division event tracker



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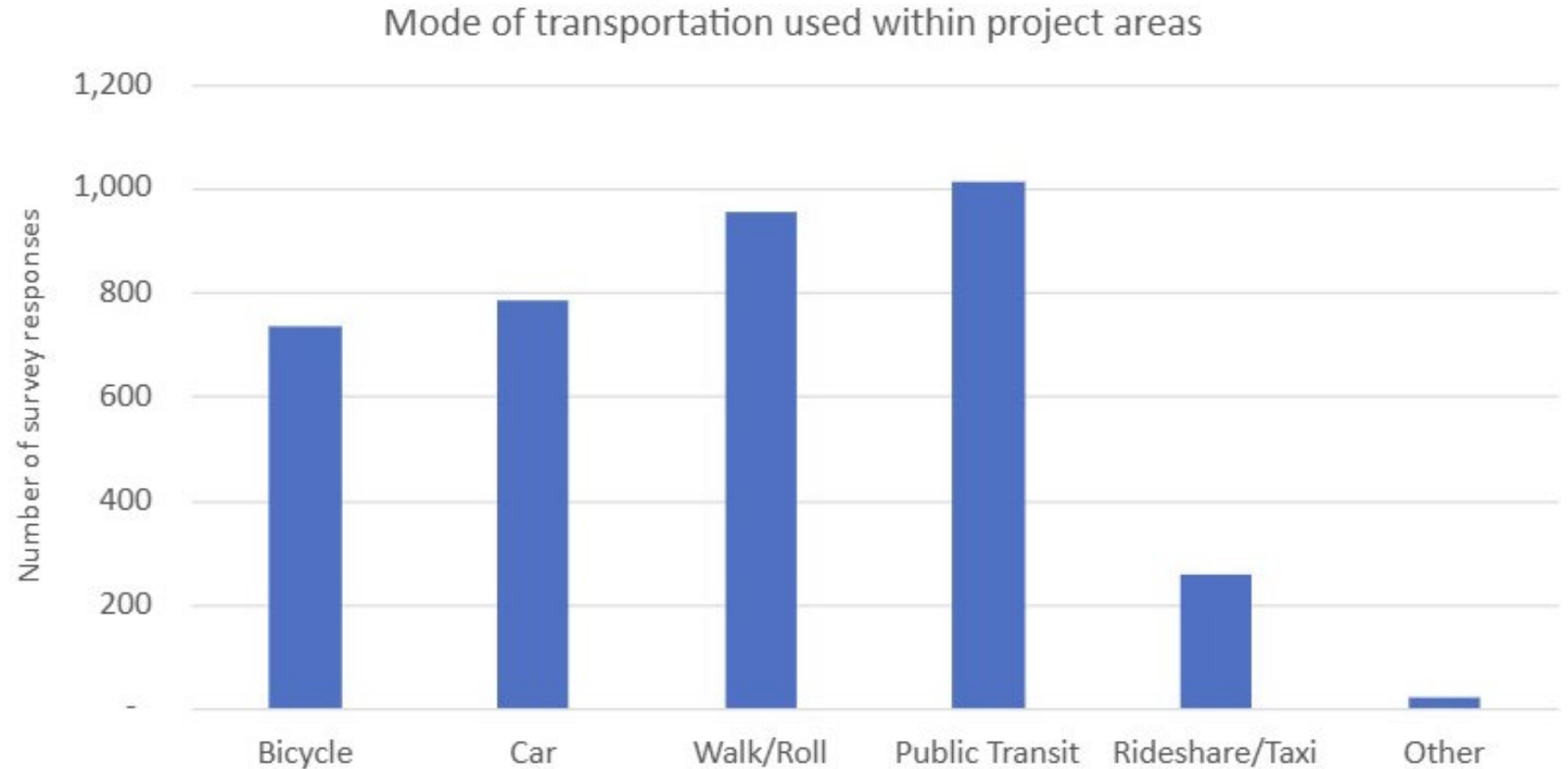
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We survey all the ways people travel within a project area; **public transit, walk/roll and car are the most common**



*Note: Survey responses were analyzed from the following 2023-2025 projects: Tufts Street Reconstruction, West Broadway Reconstruction, Elm-Beacon Connector, Somerville Avenue Quick-Build, Broadway-Magoun Reconstruction; survey respondents can select more than one travel mode*

Source: SomerVoice survey response tracker



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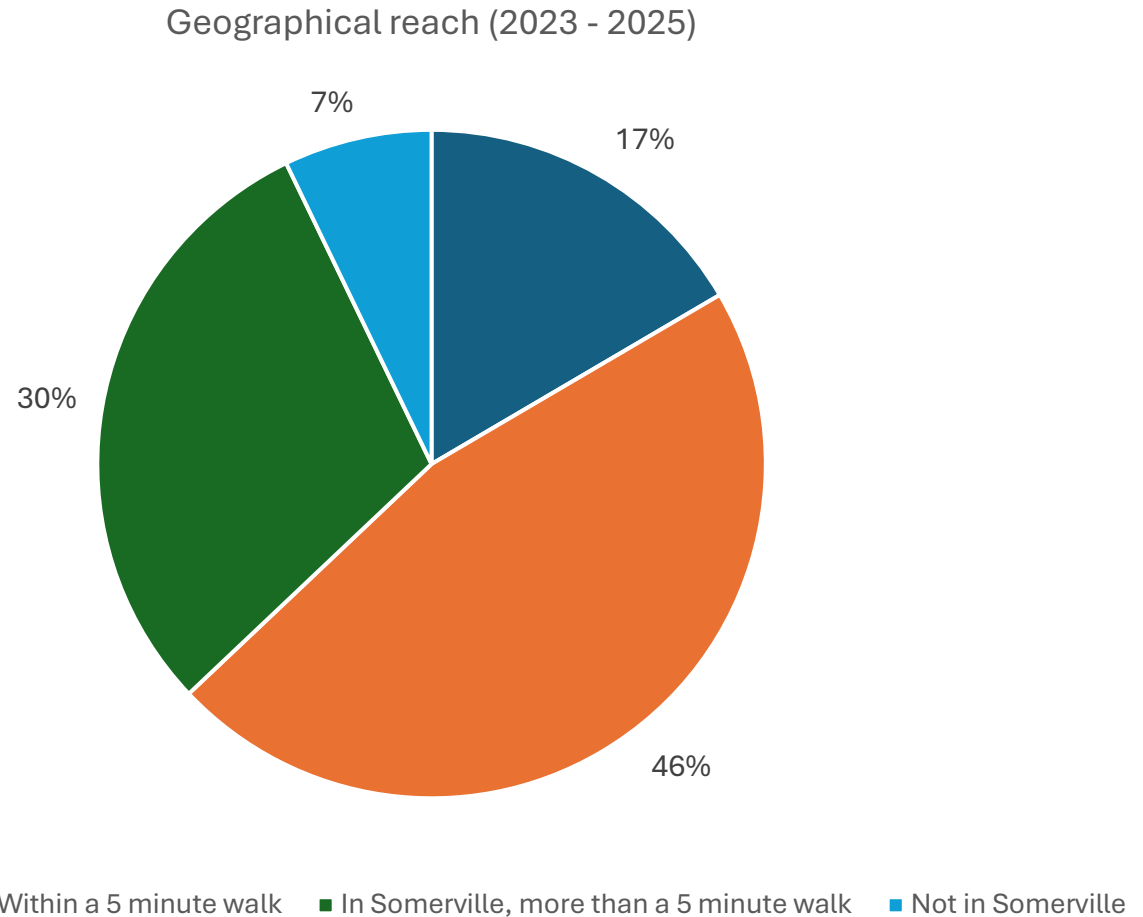
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We are most likely to hear feedback from community members **who live on the project street or within a 5-minute walk of that street**



*Note: Survey responses were analyzed from the following projects – Tufts Street Reconstruction, West Broadway Reconstruction, Elm-Beacon Connector, Somerville Avenue Quick-Build, Broadway-Magoun Reconstruction*

