

Multnomah Falls Timed Use Permits

Historic Highway Advisory Committee Meeting

September 21, 2023



Context

- ▶ Year 3 of Timed-Use Permits at Multnomah Falls
- ▶ Continuing collaboration
- ▶ Shared goals and outcomes
- ▶ New Multnomah Falls Historic Highway lot configuration
- ▶ Results:
 - ▶ High vehicle demand, low parking supply

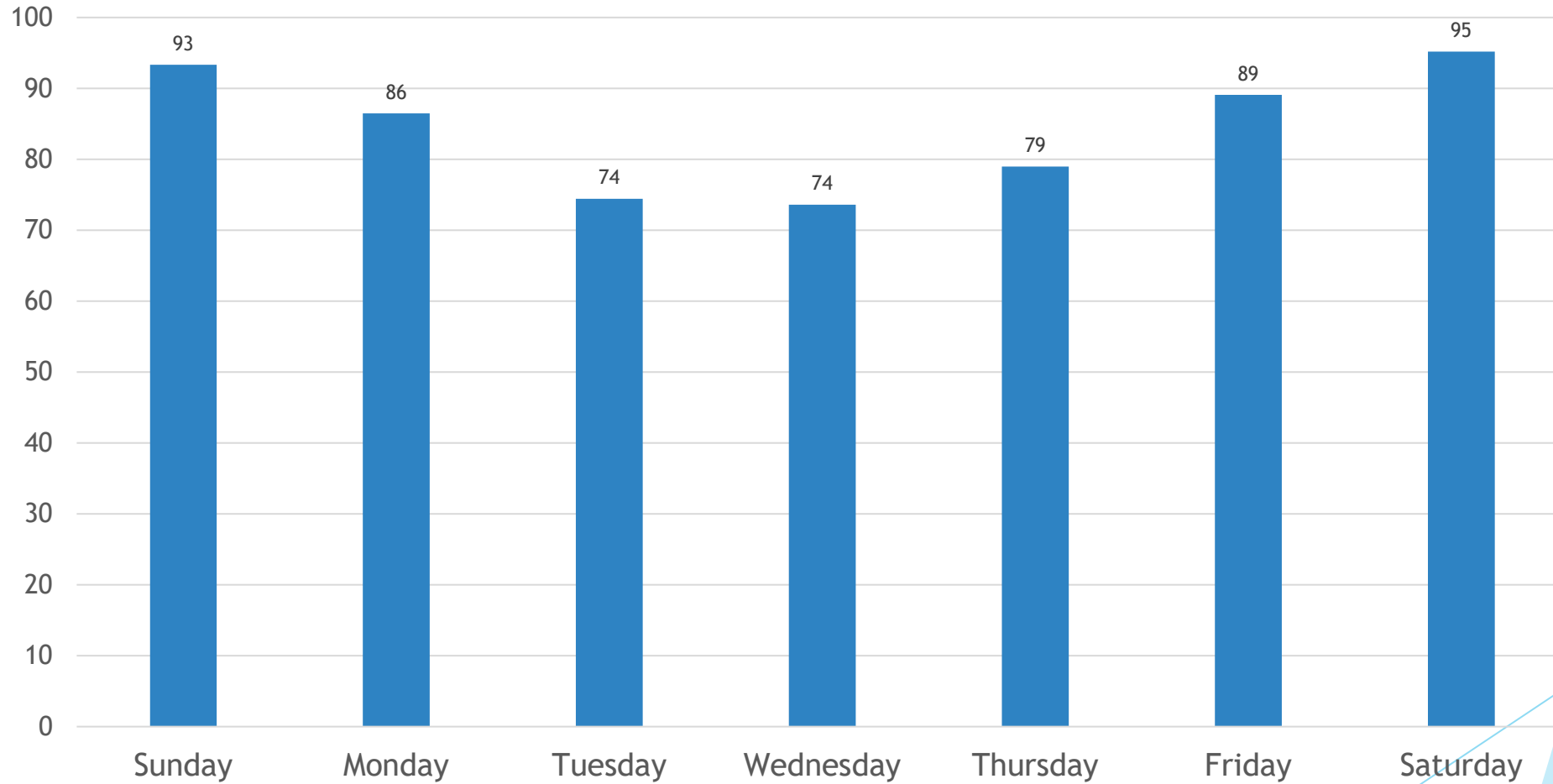
Timed Use Permit Goals

- ▶ Improve Safety at Exit 31
- ▶ Reduce congestion on I-84 and within the lot
- ▶ Reduce backups on the Historic Highway

