

Multnomah Falls 2025 Congestion Season Wrap-up

Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian
Community Advisory Committee

December 10, 2025



Timed Use Permit Goals

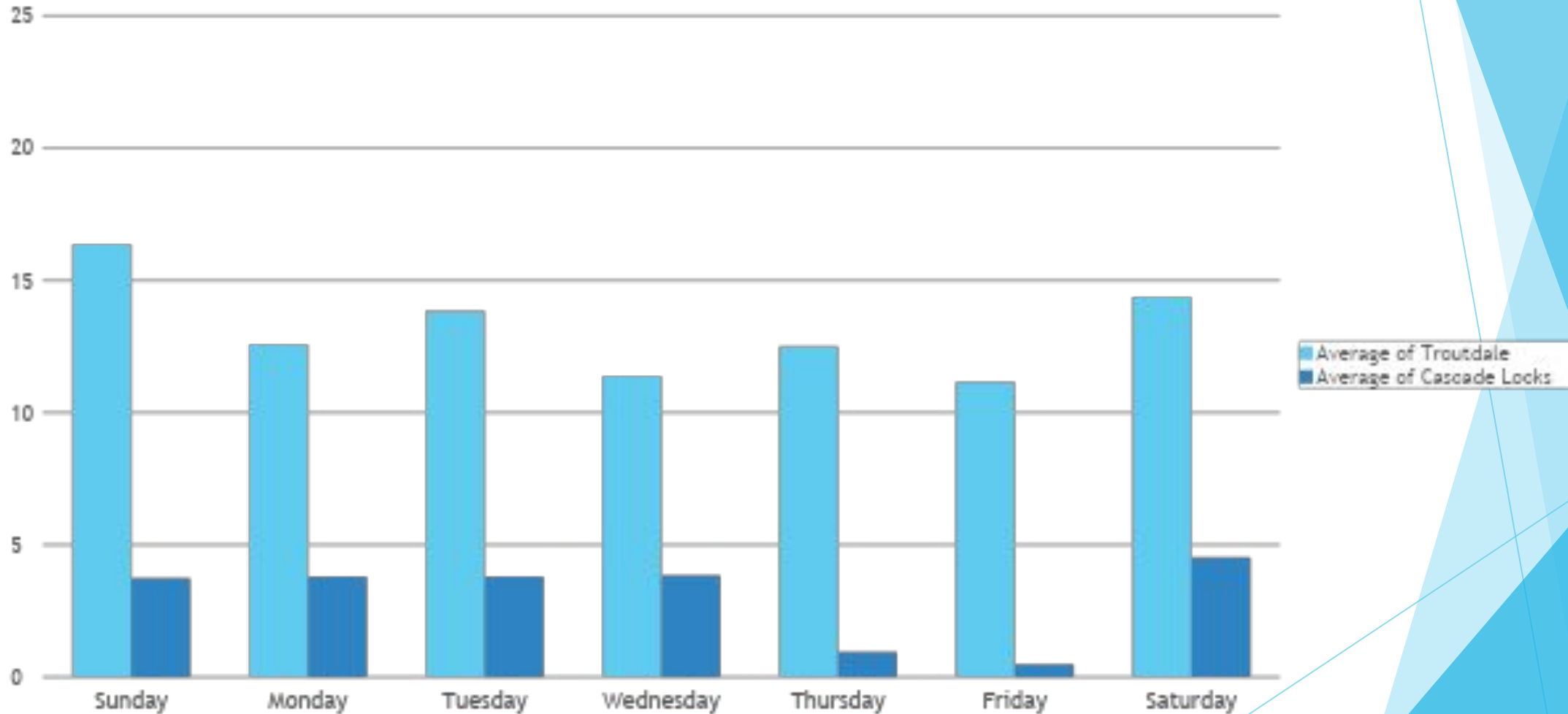
- ▶ Improve Safety at Exit 31
- ▶ Reduce congestion on I-84 and within the lot
- ▶ Reduce backups on the Historic Highway



