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SUMMARY

Patronage

- Public transport patronage for the quarter to September 2008 was 14,974,572 passengers, which is the highest quarterly patronage since quarterly records began in 2002. There has been a 9.2% increase in patronage (1,267,301 additional trips) relative to the September quarter of 2007/08.
- The Northern Express patronage for September was more than double that of September last year (up 105%). Other bus routes experiencing double digit patronage growth included the Hibiscus coast express buses using the busway (up 27%), contracted trips on the LINK service (up 32%), Routes 008 and 009 to Sylvia Park (up 31%), and the new/redesigned 680 and 681 Botany to CBD routes (up 47%).
- Fare increases on Fullers commercial ferry services to Waiheke, Devonport and Stanley Bay contributed to a 3.5% decline in ferry boardings (11,316 fewer boardings than in September 2007).

PT Services

- Rail service punctuality (services arriving within 5 minutes of schedule) improved to 87.2% of services, but reliability (scheduled trips which did not run) was impacted by signal and track faults on 9, 13, 16 and 24 September and by an incident involving an abandoned car on 18 September. During the month of September, 5% of Western Line services and 1.4% of Southern/Eastern Line services were cancelled or did not reach their scheduled destination.
- An integrated North Shore-Airport ticket across the Northern Express (Albany to Britomart) and the AIRBUS (Britomart to Airport) was implemented from 1 September.
- An emergency ferry service for Kawakawa Bay residents operated for the five weeks to 3 October.
- Preparations were made for implementation of free travel for SuperGold card holders and senior citizens from 1 October 2008, including a launch by Prime Minister Helen Clark on 26 September.

Rolling Stock

- SA trainset 16 entered service on 22 September, and SA trainset 17 is due to enter service on 3 October. There are nineteen carriage bodies at Hillside, of which twelve are at various stages of the refurbishment process. The first 4 car set will be delivered for service in July 2009.
- The first two SX carriages are nearing completion and will be delivered for train service in October 2008.
- Air conditioning upgrade is complete in 39 units, with four units remaining to be completed by the scheduled completion date of October 2008.

Infrastructure

- ARTA is working with Auckland City and ONTRACK to finalise the design of Avondale Station which will be relocated and upgraded as part of ONTRACK's double tracking works between Blockhouse Bay Road and New Lynn.
- A concept design for the rail station concourse and bus interchange at New Lynn has been agreed between ARTA and Waitakere City.
- Ferry Terminal Upgrades:
 - Beach Haven – a design review has been completed and has identified significant issues with the ARTNL design proposal. Options for addressing these issues are being prepared for discussion with key stakeholders including North Shore City Council and the ARC.
 - Birkenhead – a funding application for construction of the hydraulic ramp is currently with NZTA. The current design is being reviewed against up to date operational requirements.

- Bayswater – Tenders for the detailed design have been evaluated and an award of contract is anticipated in October.
- Downtown – The pedestrian bridge linking Piers 1 and 2 is complete and open to the public.
- Downtown Ferry Terminals Structural Renewals – Repair work commenced in May but progress is slower than planned due to the contractor identifying greater deterioration than anticipated, including the need to undertake remedial work on previous concrete repairs. The contractor is preparing a report outlining the issues and funding implications.

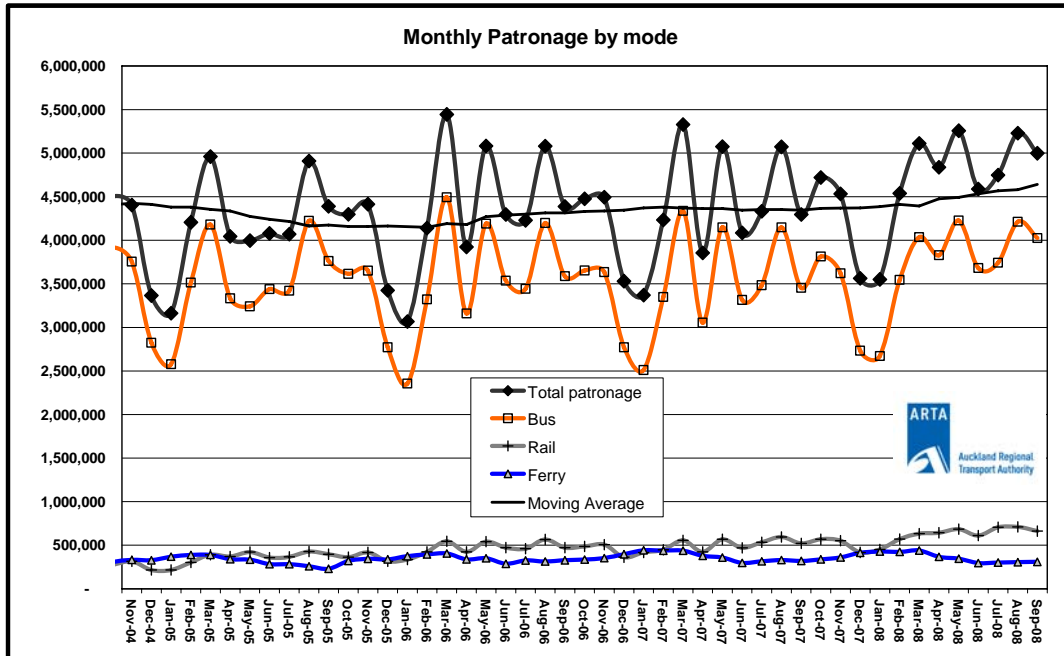
Strategy and Planning

- With the passing of the Public Transport Management Act in September, work is underway on developing the Regional Public Transport Plan.
- ARTA is working through the packages, projects and activities to be included in the 2009/19 Auckland Transport Plan.
- The development of the 2009/12 Auckland Regional Land Transport Programme is underway. This is a 3-year programme prepared under new provisions of the Land Transport Management Act, and new guidelines issued by the NZ Transport Agency.
- ARTA has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with ONTRACK to progress the development of the CBD Rail Tunnel project.

1 CUSTOMER SERVICES

1.1. PASSENGER TRANSPORT PATRONAGE – NETWORK WIDE

The total combined bus, ferry, and rail cumulative patronage for the three months to September is 9.3% (1,275,037 boardings) higher than for the three months to September 2007. September quarter had one extra working day and 5 extra school days this year compared to last.