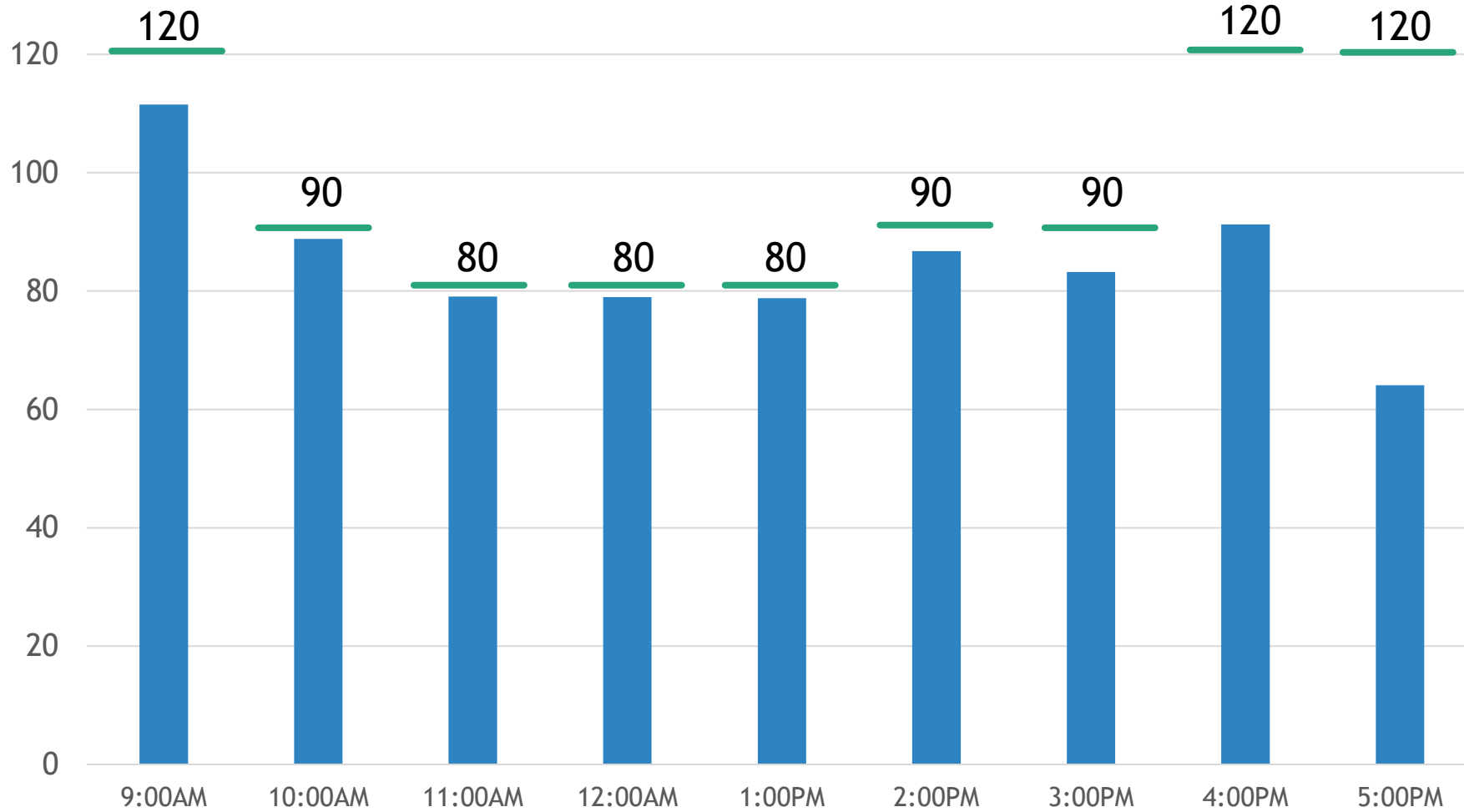
Permit Details

- ▶ **Multnomah Falls (I-84) Timed Use permits**
 - ▶ 120-80 available/hour online 9 am - 6 pm
 - ▶ 870 available per day (40 less per day than last year)
 - ▶ 50 permits per day in-person (Split evenly between Gateway to the Gorge Visitor Center and Cascade Locks Historical Museum)
 - ▶ 77,764 permits issued via rec.gov
 - ▶ 138 in-person from Cascade Locks
 - ▶ 415 in-person from Troutdale