Source: SomerVoice survey response tracker



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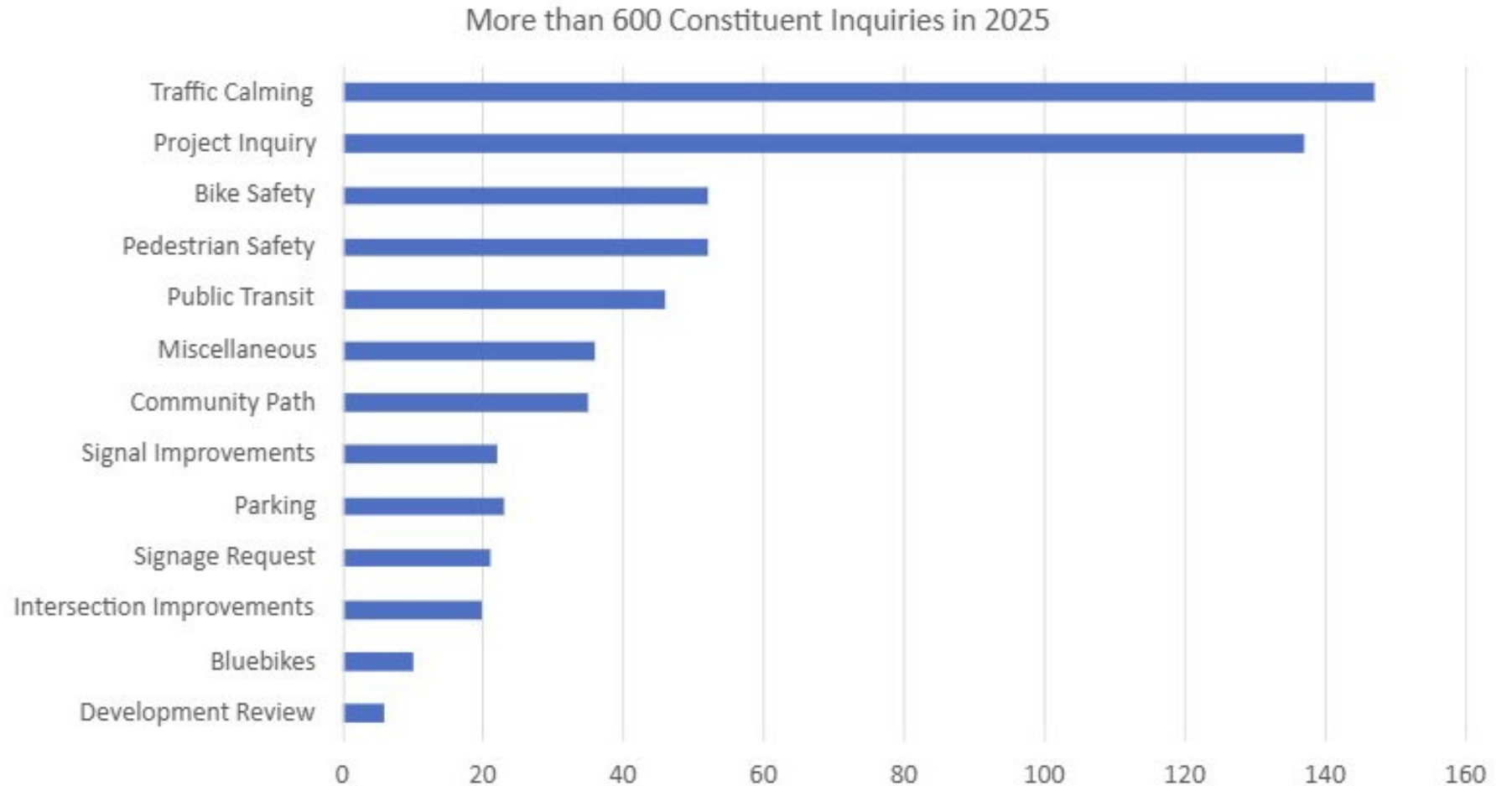
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Mobility receives many 311 requests and direct email inquiries;  
**traffic calming is the most frequent topic**



Source: Mobility Division constituent inquiry tracker

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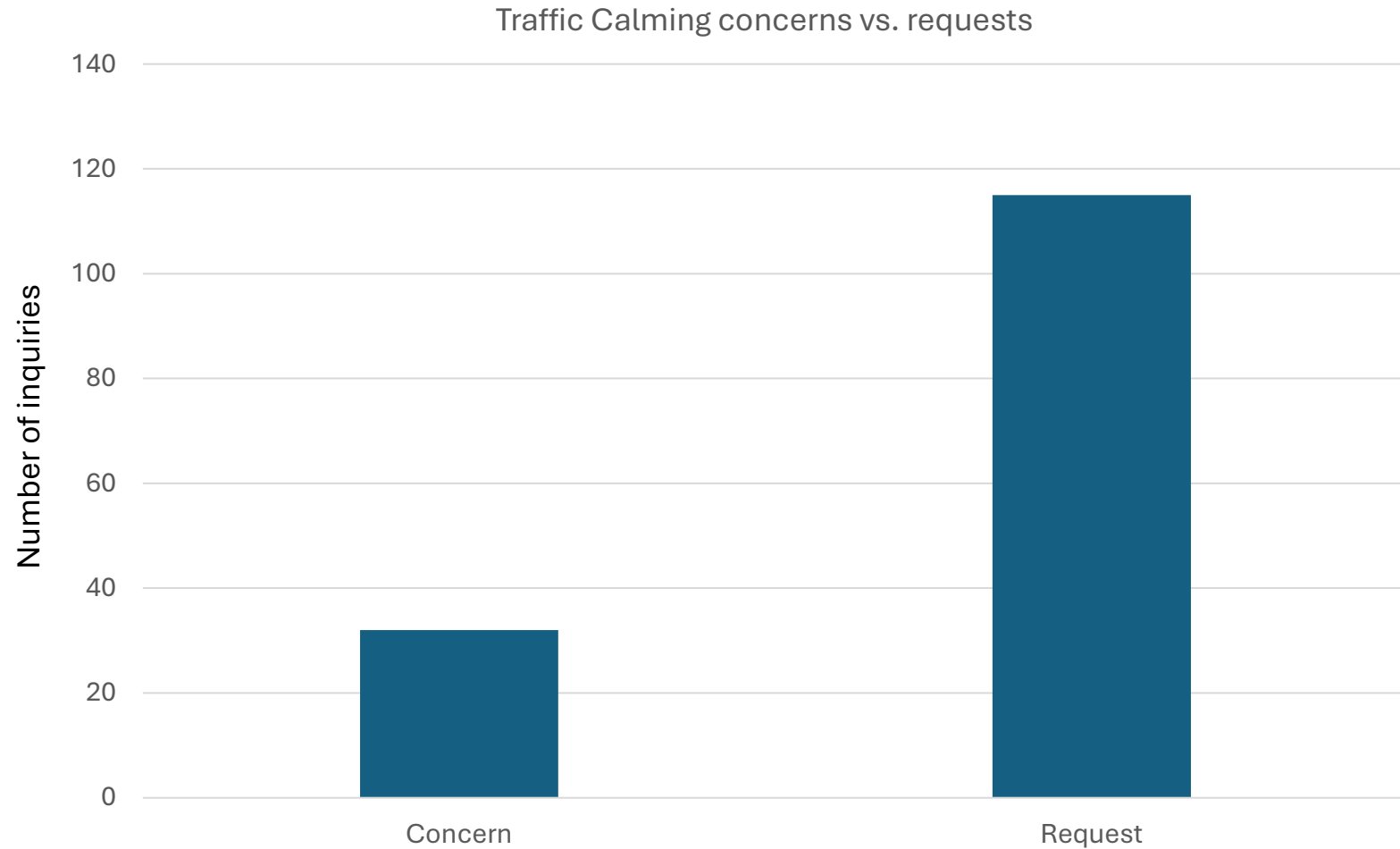
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In 2025, we received 145 traffic calming inquiries;  
**78% were requests while 22% were concerns/complaints**



Source: Mobility Division constituent inquiry tracker

# Extra Slides



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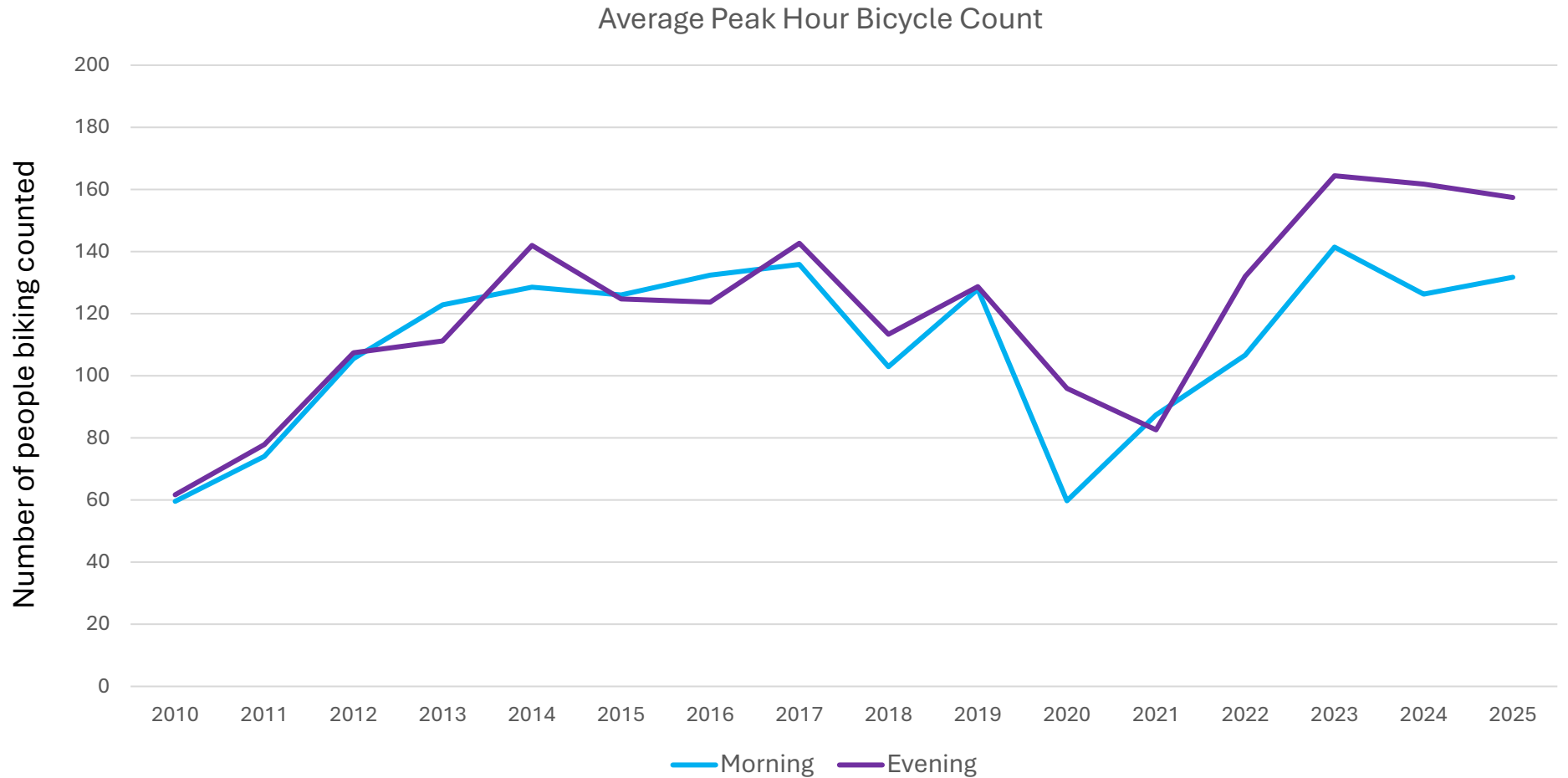
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# Somerville's annual bike count program continued in 2025; patterns have shifted between morning and evening