Permit Details

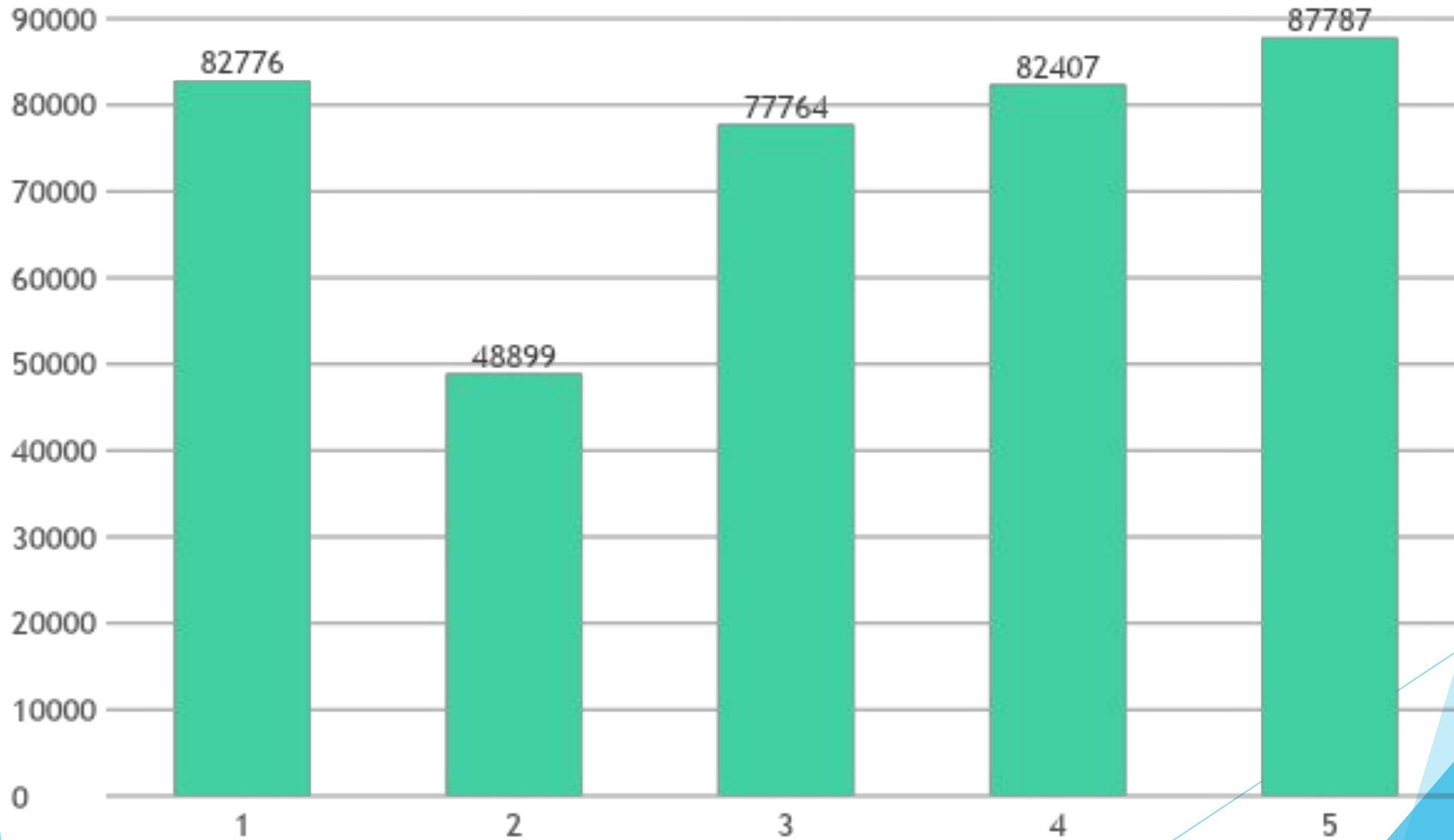
- ▶ Multnomah Falls (I-84) Timed Use permits
 - ▶ 140-80 available/hour online 9 am - 6 pm
 - ▶ 9300 available per day (60 more per day compared to last year)
 - ▶ 50 permits per day in-person (Split evenly between Gateway to the Gorge Visitor Center and Cascade Locks Historical Museum)