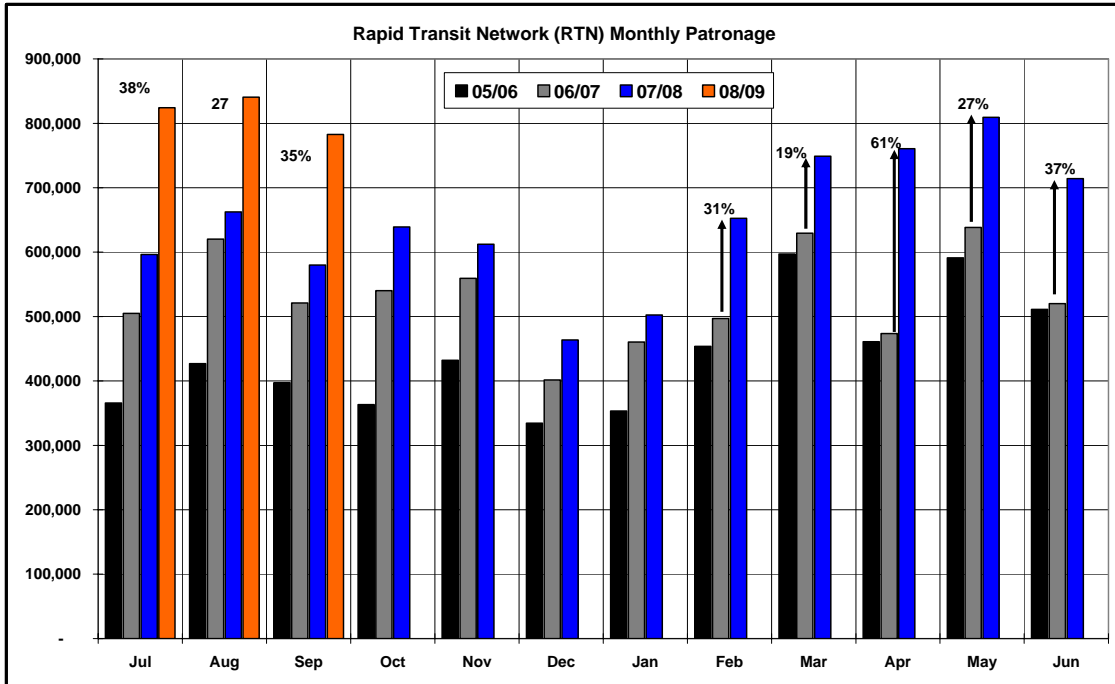
The largest contributors to the September patronage growth (702,112 boardings) are:

- Rail growth on the Western line in September was +35% (64,638 boardings) and the southern and eastern line was +22% (73,536 boardings). Total rail patronage was 140,662 higher at +27%.
- Bus was up by 17%, (572,806 boardings) and included:
 - The Northern Express patronage was 107% (62,094 boardings) higher and Albany and Constellation stations feeder buses up 60% (11,117 boardings).
 - Hibiscus coast express buses that use the Busway were up 27%.
 - The contracted trips of the LINK service had +32% growth.
 - Routes 008 & 009 to Sylvia Park up 31%.
 - Botany to CBD routes 680 and 681 corridor up 47%.

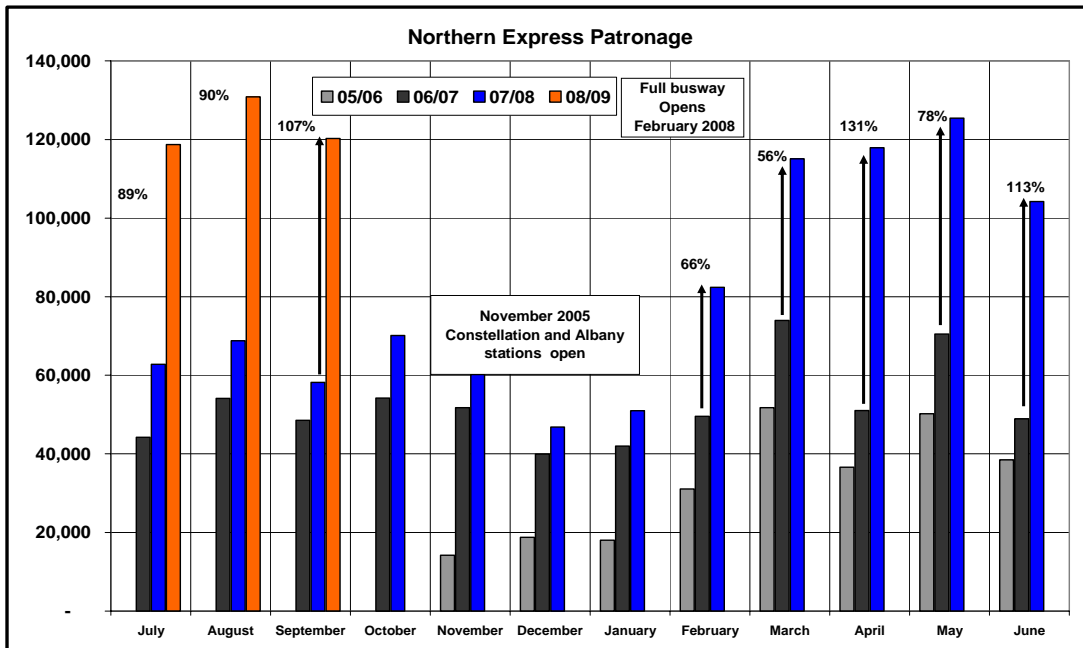
Cumulative patronage growth since January has been consistently over 6%. For the calendar year, patronage is 8% higher at 9 months than for 2007.

Rapid Transit Network (Rail and Northern Express):

For the month of September 2008, the Rapid Transit Network (RTN) grew by 35% (202,716 boardings) compared to September 2007. The high petrol prices of recent months have attracted commuters to use public transport instead of cars and have been drawn to those services that provide a fast, frequent, and reliable journey.