Average Permits by Day

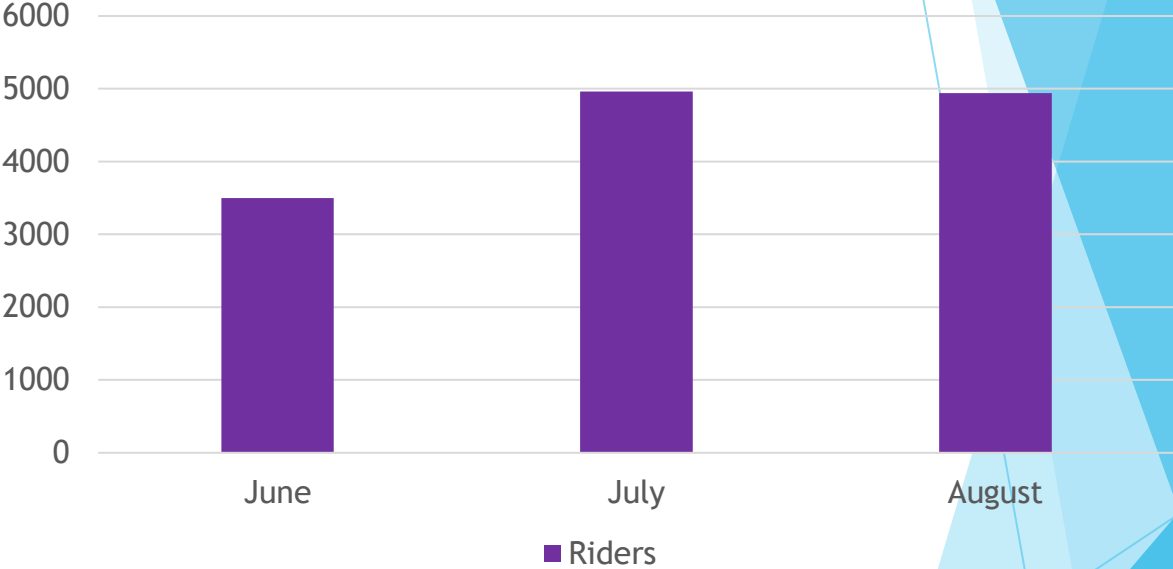
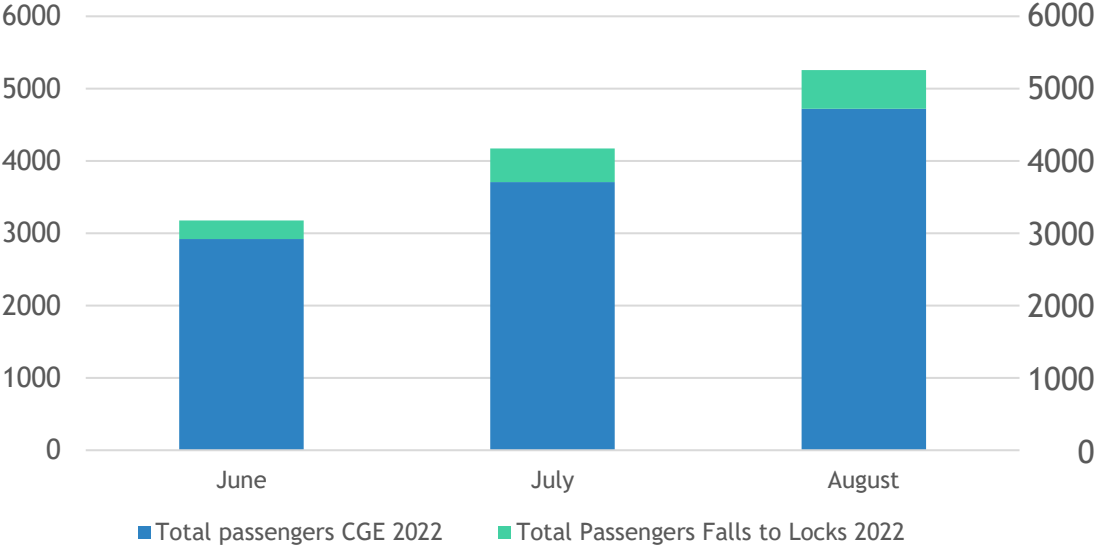