2025 In Person Permits Daily Average

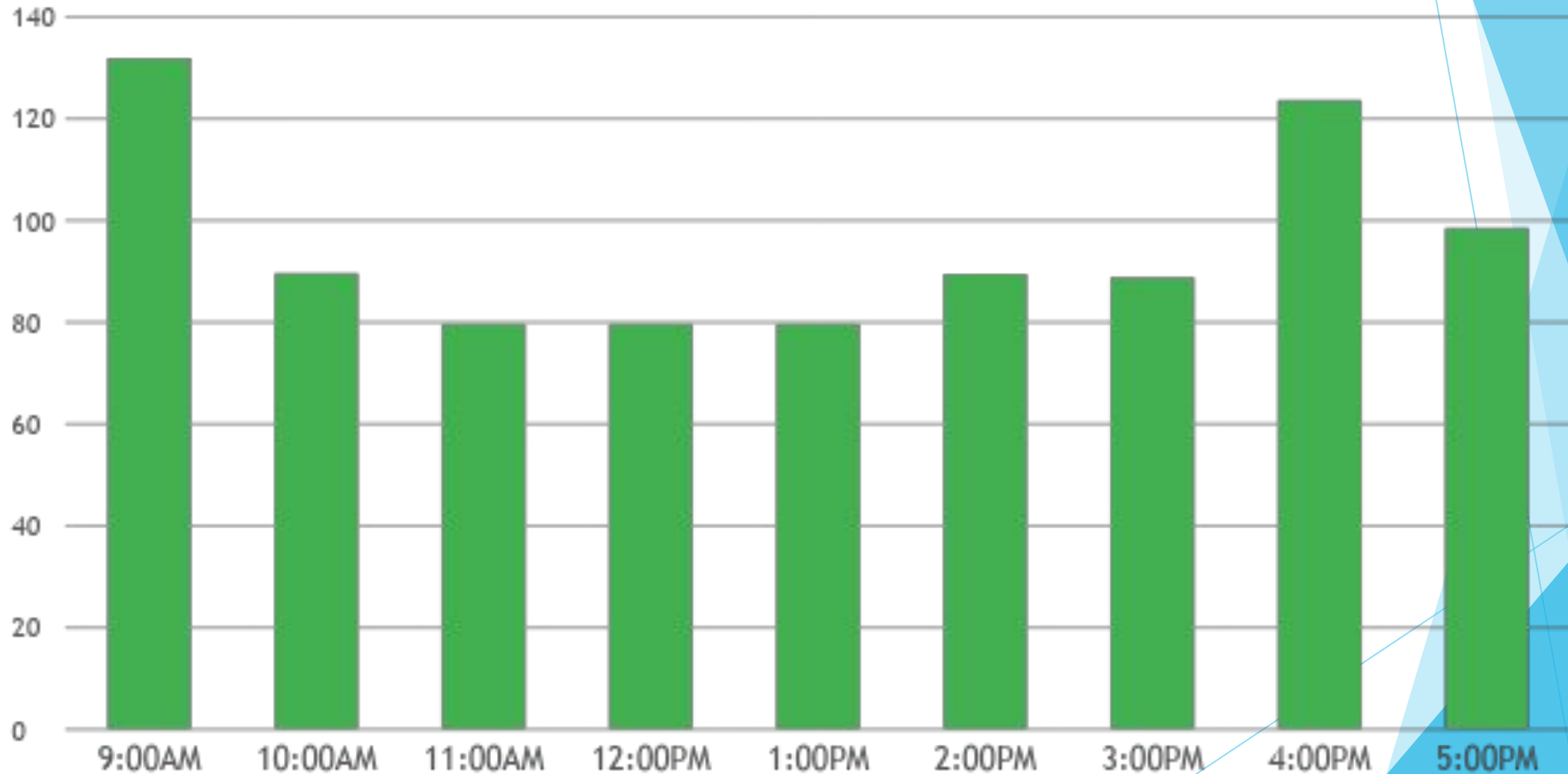


Troutdale total: 1330 Cascade Locks total: 308