Source: City of Somerville annual bike & pedestrian count program at 42 locations



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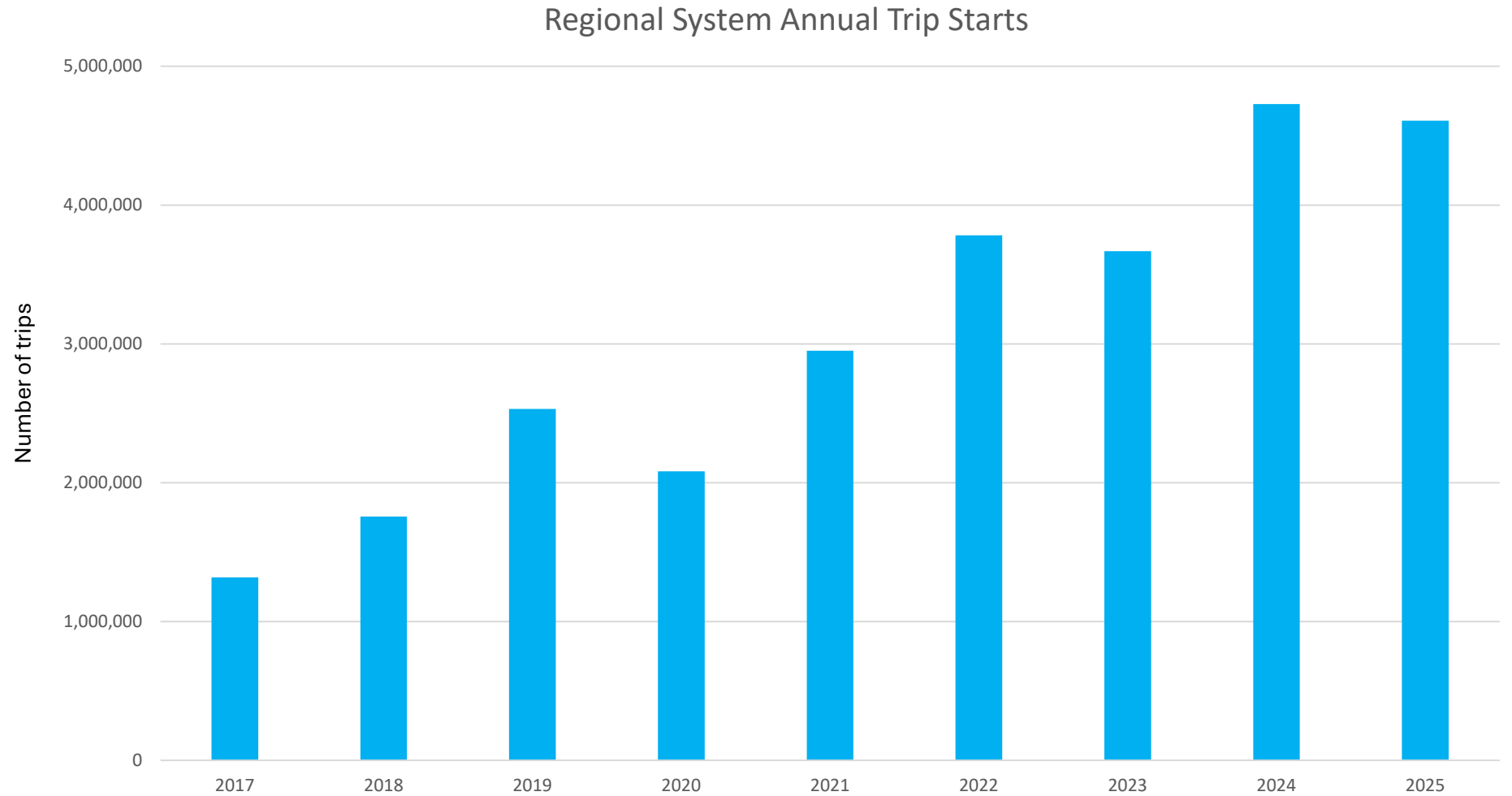
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# Public bike share ridership remained high in 2025; our **Bluebikes** system reported more than 4.5 million trips



Source: Public Bluebikes ridership database

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# Public bike share ridership remained high in 2025; more than 250,000 Bluebikes trips began in Somerville



Source: Public Bluebikes ridership database



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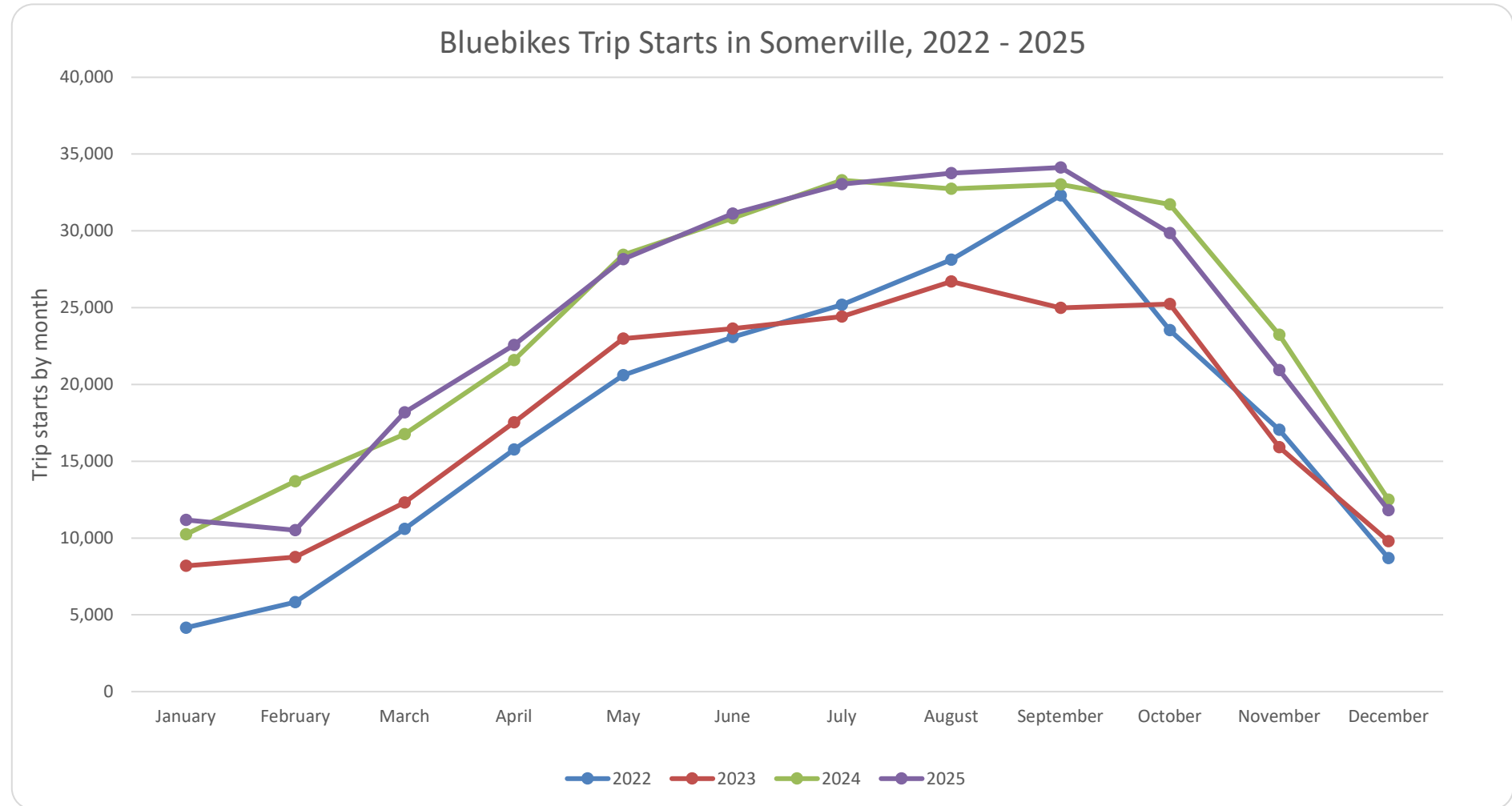
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Public bike share is well-used all year round;  
**September 2025 was Somerville's highest ridership month ever**