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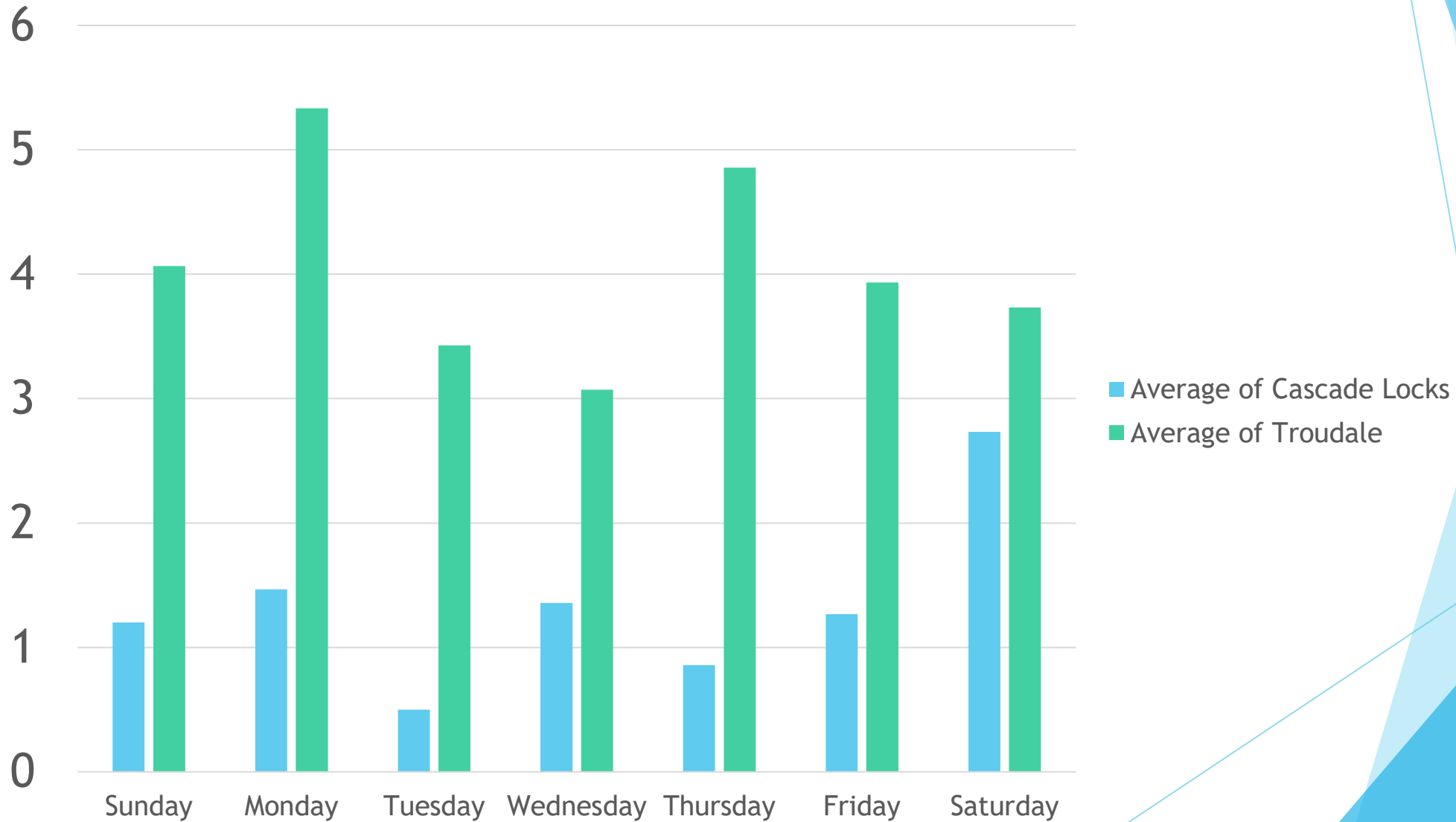