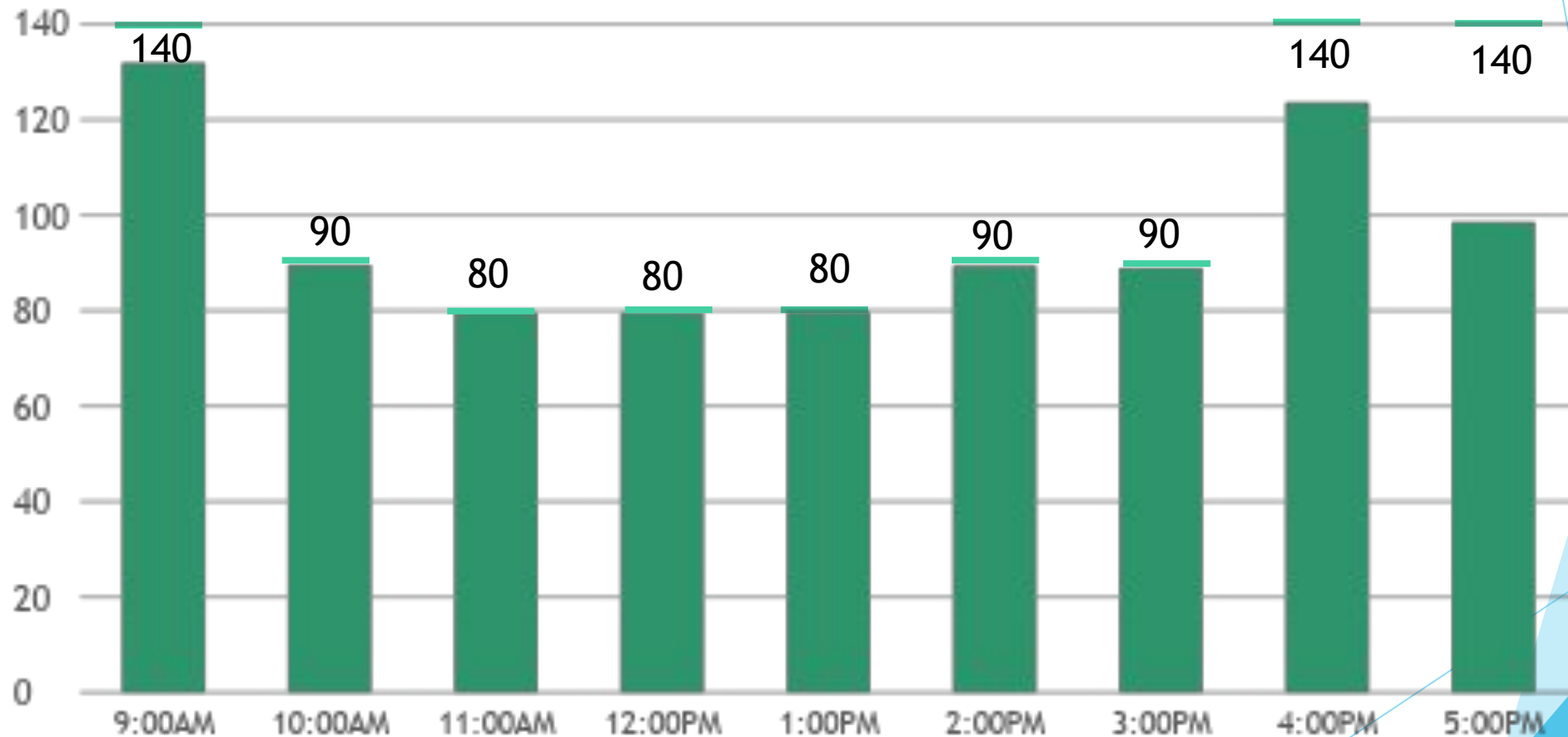
Four Years of Timed Use Permits



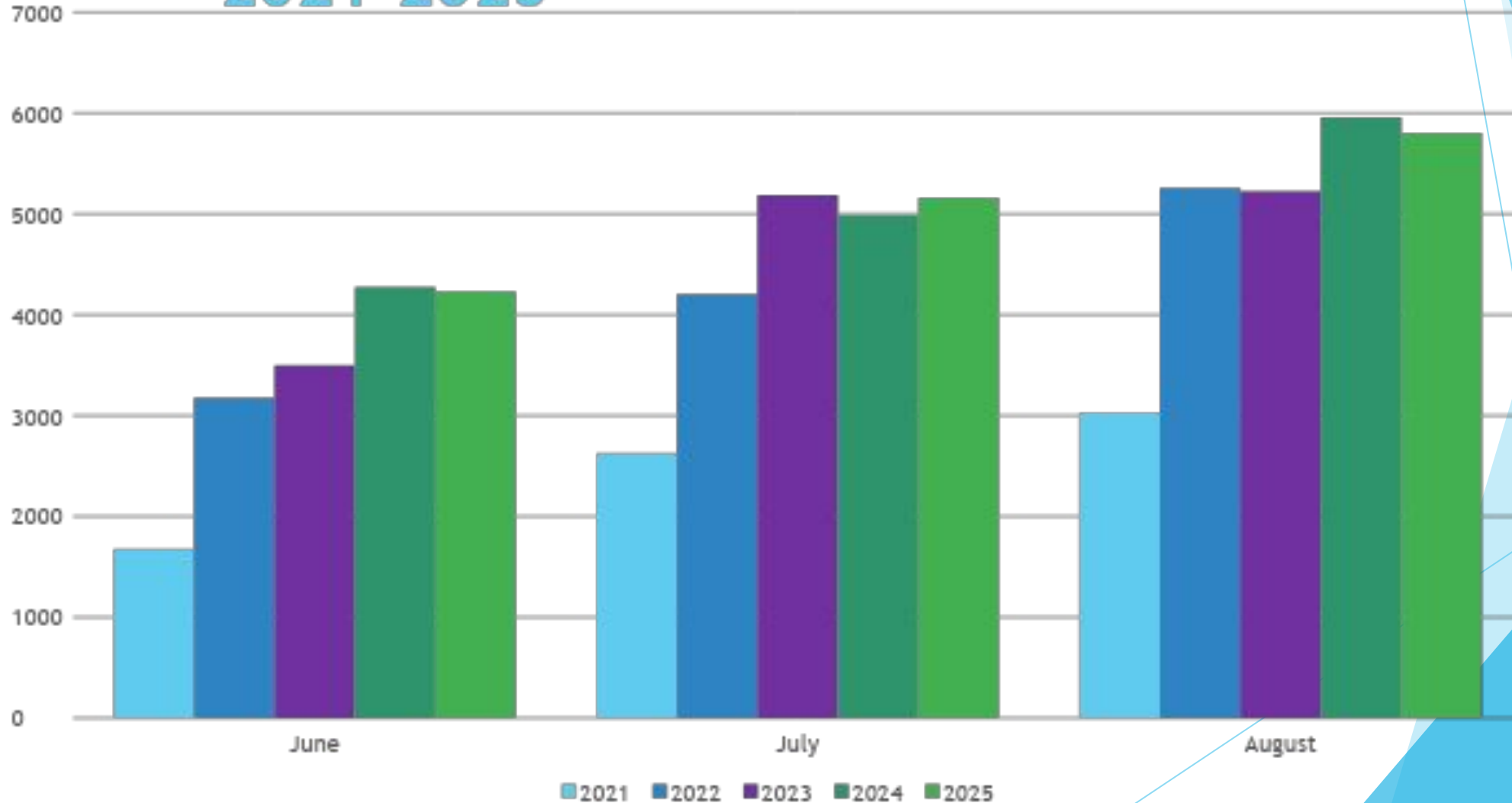
Average Permits by Day