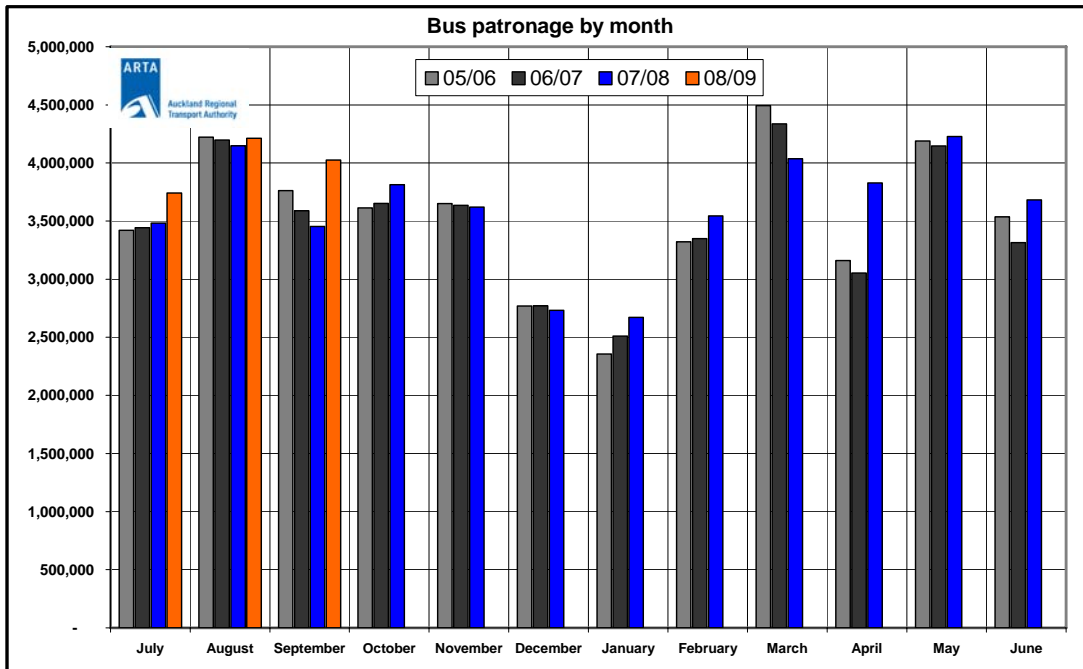


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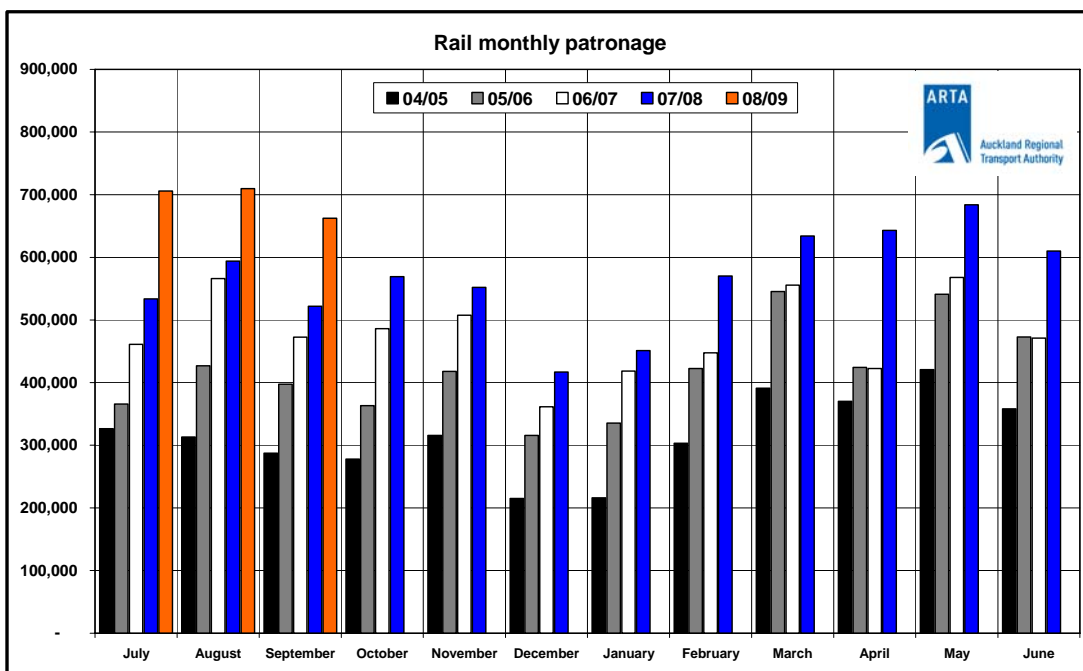
Bus Patronage

Bus patronage is 17% (572,806 boardings) higher than last September, and 8% higher for the 3 months this financial year to date. There were two extra working and 5 more school days in September this year than last.