CAT Ridership

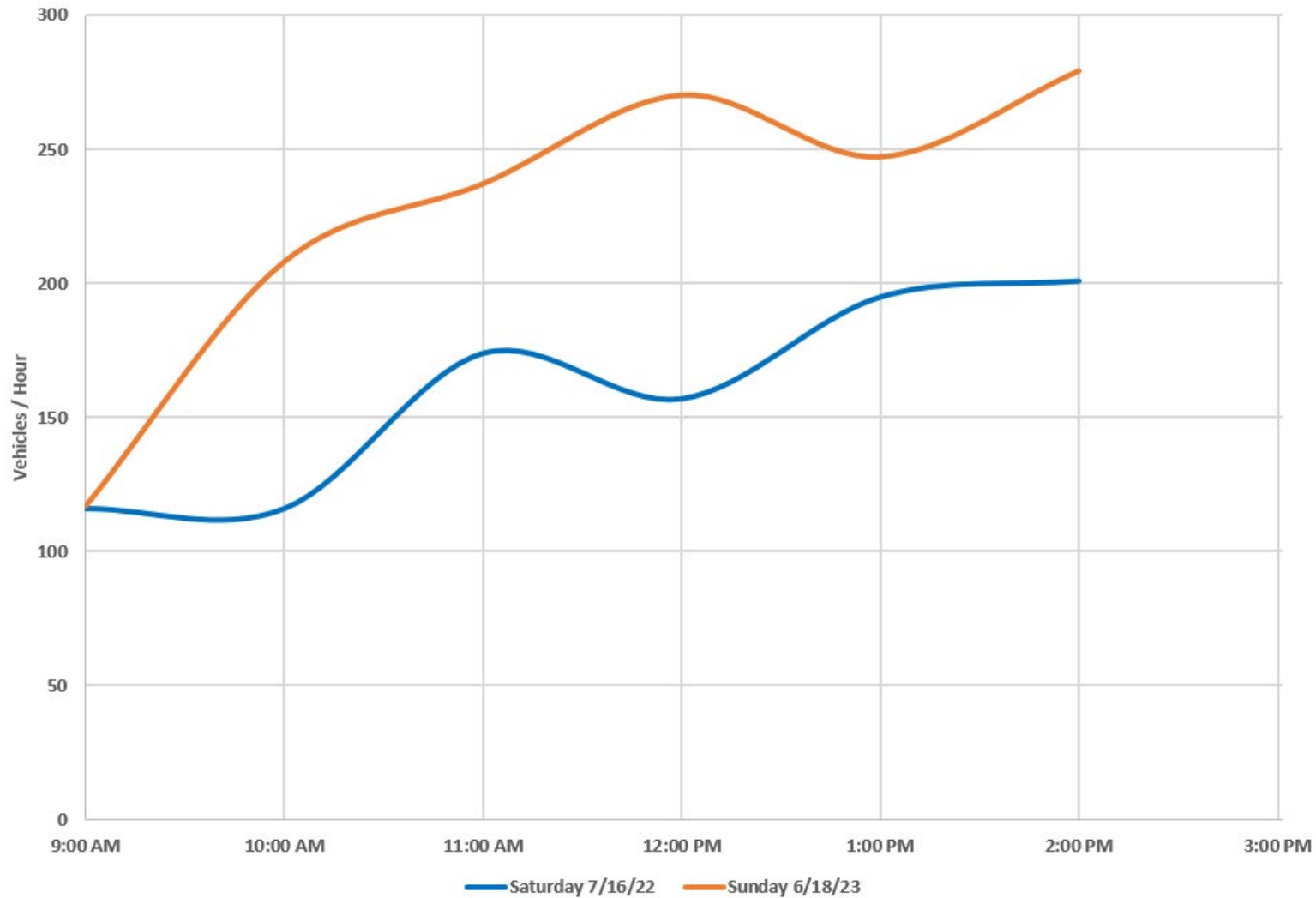
CAT Total Passengers 2022



In-person permits Average by Day



Hourly Vehicles Comparison | 9am-3pm | 2022, 2023