Average Permits by Hour

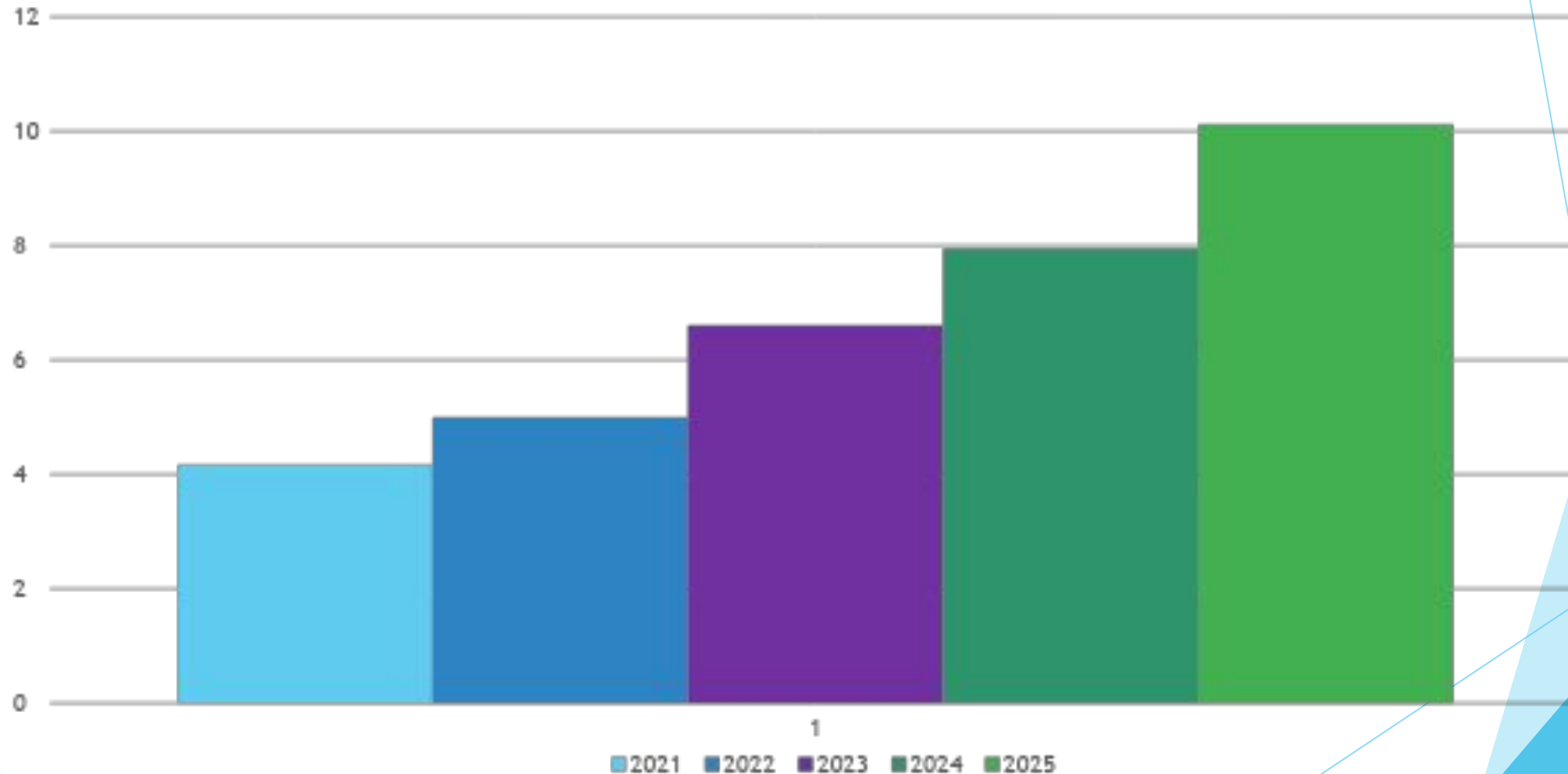


Columbia Gorge Express Ridership 2021-2025

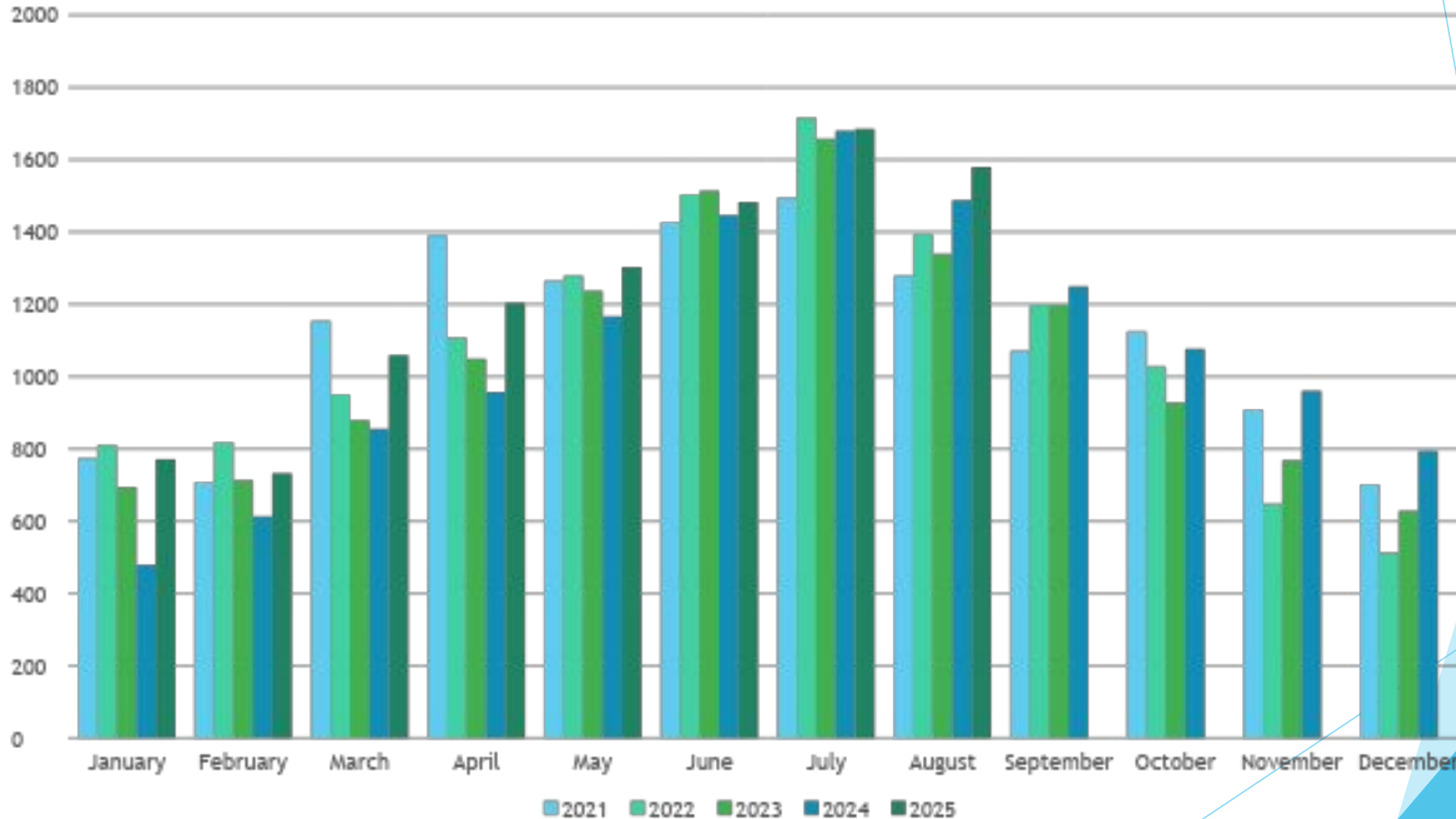


