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PEAK TRAVEL GETTING LONGER IN SYDNEY: 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 Sydney traffic delays are the longest in the country and getting longer – strengthening the case for ongoing investment and reform in transport infrastructure.

Quotes on Sydney:

“Our figures see Sydney as Australia’s congestion capital, with the CBD-Parramatta corridor boasting the longest delays in Australia and showing precisely why Sydney needs Metro West and WestConnex,” said IPA Chief Executive Brendan Lyon.

Sydney snapshot this quarter:

- **Longest average traffic delay:** 20.7 minutes extra between Parramatta and CBD in PM peak;
- **Largest increase in journey time:** Sydney Airport to CBD AM peak journeys are 84 per cent longer.

Sydney key stats 2015-2017:

- **Biggest deterioration:** AM peak delays grew 24 per cent on travel between the outer metro to the CBD;
- **Biggest improvement:** PM peak delays in the inner metro – CBD zone improved by 4.5 per cent.

“These indicators reflect the impacts of Sydney’s triple bypass surgery, with Metros, motorways and light rail all underway through Sydney’s already-congested heart and all impacting travel times.

“The CBD-Sydney Airport corridor sees journey times almost double during peak times, growing by 84 per cent versus off peak.

“Local community opposition to WestConnex and other projects receives a lot of attention, but these figures show why the five million other people in Sydney want more and better transport.

“We can expect to see travel times begin to rebound from 2019, as the series of road and rail construction zones turn into new transport infrastructure and ease the load across Sydney.”

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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