Preliminary Traffic Results - Volumes on the Historic Highway



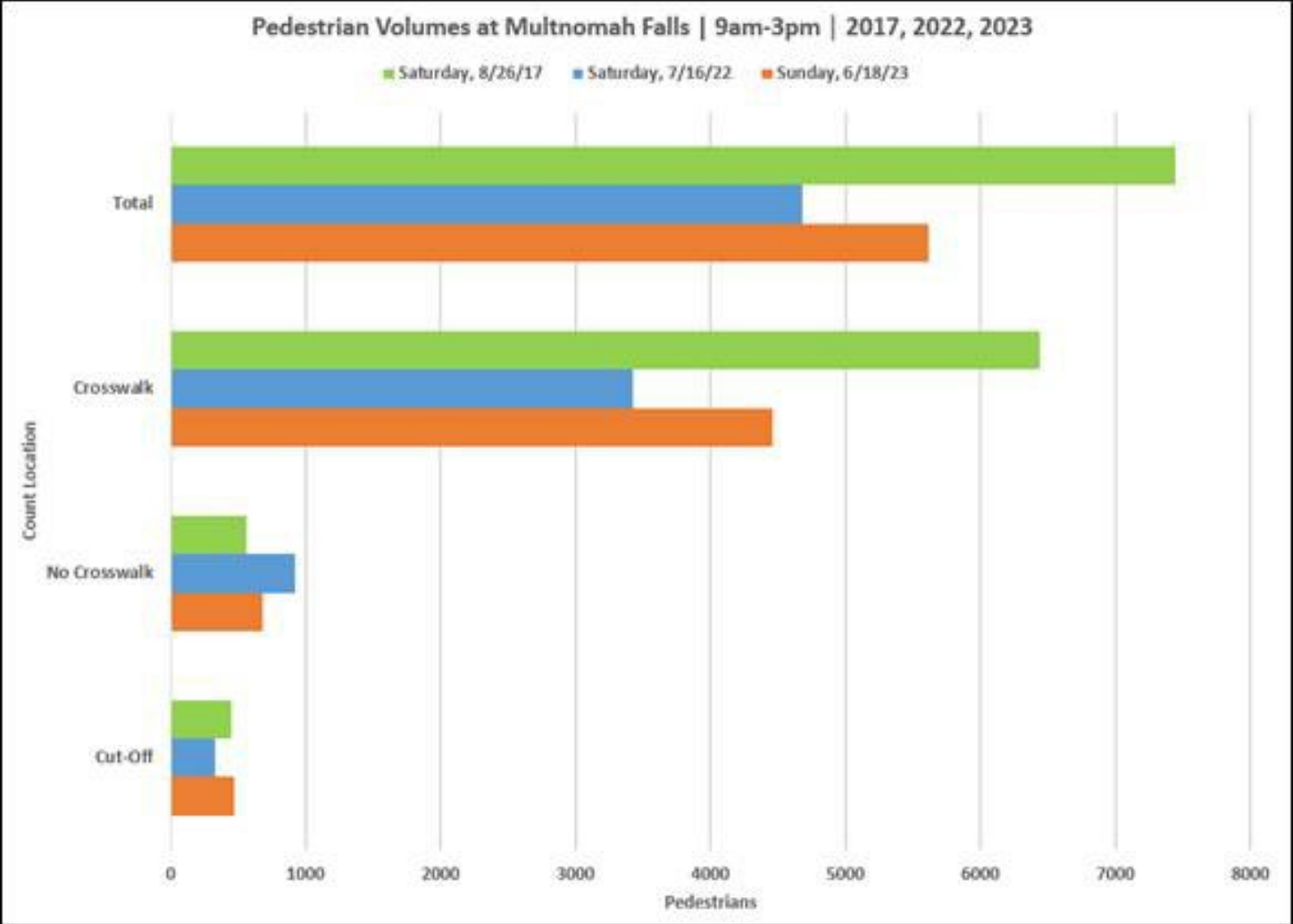
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DO NOT ENTER