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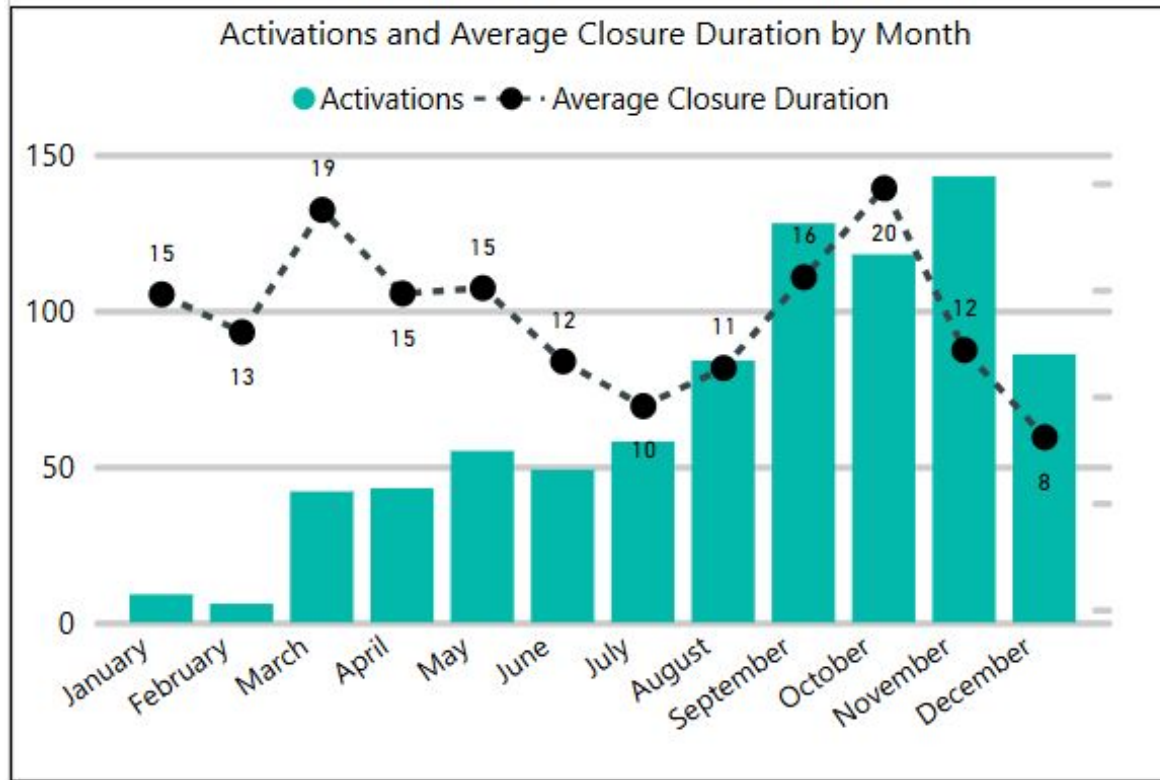
Boarded Rides Per Hour