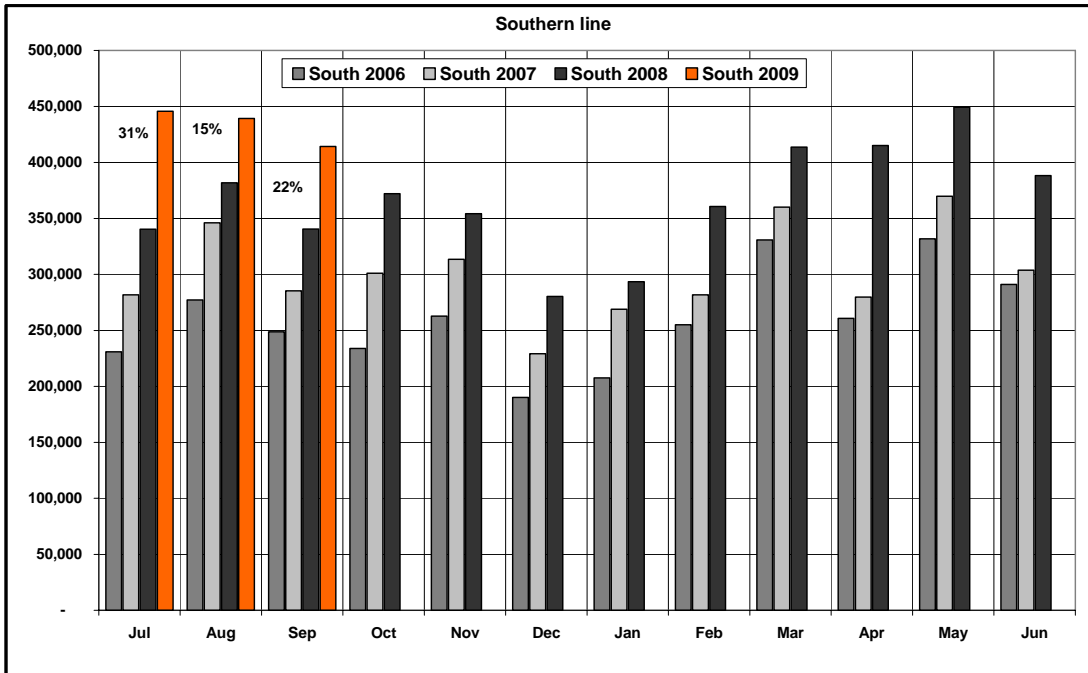


Rail Patronage

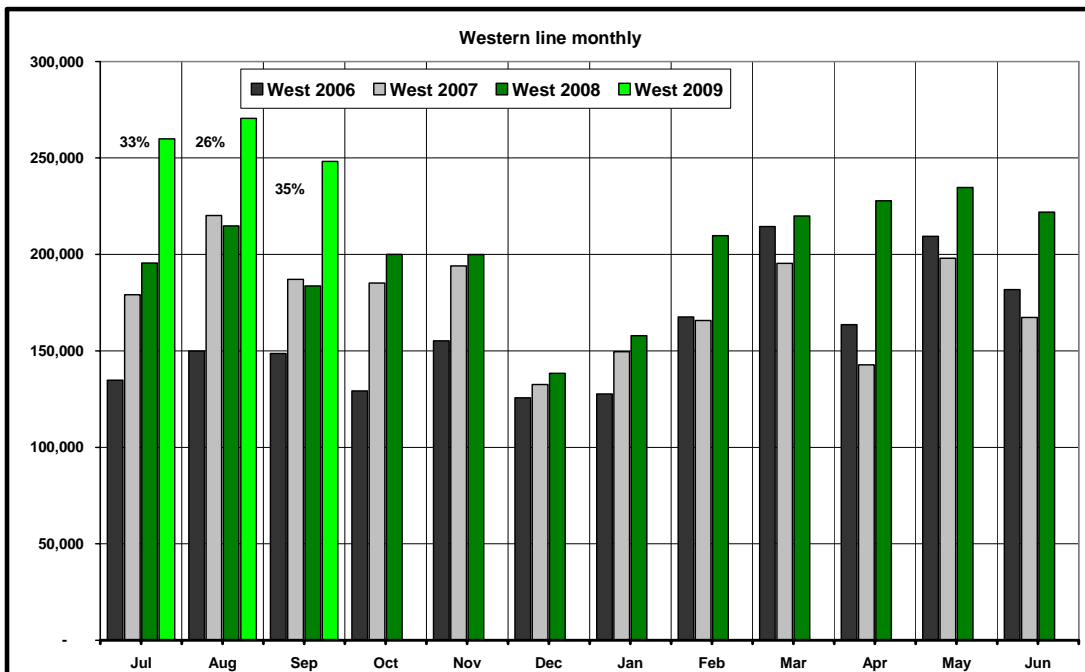
September saw another substantial increase in the numbers using rail services in the region. For the month there were 662,000 passenger journeys recorded on the region's rail system, a 27% increase on the same month last year. For the year to date there have been 2.078 million passenger journeys, compared to 1.657 million for the first three months last year, an increase of 25.4%.



There were 414,000 passengers recorded using southern and eastern line services during the month which is 21.6% more than the same month last year. For the year to date there have been 1,299,000 passenger journeys recorded on the southern and eastern lines, a 22.2% increase on the same three months last year.

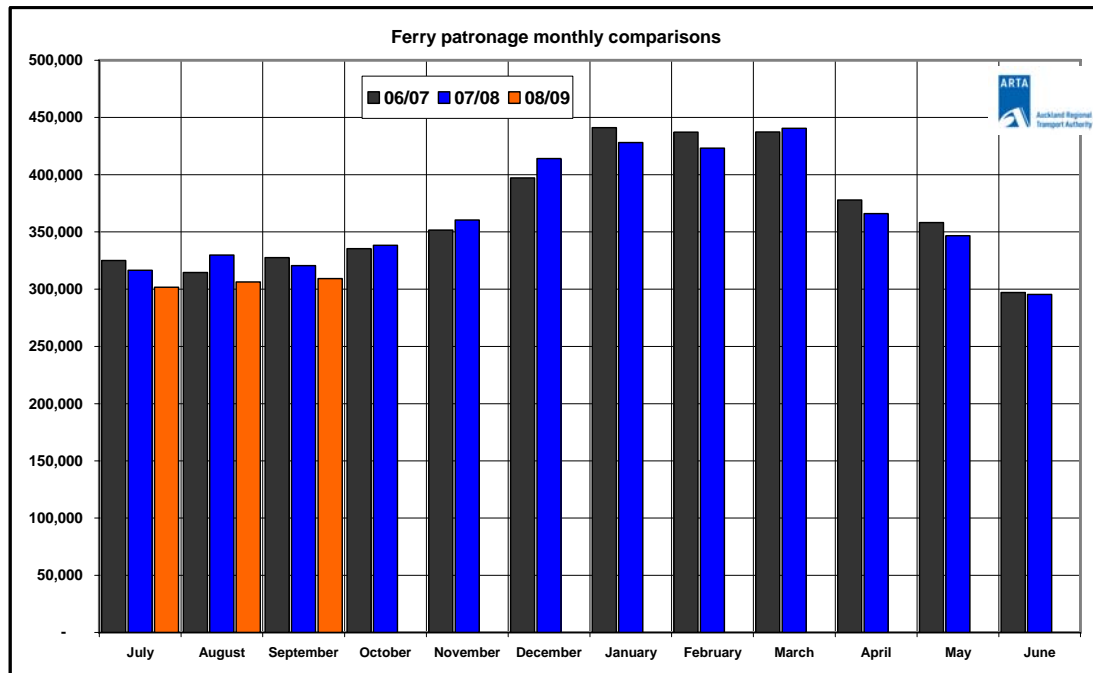


The western line patronage recorded a 35.2% increase on the same month last year, with 248,000 passengers recorded using these services. For the year to date there have been 779,000 passenger journeys recorded on western line trains, an increase of 31.1% on the first three months of last year.



