

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### PERTH AIRPORT-CBD BEST PERFORMING ROAD CORRIDOR IN THE COUNTRY – BUT WORRYING SIGNS OF LONGER COMMUTES: 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 Perth's CBD to airport journey has the lowest congestion of any major road in the country.

#### Quotes on Perth:

"These figures show only a 90 second delay between the airport and Perth CBD during peak hour, making it the best performing major road corridor in Australia," said IPA CEO Brendan Lyon.

#### Perth snapshot this quarter:

- **Longest average traffic delay:** 7.8 minutes between the CBD and Fremantle in PM peak;
- **Largest increase in journey time:** Trips between Outer Metro and the CBD are 62 per cent longer in the AM peak.

#### Perth key stats 2015-2017:

- **Biggest deterioration:** PM peak journey times from the CBD to Fremantle grew by 11 per cent;
- **Biggest improvement:** Off peak trips between the CBD and Outer Metro improved by 15 per cent.

"These figures show the benefit of good infrastructure on the Perth to CBD corridor, but also show the need for more transport investment across the rest of Perth which is slowing up.

"Our research shows worrying signs that greater Perth's travel times are growing quickly, while transport infrastructure funding has collapsed in light of the struggling WA budget.

"Trips from the outer suburbs take 62 per cent longer during the peak, showing that more transport investment is needed.

“Congestion delays between Fremantle and Perth have grown by 11 per cent during the PM peak in just under two years.

“While the airport CBD corridor is the best in the country, Perth’s wider road and transport systems are stretched.

“These figures show that WA needs to invest more in transport infrastructure, not less.

“A major problem for the Government is the fragile and denuded WA state budget, which lacks the money needed to get more transport projects off the shelf and underway

“WA’s last budget slashed infrastructure funding over the next four years, but this will be a false economy given the short-term need for economic activity and employment and the long-term need for better transport infrastructure.”

#### **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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