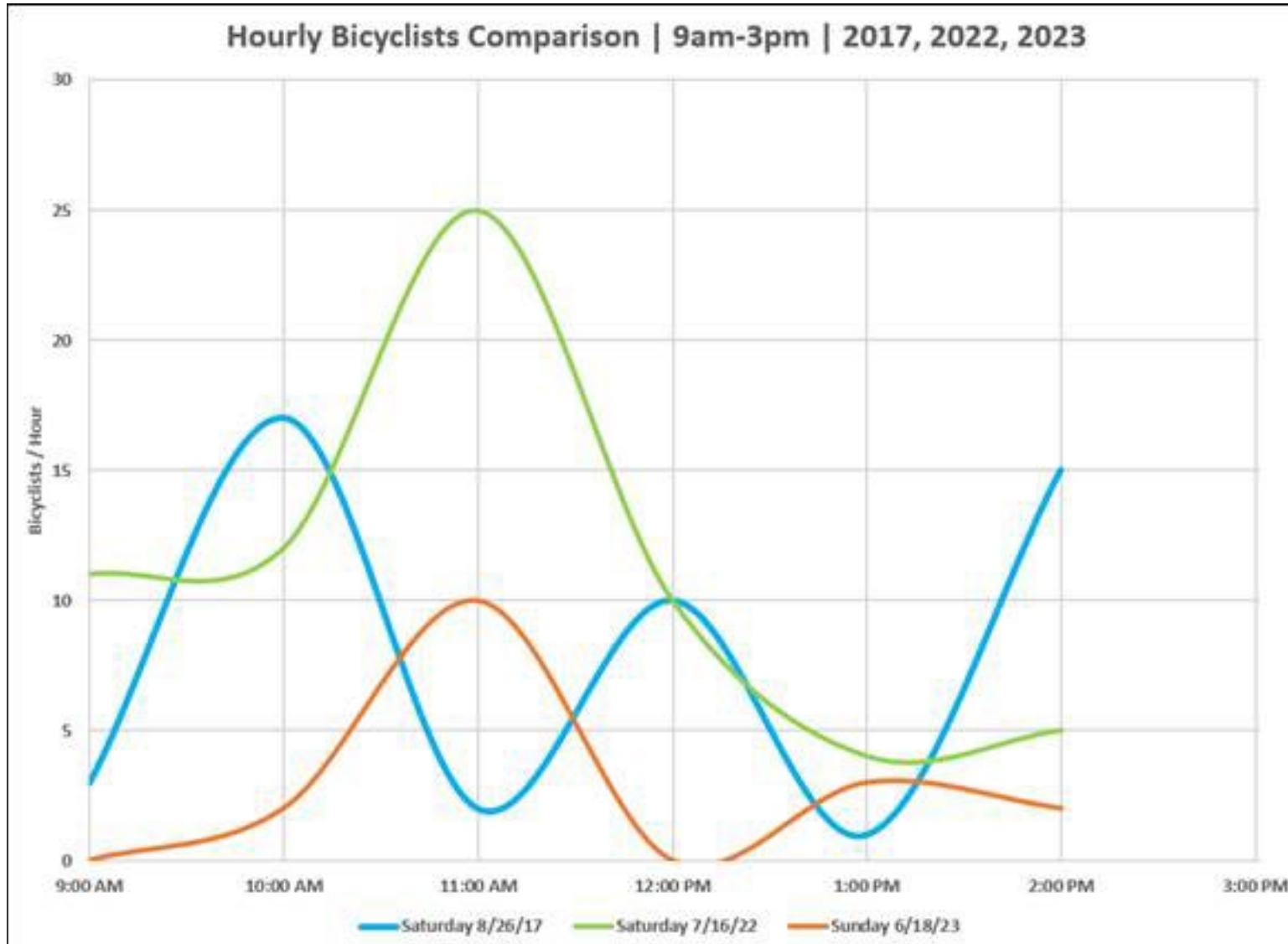
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SHOWING