Ferry Patronage

Ferry patronage for September is 3.5% lower (-11,316 boardings) than last September. Ferry patronage is affected differently during an economic down turn as there is a component of recreational travel on many ferry routes, however, there are specific commuter routes that are still growing.



Contracted Ferry route performance year to date is as below:

- Pine Harbour September 08 vs. September 07 +32% growth
- West Harbour September 08 vs. September 07 +52% growth
- Gulf Harbour September 08 vs. September 07 +12.8% growth
- Half Moon bay September 08 vs. September 07 -0.8% decline
- Bayswater September 08 vs. September 07 -9.7% decline
- Birkenhead September 08 vs. September 07 -7.5% decline

1.2. PASSENGER TRANSPORT SERVICE PUNCTUALITY AND RELIABILITY

Rail Services

Service punctuality for all services improved further during September to 87.2% of services operating on time or within five minutes, the best monthly performance since January 2006. This compares to 83.8% last month and 84.5% for the same month last year. Continuing the trend for the year-to-date, the western line punctuality was better than that recorded on the southern and eastern lines, with 89.2% of services operating on-time or within five minutes. The southern and eastern lines showed an improvement on recent performance with 86.1% on time or within five minutes compared to 80.0% last month and 84.1% for September last year.

During September, ONTRACK carried out work on the southern line between Papatoetoe and Papakura to improve track conditions and remove some speed restrictions that were impacting on service performance. Performance improved following this work, although the overall month result was affected by major signal faults as discussed further below.

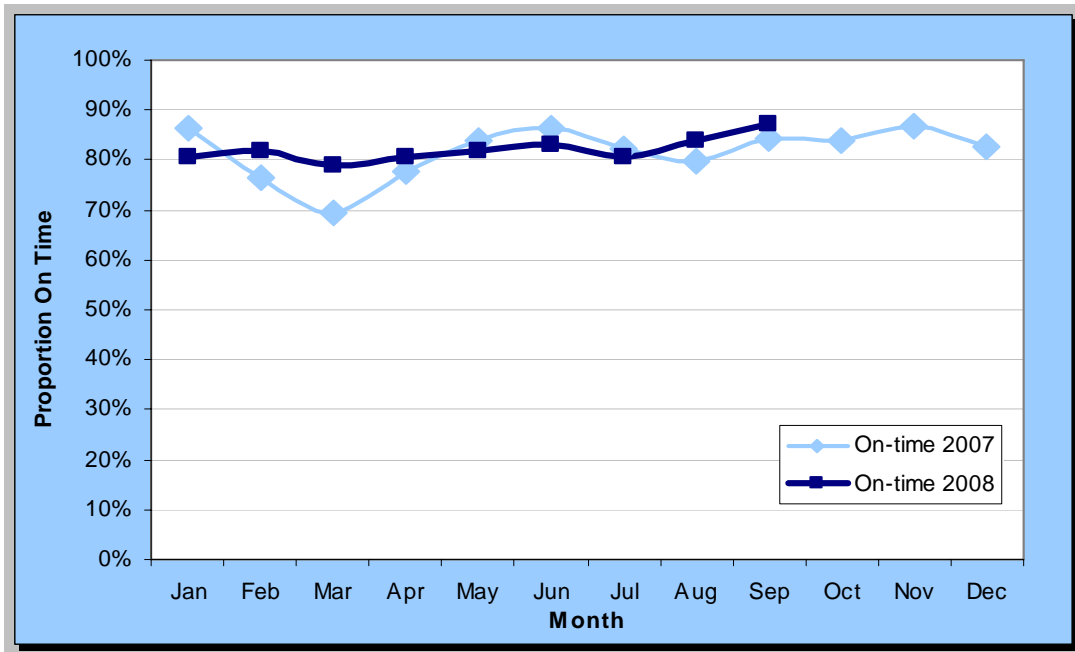
The following major incidents were recorded during the month:

- Signalling and points failures – On the morning of 9 September, a conflict between a software modification made to the Britomart signal panel and train detection equipment on the tracks resulted in a complete shutdown of the Britomart signalling system. Severe service disruptions were encountered during the morning peak through to midday. On the same evening, some western line services were disrupted by an unrelated signal failure at Boston Road. On the morning of 16 September, major delays occurred to services on the western line after a signal failure. Delays were also encountered to southern and eastern line services as a result of trains and crews being delayed and not in position to take up the

running of the services. During the evening peak on 24 September, a signal fault at Britomart briefly delayed services on all lines.

- Mechanical faults – Several services were disrupted on 13 September (Saturday) on the southern and eastern lines following a mechanical fault and the delays were compounded by a signal failure at Westfield.
- Other – On the morning of 18 September, a train struck a stolen car that had been abandoned next to the tracks near Sunnyvale. As a result western line services were disrupted through to the early afternoon.

Rail Punctuality: Services Operating On-time or Within Five Minutes (All Lines)



Reliability (services that were cancelled or did not reach their scheduled destination) during September fell to 97.3% compared to 98.1% last month and 98.5% for September last year. Most service cancellations related to the signal failures detailed above and an unplanned track closure on 21 September (see below). Without these events reliability would have been 98.7% during the month. Western line services were most affected by the major events and reliability was 95.0% compared to 97.7% last month. The southern and eastern line reliability was 98.6%, slightly better than the 98.4% recorded last month.