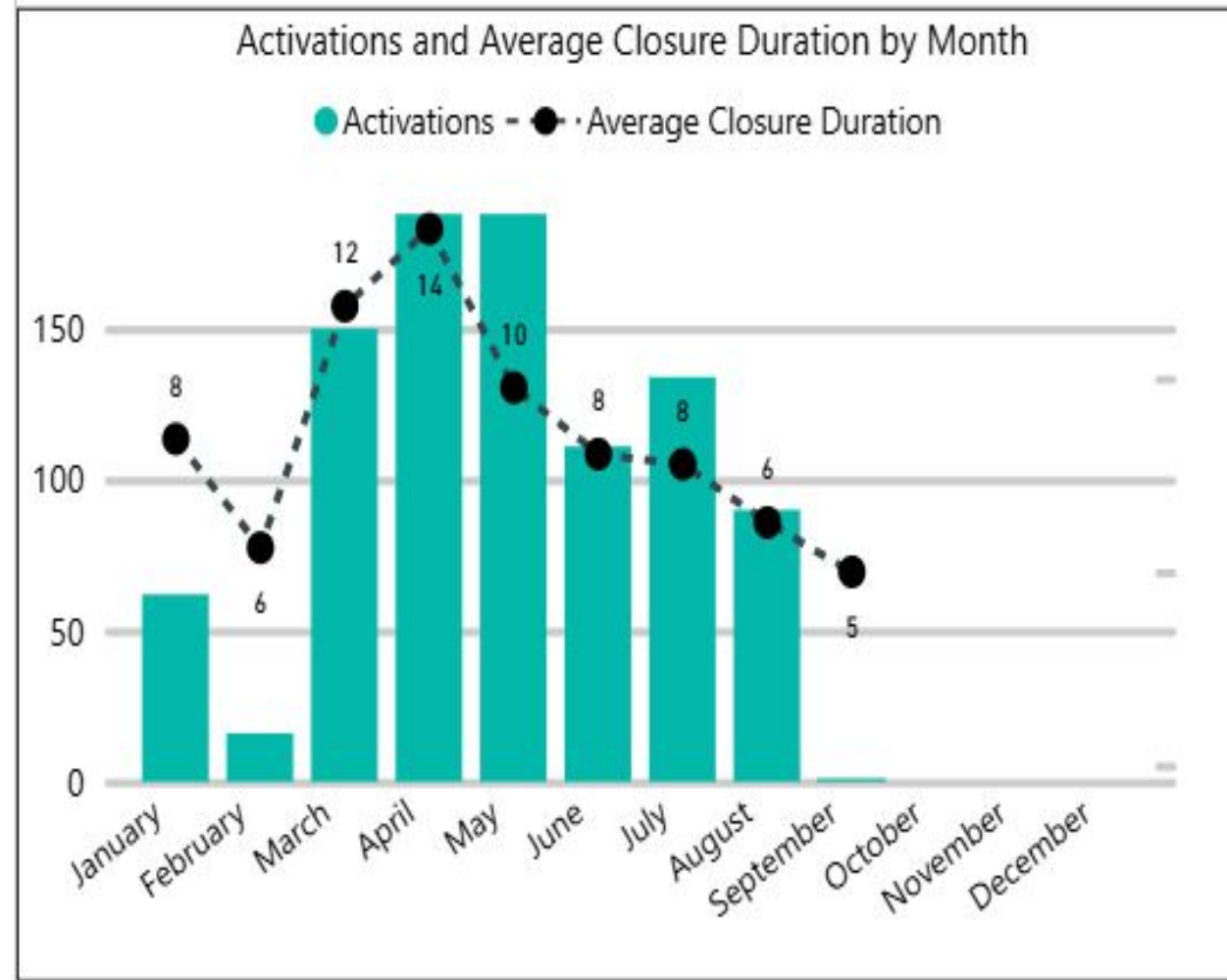
Exit 31 Monthly Average Vehicle Volume 2023-2025



