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MELBOURNE BEATING THE PACK ON TRANSPORT: IPA/UBER REPORT

[Infrastructure Partnerships Australia's Australian Travel Time Metric](#) - Australia's first regular measurement of actual road network performance using anonymised and aggregated Uber data – shows Melbourne is the only Australian city with improving headline travel times – but with some mixed results under the hood.

Quotes on Melbourne:

“Melbourne is the only Australian city that has seen a headline improvement in congestion with our figures showing Victoria managing the impacts of growth better than Sydney and the other capitals,” said IPA CEO Brendan Lyon.

Melbourne snapshot this quarter:

- **Longest average traffic delay:** 9.1 minutes between the CBD and outer suburbs in PM peak;
- **Largest increase in journey time:** Trips between Chadstone and the CBD is 45 per cent longer in the AM peak.

Melbourne key stats 2015-2017:

- **Biggest deterioration:** Off peak journey times from CBD to the airport grew 44 per cent;
- **Biggest improvement:** PM peak delays in the CBD-Chadstone corridor improved by 74 per cent.

“It’s good to see that where Melbourne’s transport performance has fallen, it is related to short-term impacts from new construction, particularly on the CBD-airport and CBD-Chadstone corridors.

“Even with these short-term construction impacts, Melbourne’s road users will on average experience congestion delays that are half that of Sydney.

“This sees Victoria well placed to accommodate population and traffic growth, with major new projects like the Metro, the ring road completion, the West Gate Tunnel and the balance of the grade separations all likely offering further improvements in travel times when they open in the coming years.

“While showing short-term impacts from construction, Melbourne is performing better than the other capital cities but with faster population growth Victoria needs to keep sprinting to keep up.”

Quotes about the Australian Travel Time Metric:

Uber's General Manager, Australia & New Zealand, David Rohrsheim said:

"We know that our ability to move around cities has a profound impact on our quality of life and reducing congestion is quite rightly a top priority for government as a result.

"At Uber we're focused on making it easier for more people to get around without having to get behind the wheel, and we're proud to have made this a far more viable option over the past five years.

"With the Australian Travel Time Metric, we're pleased to provide valuable insights for government and industry and to be making a contribution to important city-shaping infrastructure and planning decisions across the country."

IPA's CEO Brendan Lyon said:

"Our partnership with Uber allows the first-ever regular measurement of how well the road system is performing, within and between Australia's four major capital cities.

"Urban congestion is the classic 'frog in boiling water' problem, we all sense the water is getting warmer but through our partnership with Uber we are able to measure which capital cities are doing well and which are not.

"Transport infrastructure tends to focus only on what we put in, in terms of dollars spent and projects built, with Uber's data we are now able to measure what we are getting back and whether it's getting harder or easier to move around our major cities."

IPA's Australian Travel Time Metric is a live resource available at <http://infrastructure.org.au/chart-group/travel-time-index-chart/>

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