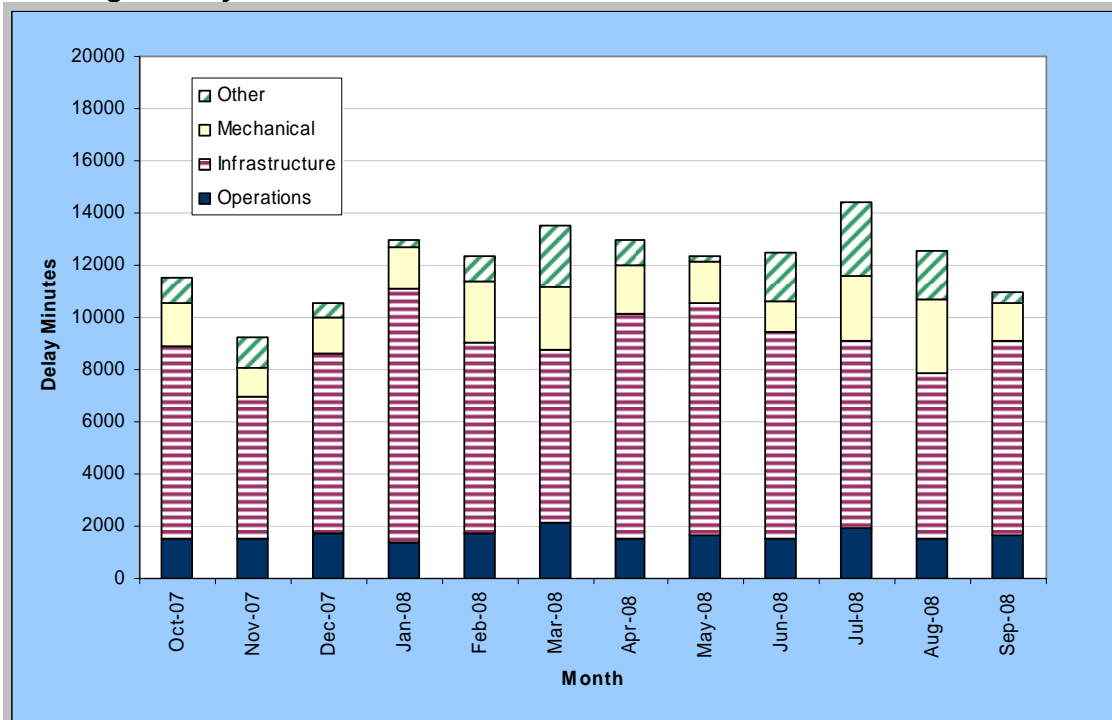
Bus replacements were in effect on weekends during the month as follows:

- Saturday 13 September, buses replaced trains on the western line between Avondale and Waitakere for track duplication work near the Whau Creek bridge;
- Sunday 7 and Sunday 14 September, buses replaced trains on the western line between Avondale and New Lynn for track duplication work near the Whau Creek bridge;
- Sunday 21 September, buses replaced trains on the western line between Avondale and New Lynn. This work, a continuation of the Whau Creek track duplication, had not previously been notified by ONTRACK.
- On the weekend of 20 and 21 September, buses replaced trains between Papatoetoe and Papakura to allow track works aimed at removing some long standing speed restrictions.

Passenger Delay Minutes

Despite the significant incidents during the month, overall delay minutes to services reduced by 13.0% from August, consistent with the overall improvement in on-time running. In September there were 10,937 delay minutes recorded across the network. Delays caused by infrastructure faults made up more than two-thirds of total delay minutes and despite the overall decline in delay minutes were 17.4% higher than last month. The mechanical performance of the train fleet resulted in fewer delay minutes during September than last month, halving the number of delays recorded through mechanical faults compared to last month.

Passenger Delay Minutes – Last Twelve Months



The following is a break-down of the various causal issues of the infrastructure-related delay minutes:

	Delay Minutes	Proportion
Network Control	281	3.8%
Signal/points failure	3,764	50.5%
Speed restrictions	2,203	29.6%
Track protection measures*	1,204	16.2%
Total	7,452	

*Track protection measures are put in place at sites where work that involves activities close to the track is underway. These require trains to slow or stop at a safe distance prior to the actual site and only proceed after receiving approval from the site protector that the track is clear of all obstructions.

Bus Service Reliability and Punctuality

South, West and Isthmus Contracted Bus Services

For September 2008, 99.78% of contracted service trips were operated (reliability measure).

Service punctuality for September 2008 was 99.78% of services operated, measured by the percentage of services which commence the journey within 5 minutes of the timetabled start time.

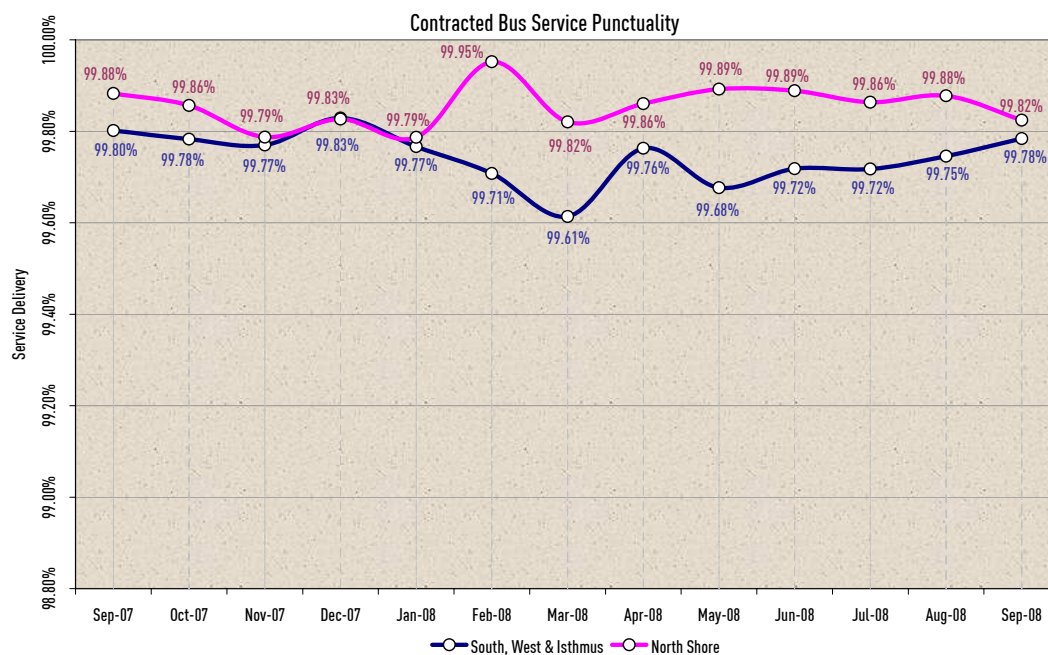
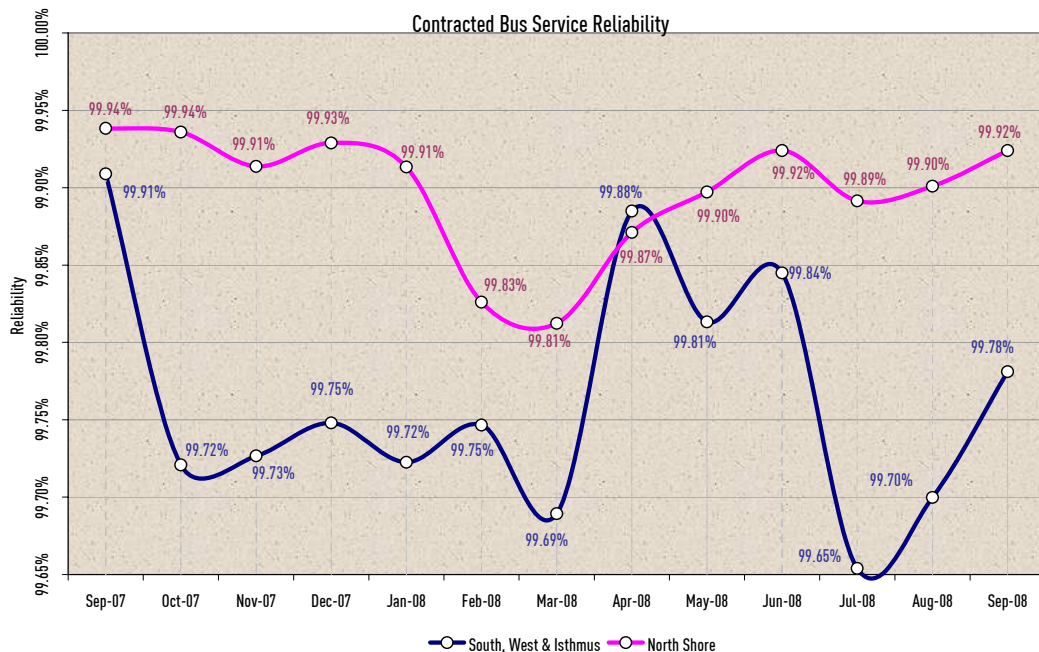
Service punctuality and reliability are self reported by the bus operators.