Source: Public Bluebikes ridership database

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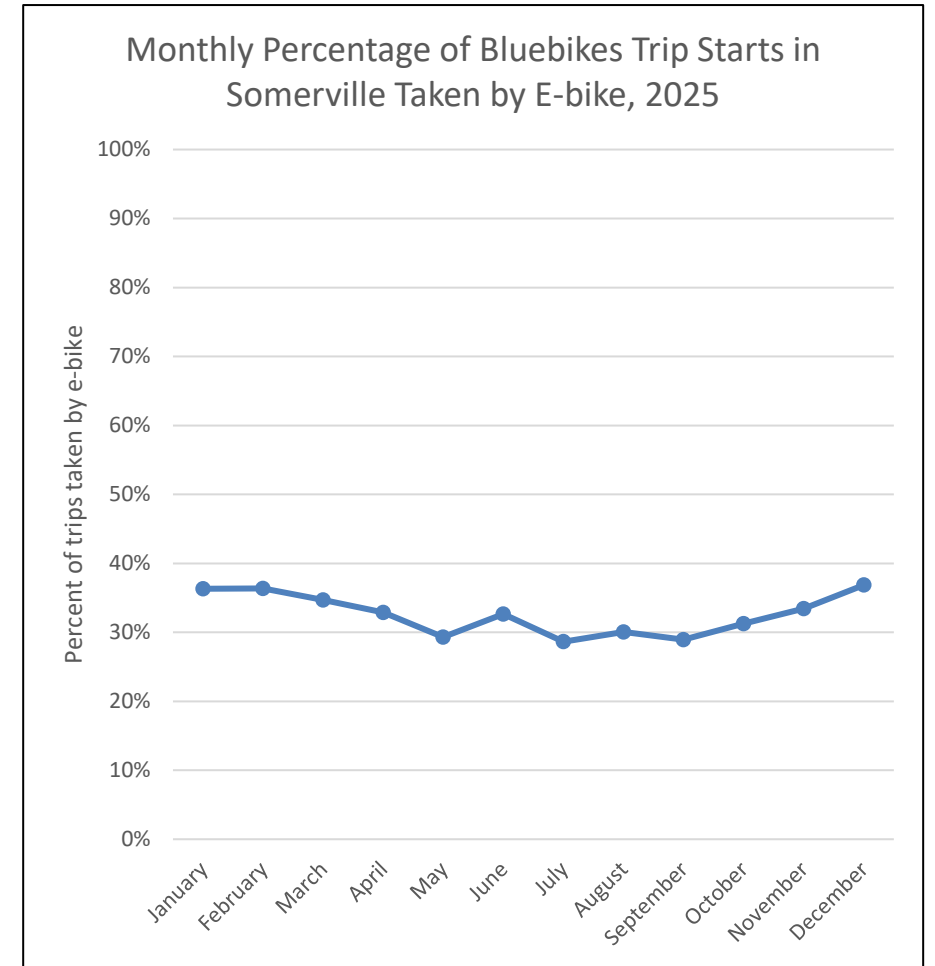
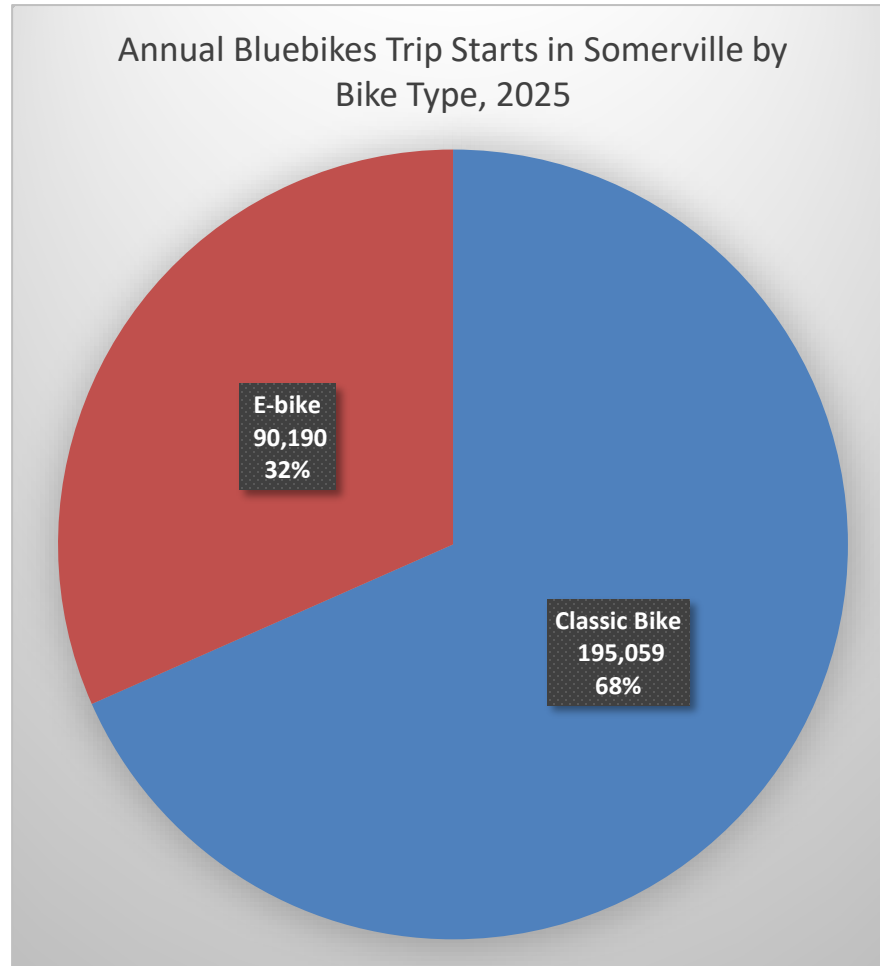
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E-bikes remain a popular option in the Bluebikes system;  
**the percentage of trips taken by E-bike is higher in winter**



Source: Public Bluebikes ridership database

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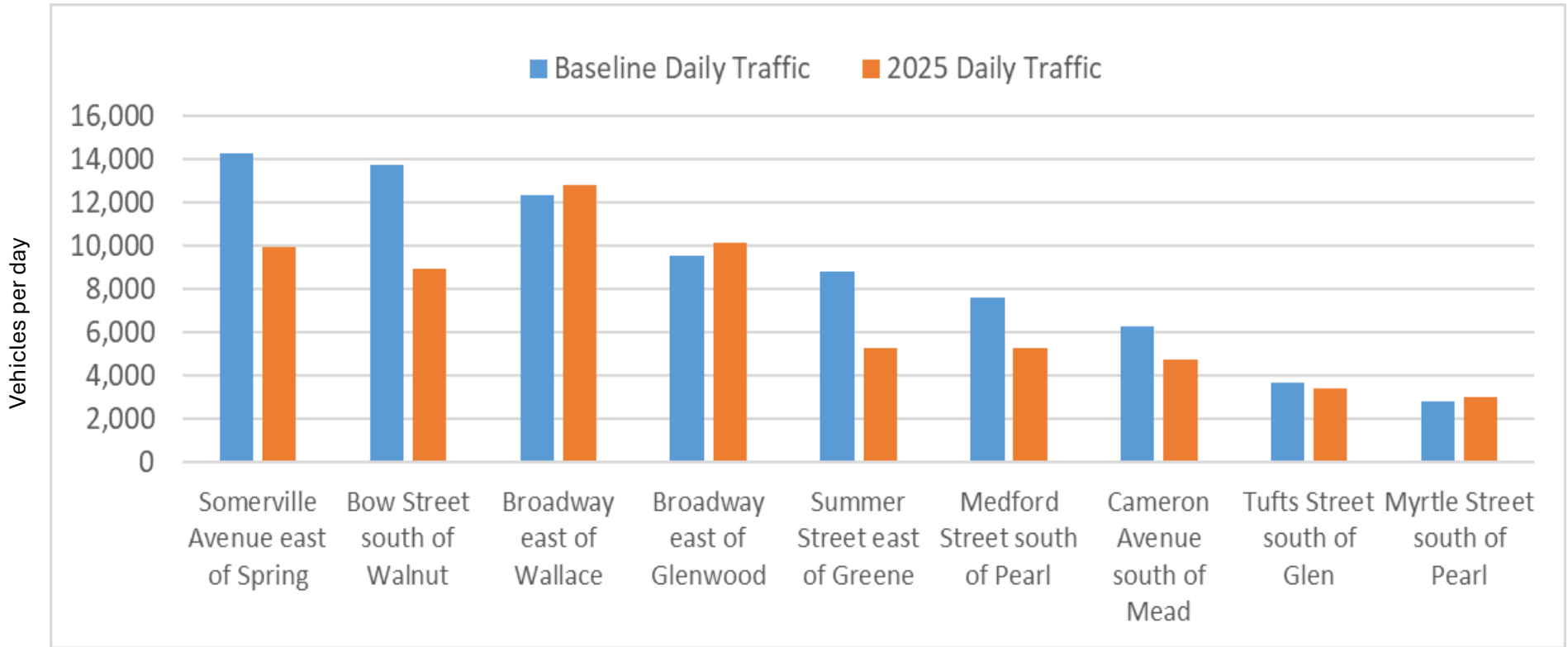
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Somerville collects traffic count data to inform our work; **in 2025 we found a variety of changes compared with baselines**



