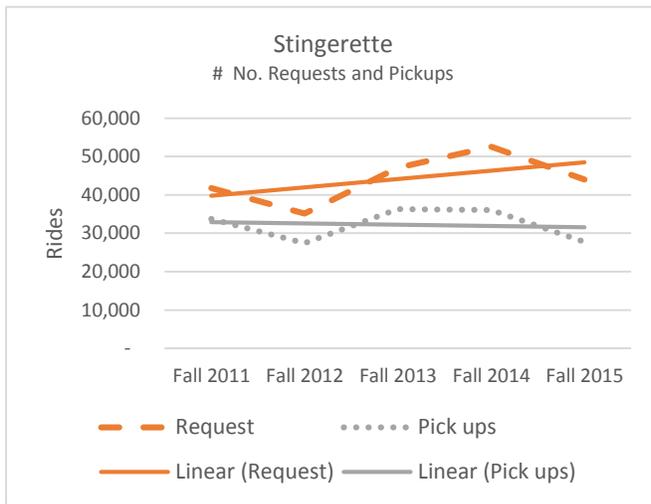


FY2017 – Proposed Fee Increase - Transportation

Transportation request a \$2 fee increase for FY17 to keep the current level of services of the Tech Trolley, Rambler, the Stinger Bus services, and Stingerette services. Our fee has remained steady since 2013, and the increase will support our contractual obligations with our principal provider of transportation services, Groome Transportation.

Additionally, Transportation request \$3 to improve or enhance service in two important areas of our services. Both of these service requests are directly related to improving the safety and security of the campus.

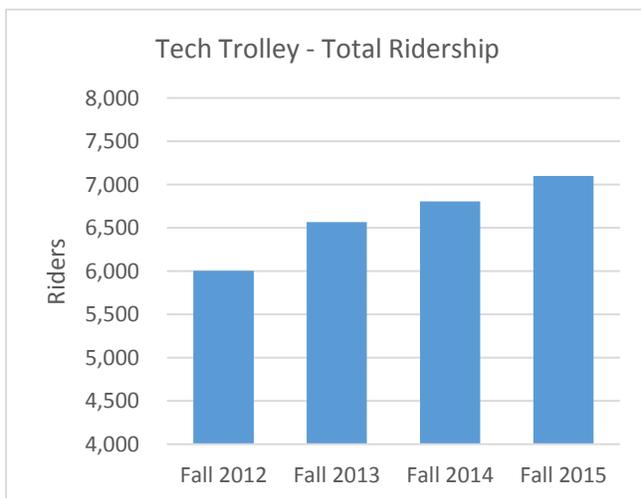
First, funding (\$1) of one additional driver for the night time Stingerette operation. Presently, Stingerette has a staff of eight drivers, who operate the service seven days a week, 13 hours each day.



For the recently completed fall 2015 semester Stingerette had a total of 44,000 passenger trip requests; or roughly 400 nightly trip requests. The attached chart compares over the last five fall semesters a growing gap in the number of trip requests and the number of pickups. One of the key factors impacting this gap is staffing (i.e., drivers), and Stingerette staff has not increased during this period. Of particular concern are the hours between 6 pm and 1 am when the demand of service exceeds our ability to effectively provide the service. It is during this time period we have the highest number of riders using the service, and we see

an increased number of trips being canceled by the students as other options are found, as well as student “no shows”. The proposed additional driver is to fill this need and operate during this time period.

Second, is funding (\$2) to support an additional route operating to/from Technology Square. Presently the Tech Trolley links the main part of campus, Technology Square, and MARTA Midtown. Six vehicles



operate on the route during the peak period of the day and the adjacent chart shows growth in the route over the last three fiscal years. Ridership is heavy on the route, with numerous trips overcrowded. The new service is expected to help relieve some of the existing overcrowding on the trolley.

The growth in development that is occurring in the walkable area surrounding Technology Square also drives the need for improvements in our transportation services. This past year saw the opening to two new residential

complexes, the University House and the Square on 5<sup>th</sup>, which added close to 500 units in the Spring Street corridor blocks from Technology Square. As shown in the following table, within the next one to three years there are substantial number of additional residential units, office and retail developments that will be completed. Included in this is the High Performance Computing Center located adjacent to the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center.

	Office/Inst. (SF)	Res. Units	Retail (SF)
Complete	14,000	497	14,700
1 to 3 years	1,116,000	1,087	38,300
Near term horizon	--	656	10,000+