North Shore Contracted Bus Services

For September 2008, 99.92% of contracted service trips were operated (reliability measure).

Service punctuality for September 2008 was 99.82% of services operated, measured by the percentage of services which commence the journey within 5 minutes of the timetabled start time.

Service punctuality and reliability is self reported by the bus operators.



1.3. SERVICE DEVELOPMENTS

Kawakawa Bay Emergency Services

ARTA and Manukau City Council shared the cost 50:50 of providing emergency transport services for the five week period to Friday 3 October whilst road access to Kawakawa Bay was closed due to a landslip. This involved shopper buses to Thames and Papakura, and a ferry service between Kawakawa Bay and Pine Harbour.

1.4. MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS

Queen Street Upgrade

All major elements of the Queen St upgrade (in stages 1, 2, 3 and 4 between Custom St and Karangahape Rd) construction works are complete. Further defect work, requiring diversions for public transport, is planned for October 2008.

Newmarket Streetscape Upgrade

The realignment of the Broadway intersection with Khyber Pass and surrounding pavement streetscape work commenced in September 2008. Any works requiring a capacity reduction of the intersection was undertaken at night with minimal impact to public transport.

Central Connector

The Central Connector Project commenced construction on 8 April 2008.

Construction is underway in Anzac Avenue and Park Rd between Grafton Bridge and Carlton Gore Rd. All traffic lanes remain open during construction (achieved by lane realignment and the removal of parking) which minimises the impact to public transport. Bus stops are being relocated or closed temporarily when required. Planning is underway for the Waterloo Quadrant section of Symonds St, with the highest impact on services planned to occur during university holidays.

Vector Network Upgrade Project Stage 1

Vector is undertaking stage 1 of an electricity network upgrade in the CBD from late October 2008 to the end of February 2009. The Vector works entail installation of ducts and cables between the Quay St and Hobson St sub stations. The works require open trenching in the road carriageway in Lower Albert St, Quay St and Fanshawe St, with significant lane reductions to accommodate the area of work.

ARTA is planning for bus stop relocations and bus route diversions to accommodate the works and mitigate anticipated congestion and delays which are expected to be significant. The works commence in Lower Albert St on 30 October 2008, Quay St (adjacent to the Ferry Building) and Britomart from mid-November until mid-December 2008, with Fanshawe St and the remainder of Quay St planned for early 2009.

1.5. SPECIAL EVENT PASSENGER TRANSPORT SERVICES

Eden Park: Air New Zealand Cup, Auckland vs Southland, Saturday 6 September

All games this Air New Zealand Cup season will allow patrons with match tickets to travel for 'free' on special event bus and train services to and from the park. Special bus services allow travel direct from Takapuna, North Shore Busway Station and Midtown to Eden Park and return with a valid match ticket.

Mount Smart: NRL Game Warriors vs Roosters, Friday 19 September

A number of additional trains were provided before and after the game.

Eden Park: Air New Zealand Cup, Auckland vs Wellington, Saturday 20 September

In total, there were 458 trips taken on the special event bus services both to and from the game and 1,215 trips by rail.

1.6. REGISTERED SERVICE NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED BY ARTA UNDER THE TRANSPORT SERVICES LICENSING ACT 1989 PART 2

Under the Transport Services Licensing Act 1989, the following applications for registered services have been approved during September 2008.