*Note: baseline data collected in 2017, 2018 or 2019*

Source: City of Somerville traffic count database



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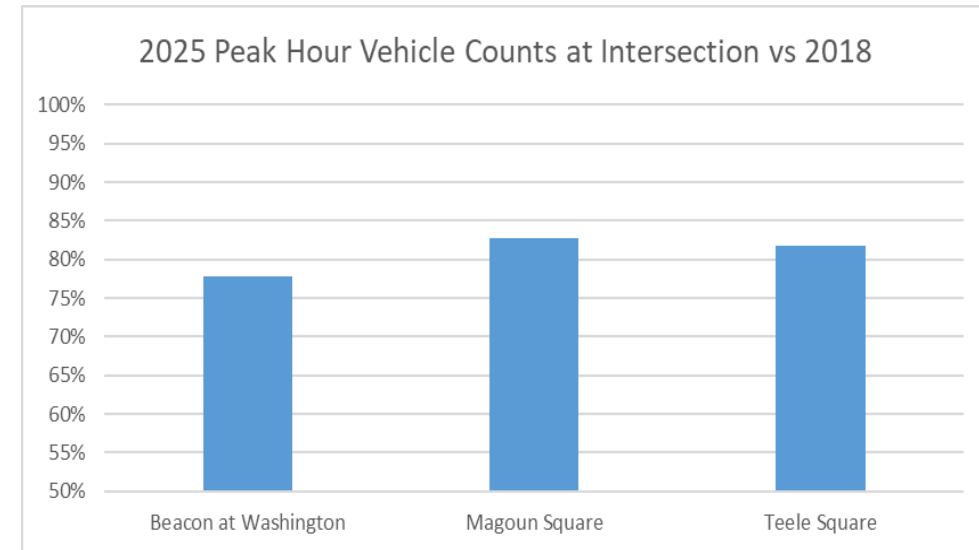
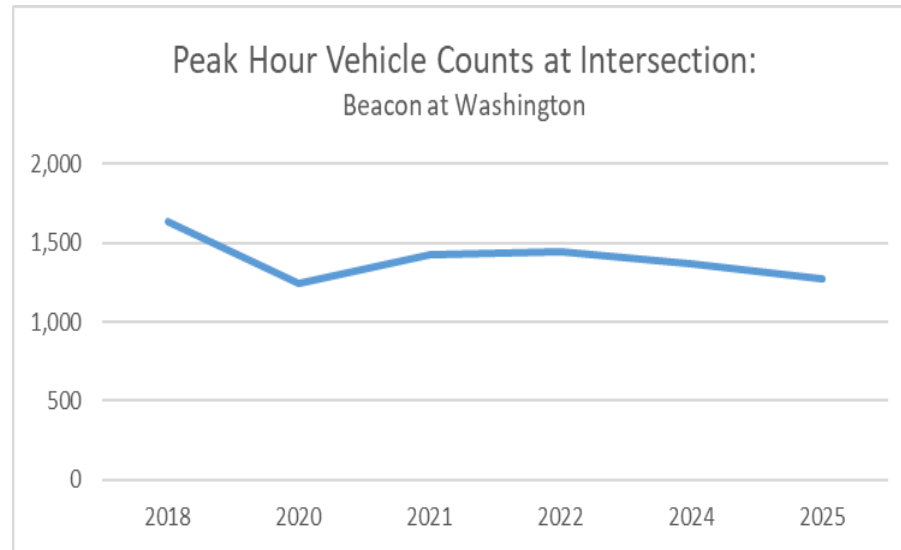
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Traffic data often include "peak hour" counts at intersections; **2025 counts suggest some reduced volumes in recent years**



Notes: data for evening peak hour; no data collected at Beacon/Washington in 2019, 2023

Source: City of Somerville traffic count database



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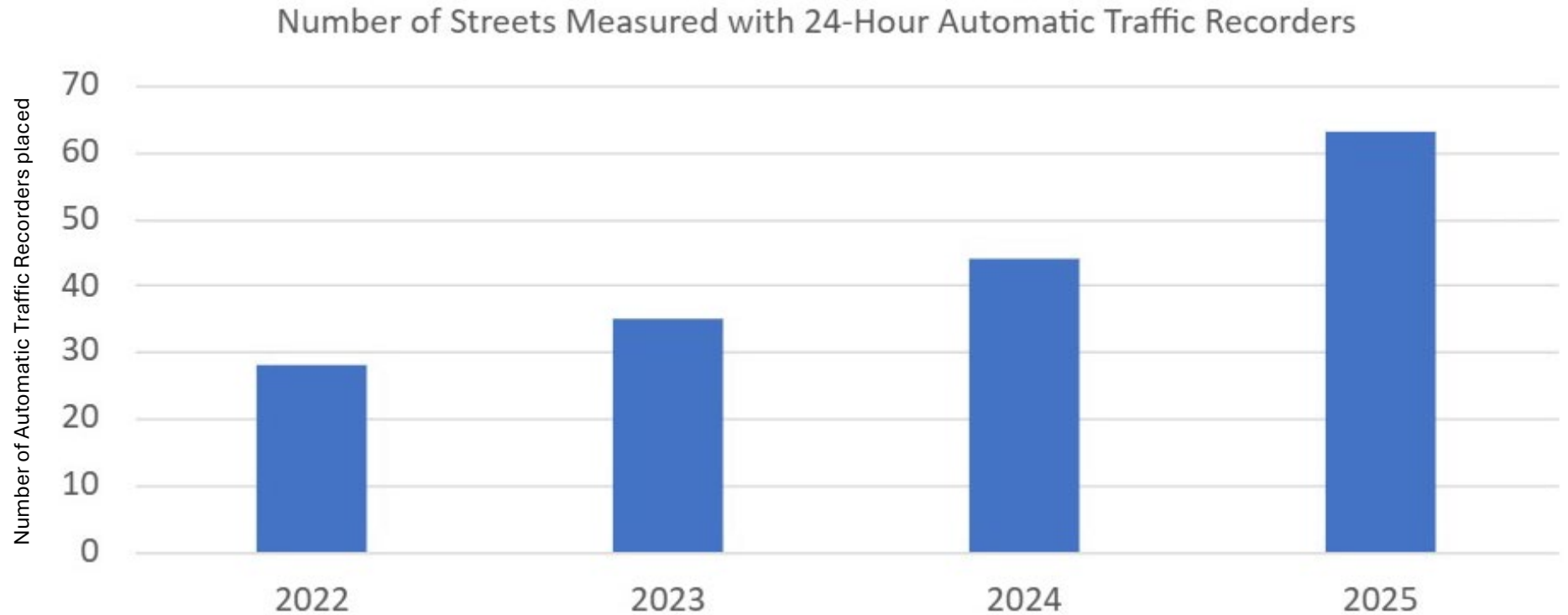
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Speed data collection is critical to our safety efforts, **we collected speed/volume data for more than 60 streets in 2025**



Source: City of Somerville Automatic Traffic Recorder (ATR) devices



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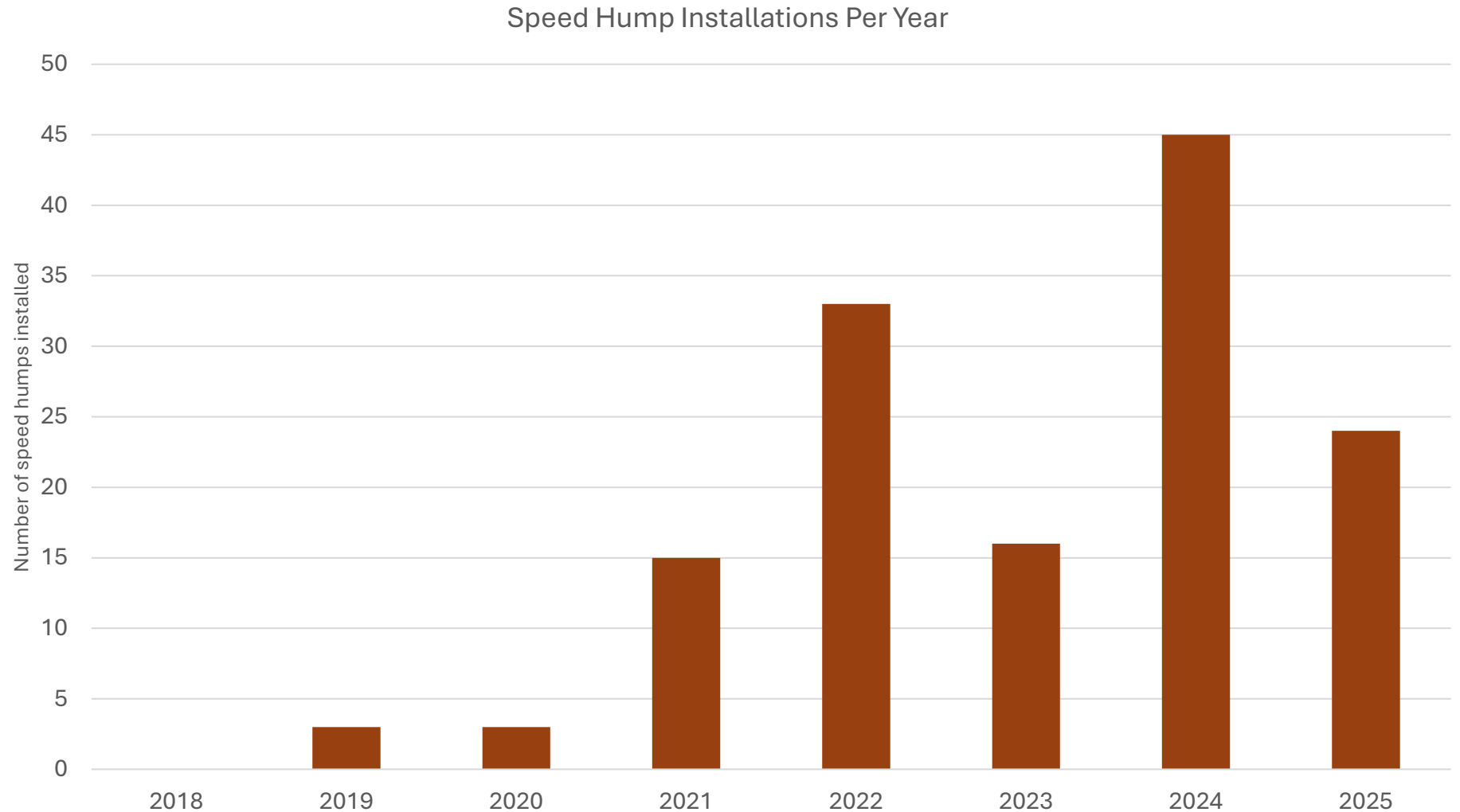
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Our traffic calming program relies heavily on speed humps **because they are cost effective and extremely impactful**