Pedestrian Volumes at Multnomah Falls



Hourly Bicyclists at Multnomah Falls



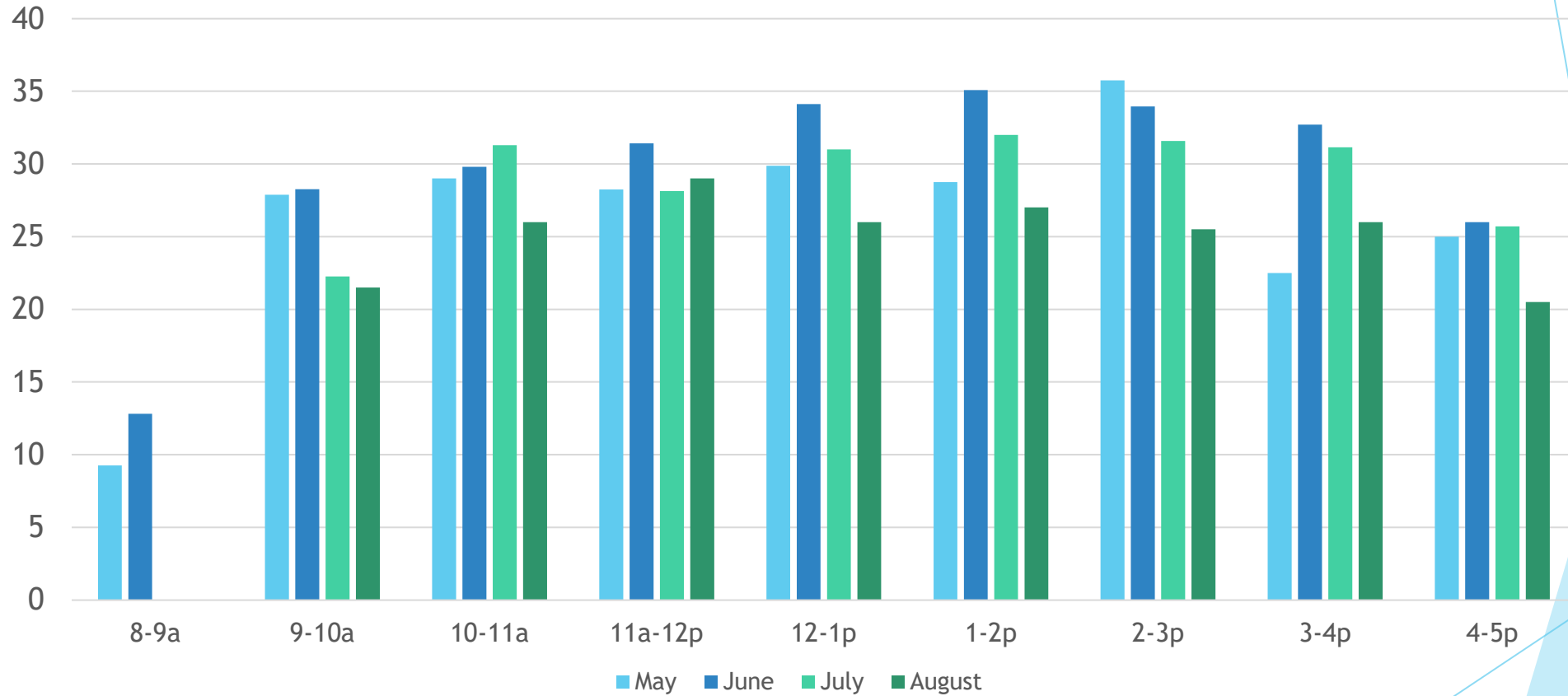


What to do
about bike
parking?

Historic Highway Multnomah Falls Lot Changes

- ▶ Reconfigured one-way lot to enter on the west side and exit near the crosswalk
- ▶ Sasquatch Shuttle is operating lot - added staff person to close lot when full
 - ▶ Gathered average cars per hour data
 - ▶ Also staffed the crosswalk attendant

Average Cars in the Multnomah Falls Historic Highway Lot by Hour



Summer 2024

- ▶ Planning Now
 - ▶ Funding for flagger
 - ▶ Sasquatch to continue to operate Highway lot
- ▶ Working with Gorge Forum for long-term

Questions

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