Exit 31 Gate Closure Data



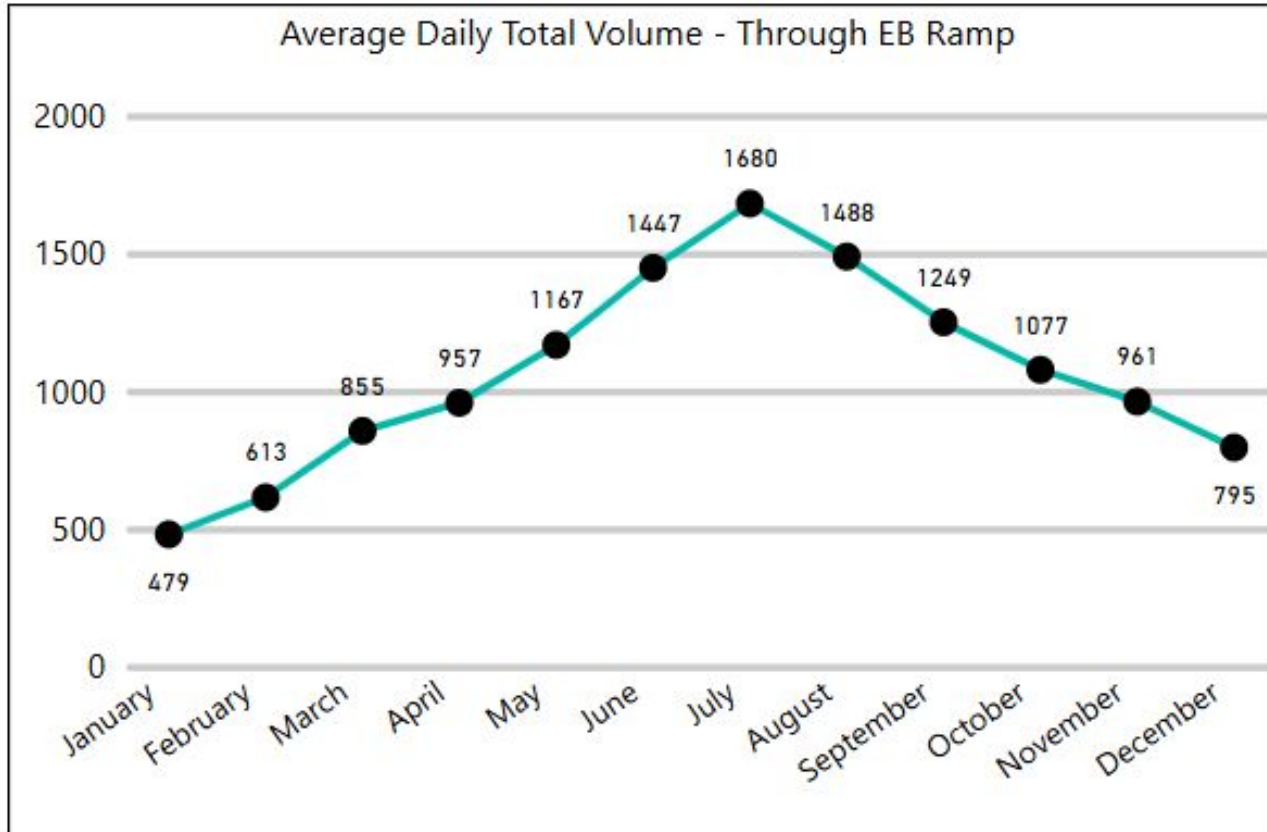
2024



2025

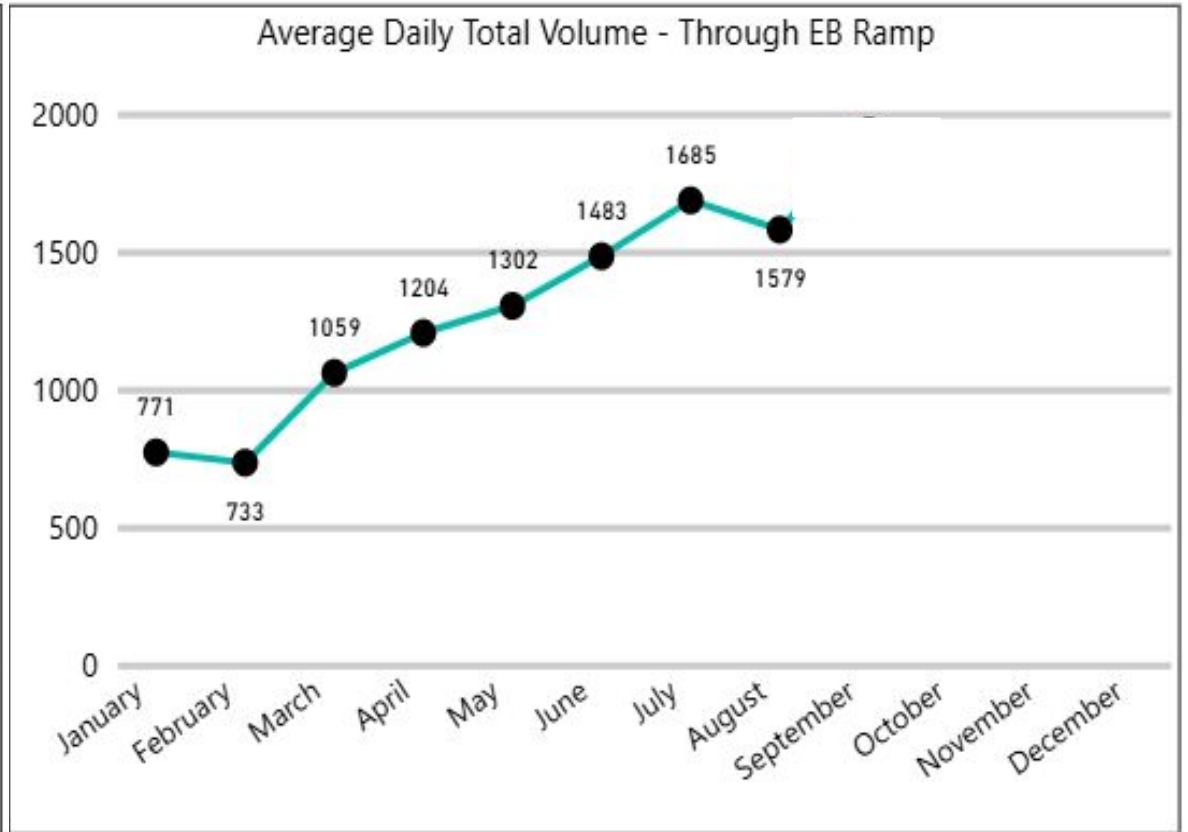
2025 Exit 31 Gate Closure Data

Average Daily Total Volume - Through EB Ramp



2024

Average Daily Total Volume - Through EB Ramp



2025

2025 Curveballs

- ▶ Historic Highway closed between Portland Women's Forum and Vista House starting July 7-September.
- ▶ No crashes or weather events of note nearby (Rowena Fire did close I-84 briefly on June 11th)



Questions

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