Source: City of Somerville traffic calming database



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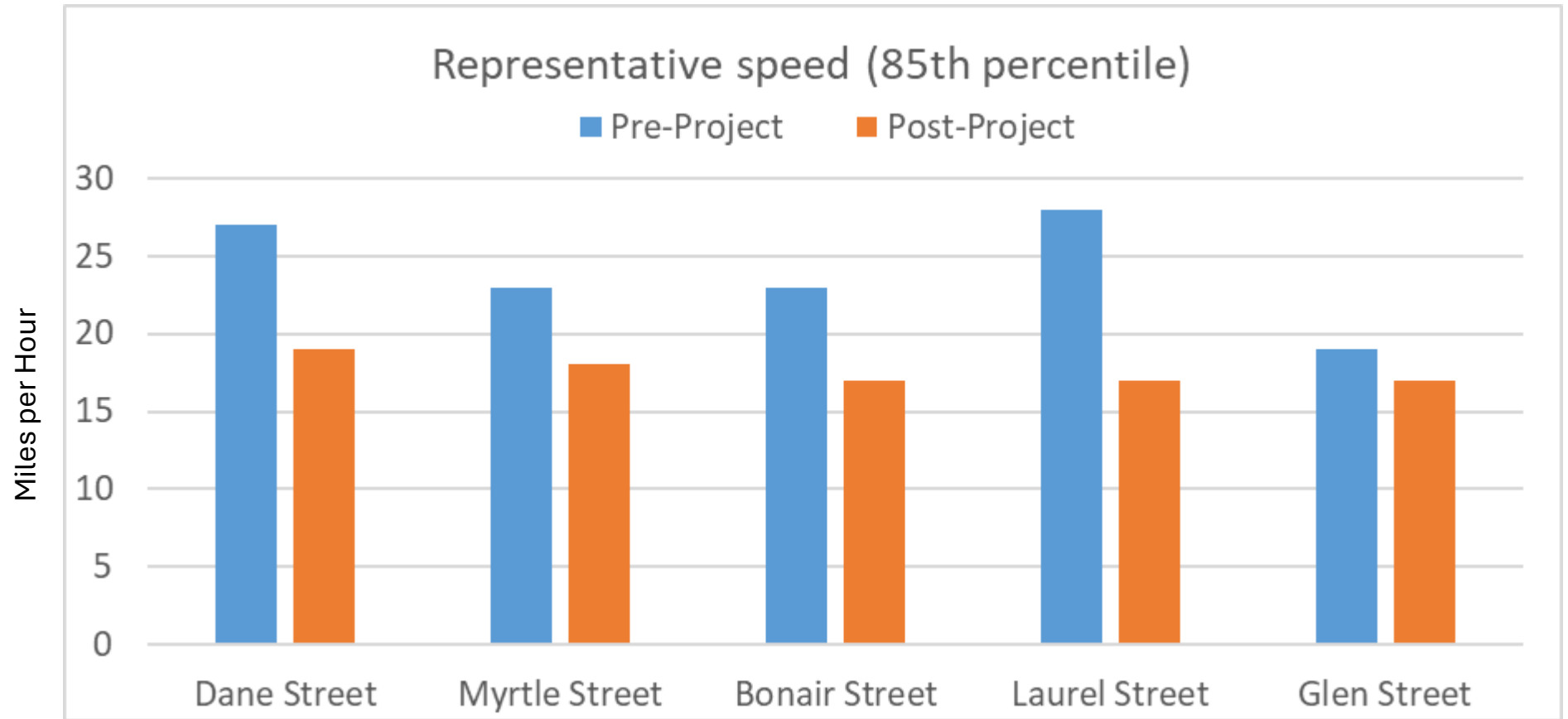
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# The City's speed hump program improves safety; our data show significant speed reductions after construction



*Note: 85th percentile means the speed that 85% of drivers are traveling at or below*

Source: City of Somerville Automatic Traffic Recorder (ATR) devices



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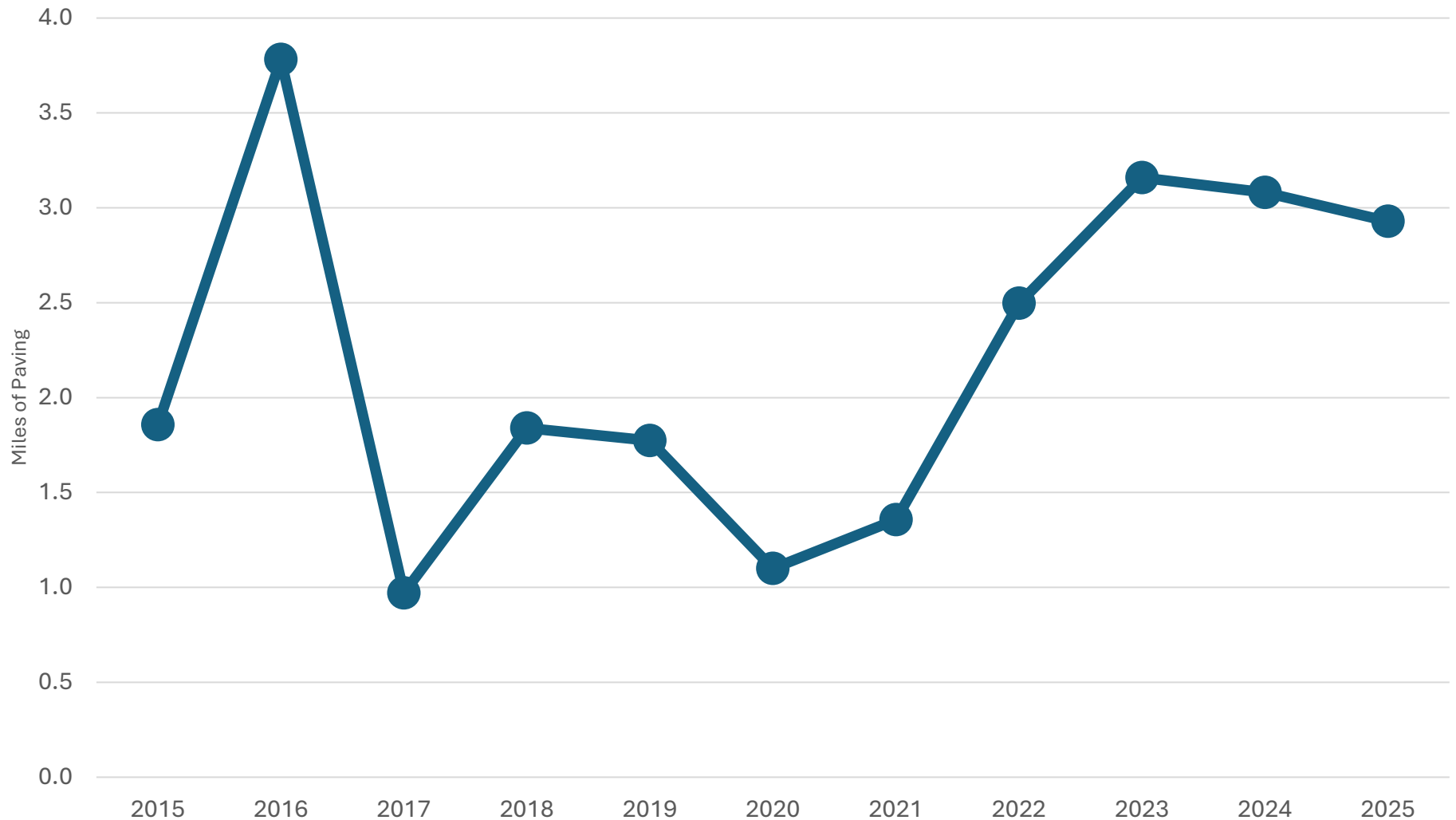
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Somerville has scaled up our repaving program;  
**we repaved just under 3 miles of street in 2025**



