

PERTH AIRPORT-CBD ONE OF THE BEST PERFORMING AIRPORT ROAD CORRIDORS IN THE COUNTRY: INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERSHIPS AUSTRALIA AND UBER REPORT

Australian Travel Time Metric - Australia's regular measurement of actual road network performance using anonymised and aggregated Uber data – shows Perth's CBD to airport corridor is one of the best performing airport road corridors in the country, but ongoing investment and reform are required to maintain these good results.

The 2020 edition uses city-wide travel time data available from the Uber Movement platform until the final quarter of 2019 – enabling analysis of the road performance trends right up until the COVID-19 crisis hit Australian cities.

Perth Key Stats (2015 - 2019)

- Over the four years leading up to 2020, the delay in travelling from Perth's CBD to Airport decreased by 42 per cent – the biggest drop for any airport corridor.
- In 2019, road users from the outer metropolitan ring spent close to ten minutes of their daily commute stuck in traffic, the lowest of all the major cities.
- In absolute terms, Perth has the shortest travel times across all four cities, with the city recording the fastest overall morning commute at under 13 minutes.
- While Perth's congestion remains the lowest compared to other cities, peak travel times have spiked by 10 per cent during the last year.

“Over the past six months, transport networks have faced dramatic disruption,” Infrastructure Partnerships Australia, Chief Executive Adrian Dwyer said.

“As the impacts of COVID-19 took hold, transport networks were all but deserted – with travel demand in our cities down by up to 80 per cent.

“With the insights of Uber's data, we can see that before COVID-19 hit, ambitious levels of investment in infrastructure and real-time travel information were starting to bear fruit.

“Our latest Australian Travel Time Metric shows that Perth has the fastest commute of all four cities but also one of the best performing CBD to Airport corridors in the country.

“While Perth may have one of the best performing transport systems in the country, peak travel times have spiked by 10 per cent during the last year.

“This is an important reminder that we should build on the hard-won investments of recent years and implement a range of long-overdue reforms.

“With COVID-19 having hit the reset button, governments need to seize this opportunity to reshape travel demand and lock in the positive changes from this pandemic.

“More work needs to be done on improving the quality and depth of real time data for users, integration of transport pricing across modes, and spreading peak demand.

“More broadly, governments should consider implementing a fairer and more sustainable way of paying for road use.

“Unless we act on these reforms, our daily commute won’t get any better,” said Mr Dwyer

Quotes from General Manager of Uber Australia and New Zealand, Dom Taylor

“We believe our data, when aggregated and anonymised, can help urban planners and transport officials make smarter decisions for the future of our cities. That’s why we’re glad to once again partner with Infrastructure Partnerships Australia to deliver this report,” said General Manager of Uber Australia and New Zealand, Dom Taylor.

“While we are seeing early positive signs that many cities are reopening post-COVID, the fact that private car use is rising much faster than public transport is concerning. The private car was already the most popular mode to get to work before COVID-19, making up seven in 10 trips.

“At Uber, we see our main competitor as private car ownership. For our cities to move well in the future, Australians need to reduce our over-reliance on private vehicles - with more people opting for shared transport.

“We want to work with cities to ensure we have the infrastructure and policies in place to tackle congestion. These include continuing to invest in public transport and road infrastructure, promoting shared modes and technology, and managing network demand to alleviate congestion.

“We hope that this report and sharing our data in a responsible way will help support the business cases for some of these crucial reforms,” Mr Taylor said.

The 2020 Australian Travel Time Metric is available [here](#). The Uber Movement tool is accessible [here](#).

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