Source: Engineering Division street reconstruction tracker

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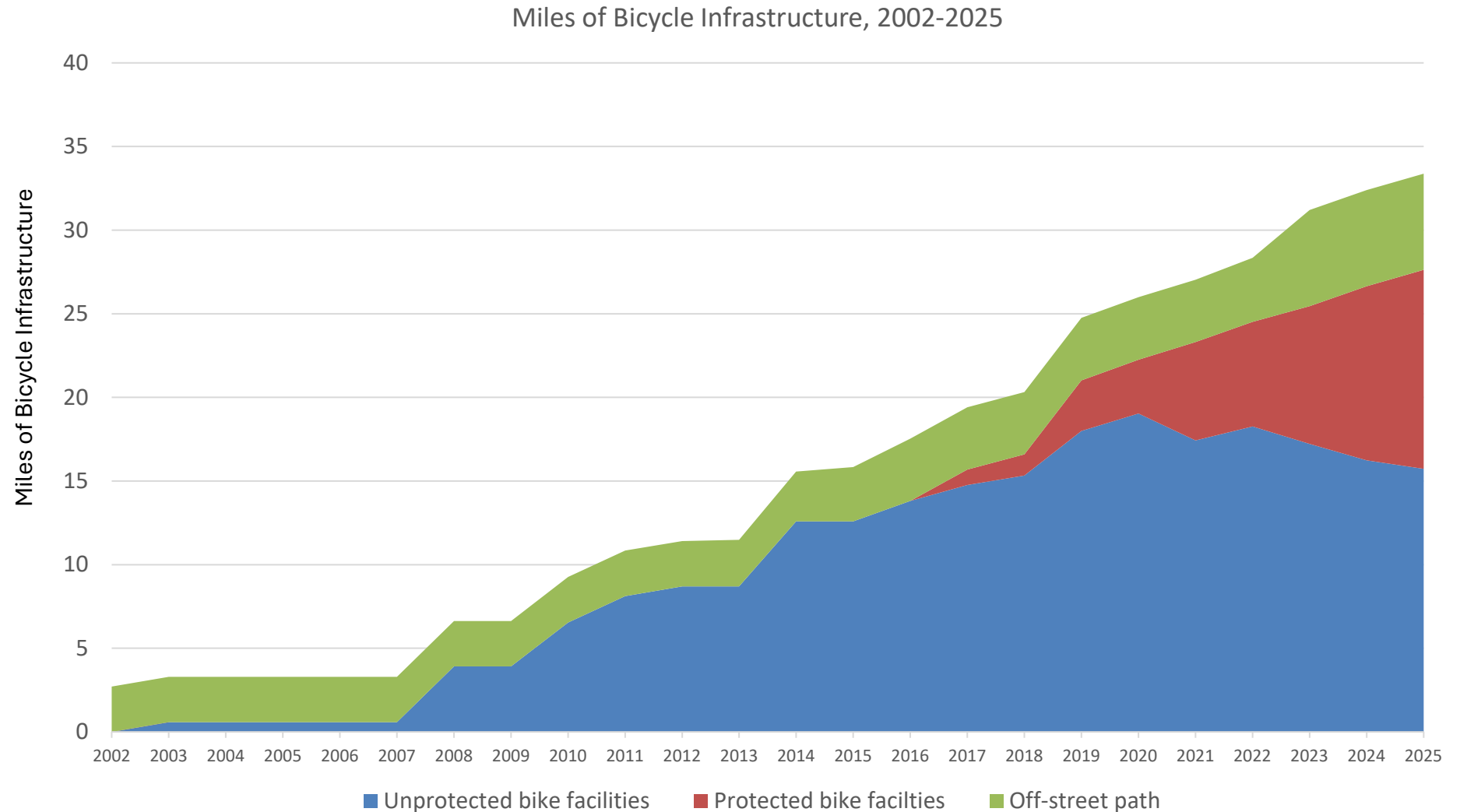
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Somerville continued to grow our bicycle network in 2025, **we installed 1.5 miles of protected bike facilities citywide**



Source: City of Somerville bicycle facilities database



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Somerville continued to grow our bicycle network in 2025; we installed new facilities in Spring Hill and Assembly Square



Source: City of Somerville bicycle facilities database

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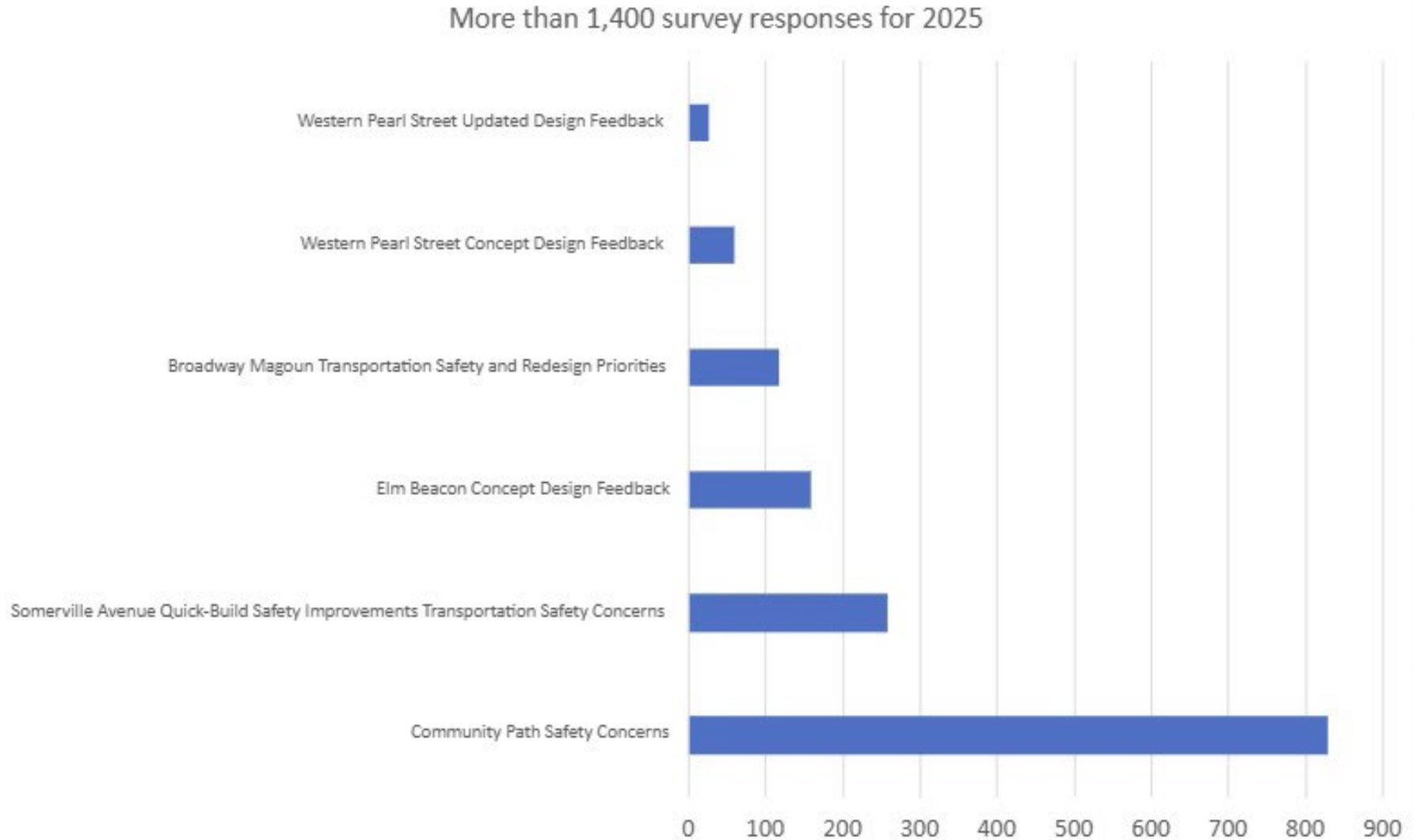
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One way we gain feedback from community members is by using surveys on our projects and programs



Source: SomerVoice survey response tracker

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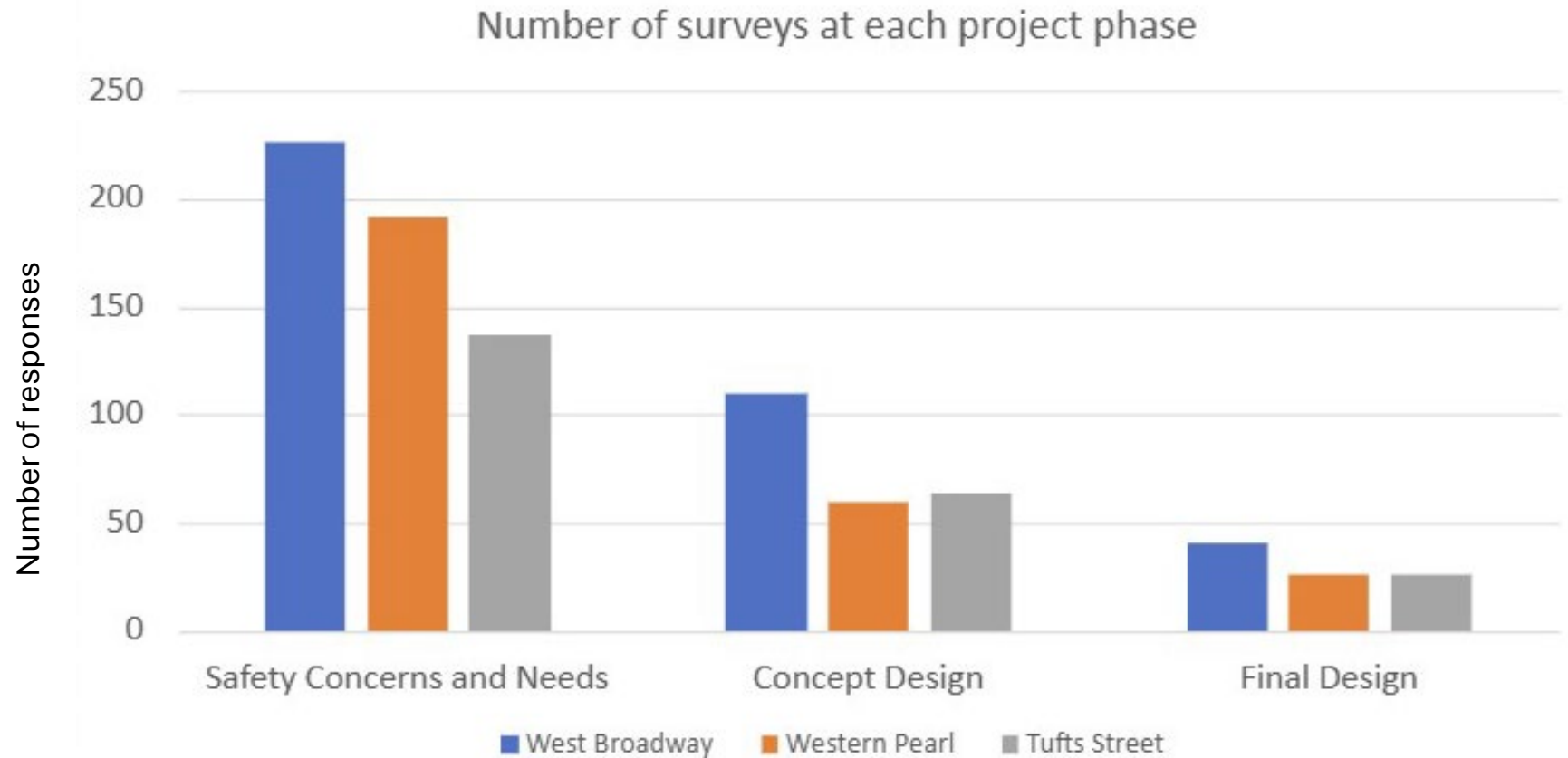
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We collect surveys at each phase of project development, **we receive the most responses in the earliest phase**



Source: SomerVoice survey response tracker



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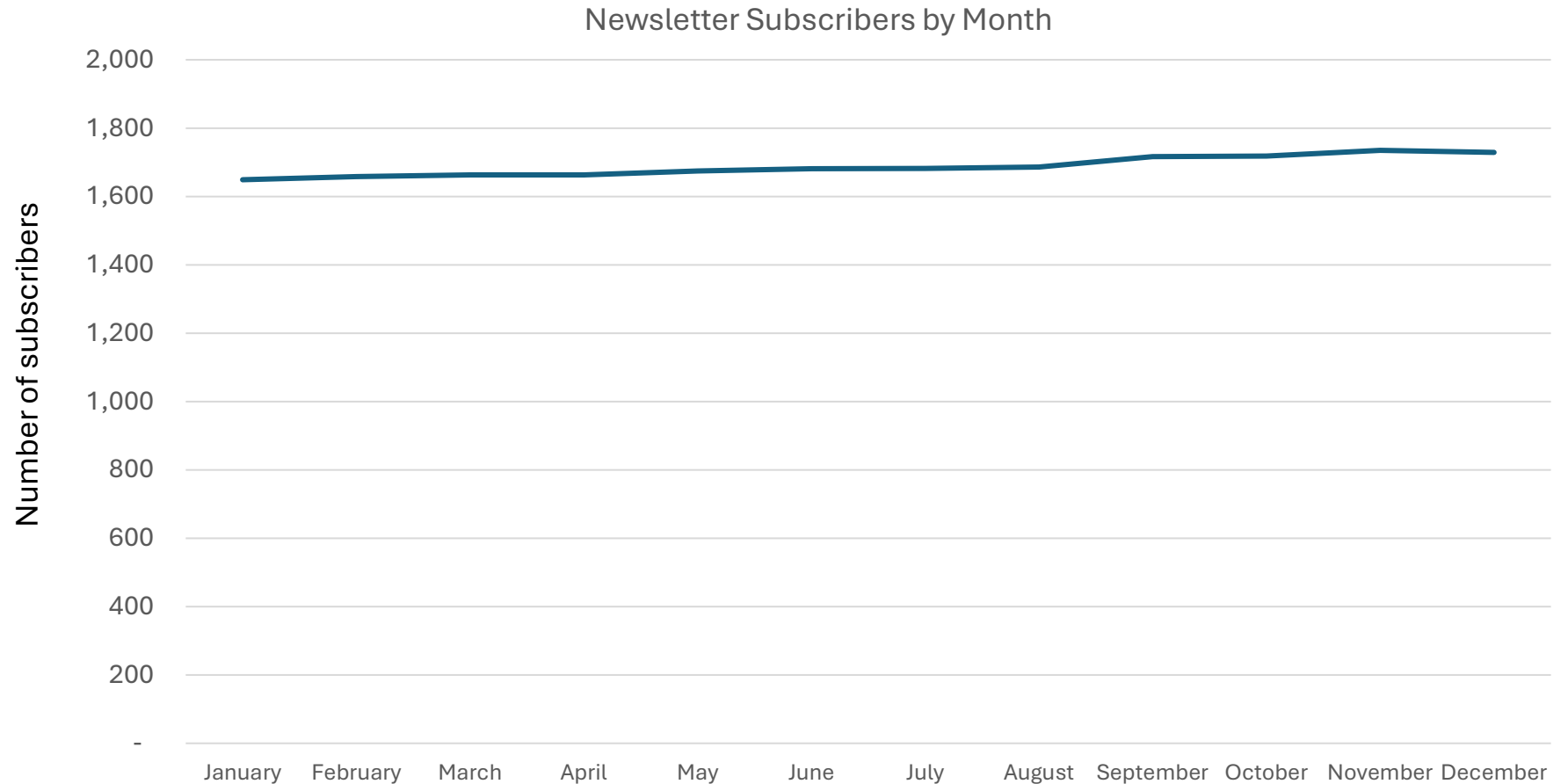
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Mobility Division publishes a monthly newsletter; **this helps us share information with over 1,700 subscribers**



Source: Mobility Division MailChimp newsletter tracker



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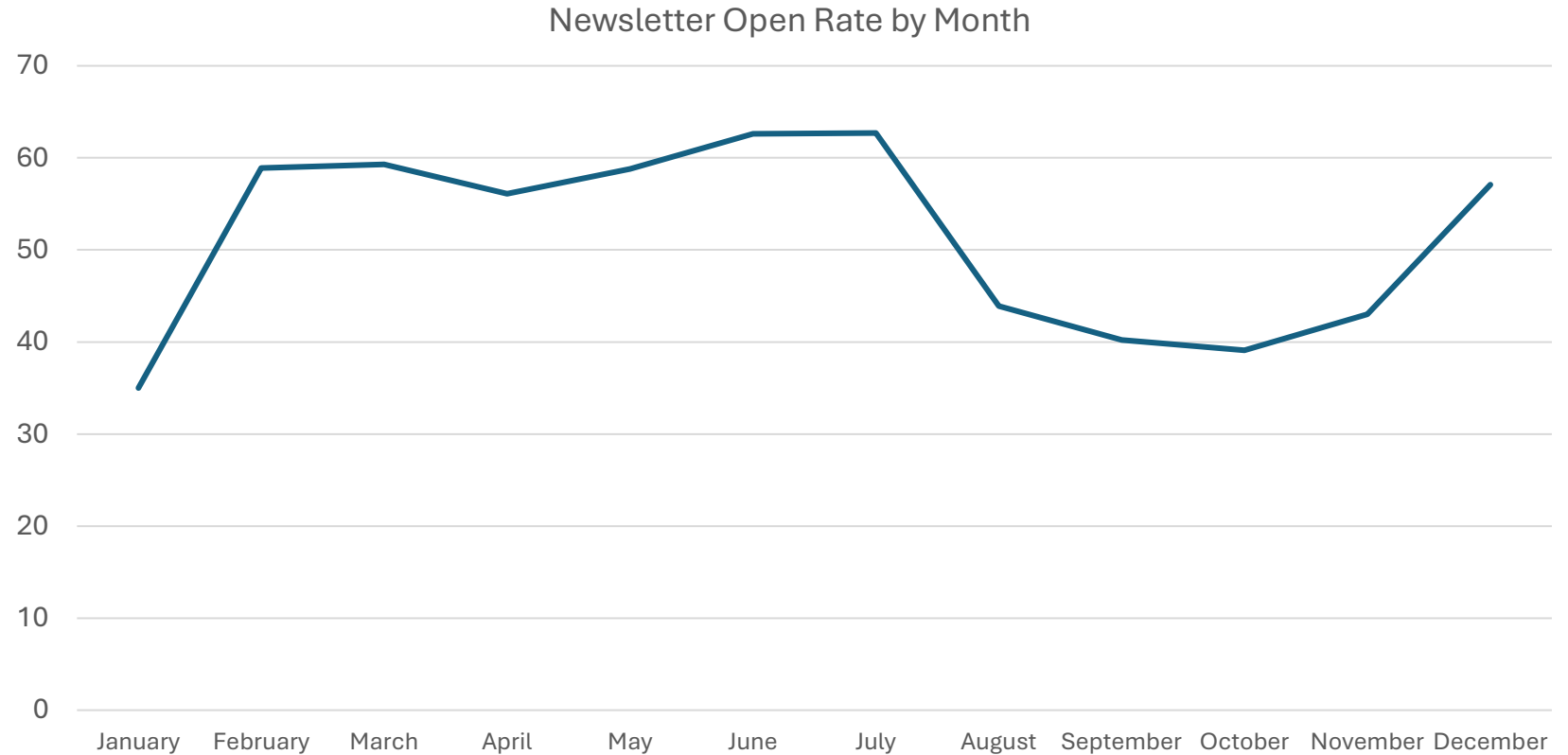
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Mobility Division continued to publish a monthly newsletter; **our "open rate" in 2025 was more variable than in years past**



Source: Mobility Division MailChimp newsletter tracker