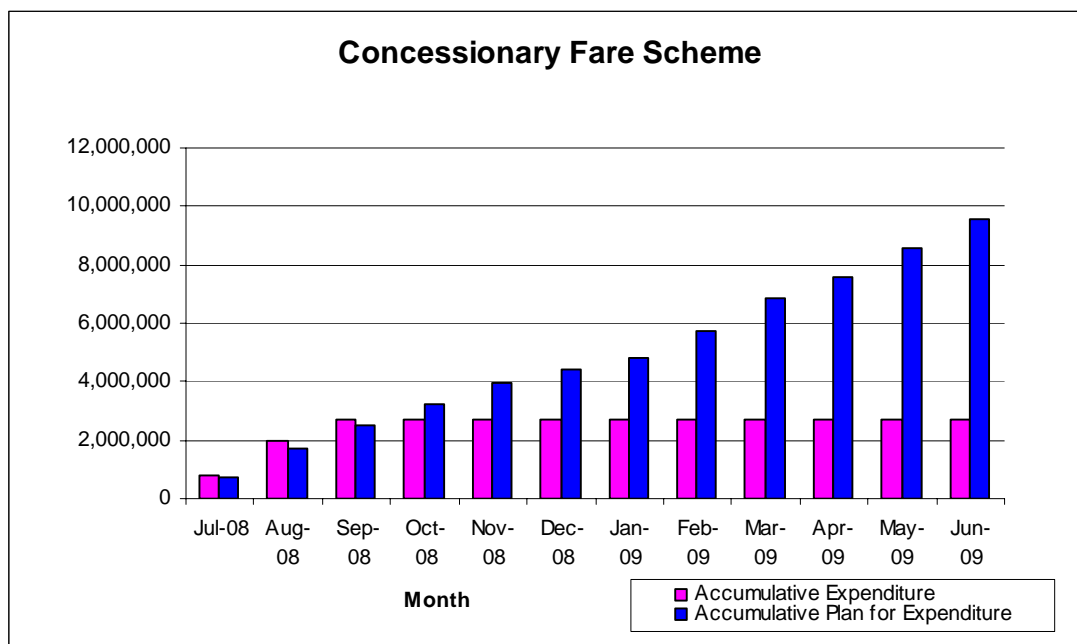
- Travelife Company Ltd.: Notification to register a scheduled passenger transport service from Auckland CBD Hotels to the Airport. Approved 4-Sep-08.
- Sealink Travel Group Ltd.: Notification to vary the all year round standard timetable from 26 September 2008 onwards. Approved 15-Sep-08.
- Sealink Travel Group Ltd.: Notification to vary the all year round standard timetable to register an 11:30am departure ex HMB and arrival at KP at 12:30pm, Monday to Friday between 15 December 2008 to 13 February 2009. Approved 15-Sep-08.
- Sealink Travel Group Ltd.: Notification to vary the existing approved standard timetable from 1 December 2008 to 30 April 2009. Approved 15-Sep-08.
- Howick & Eastern Buses Ltd.: Notification to withdraw route no. 022. Approved 15-Sep-08.

1.7. PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONCESSIONARY FARE SCHEME (CFS)

38 senior citizen applications were processed in September 2008, compared with 93 in June, 112 in July and 60 in August.

It is noted that ARTA is reducing the production of MAXX Senior Citizens ID cards with the introduction of the free "SuperGold" travel on public transport within the region. Cards will only be issued to those residents of the Auckland Region who have yet to qualify for NZ Superannuation (and therefore a SuperGold card). This primarily relates to new immigrant residents who are over the age of 65 years old.

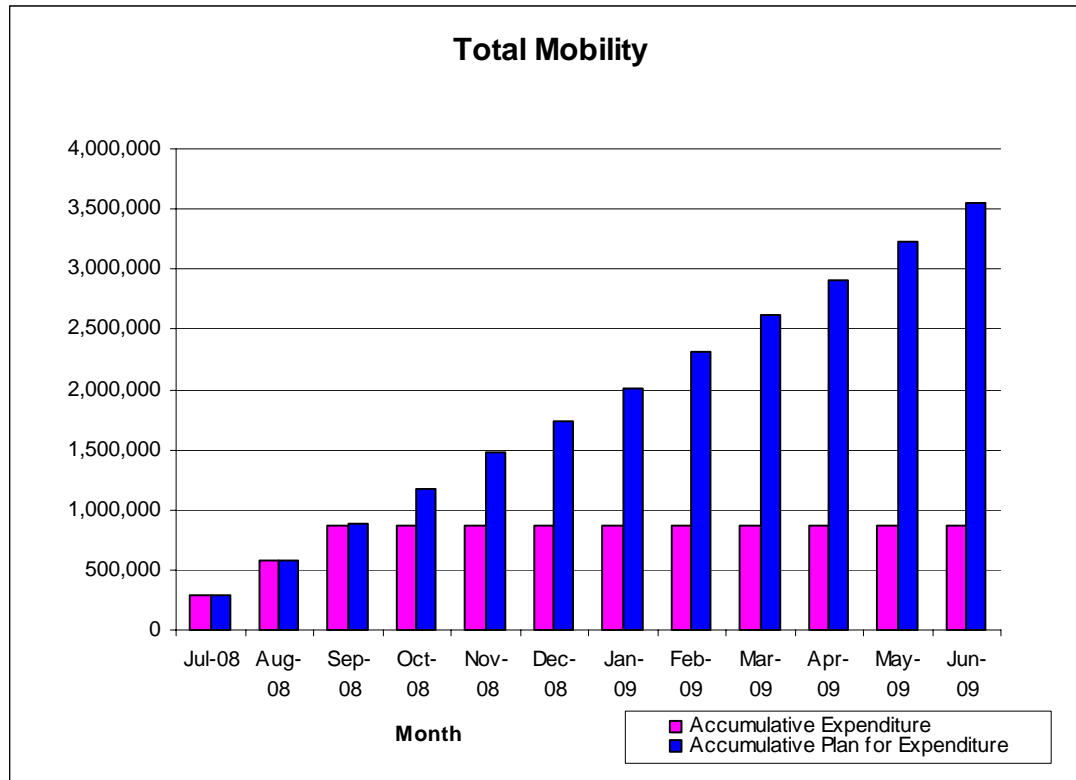
Expenditure for concessionary fare reimbursements is over budget for the three months ended September 2008. The expenditure is \$2,717,000 against a budget of \$2,507,000. This is primarily as a result of increased demand on the tertiary student and senior citizen concessions.



1.8. AUCKLAND TOTAL MOBILITY SCHEME

228 new Total Mobility applications were processed in September 2008, compared with 186 in June, 253 in July and 210 in August.

Expenditure for Total Mobility reimbursements is under budget for the three months ended September 2008. The expenditure is \$863,000 against a budget of \$888,000.



1.9. TRAVEL PLANNING

Schools

The following schools launched their travel plans during September:

- Whangaparaoa College
- Waitoki School
- Waterview Primary School and Kindergarten

The launch of Whangaparaoa's school travel plan presented an important milestone, being the first secondary school in the Rodney District to launch a travel plan.

The launch at Waterview School received local news coverage.

Workplaces

- Work has commenced on the Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) pilot programme, with the recruitment of pilot companies underway. GRH programmes offer a taxi ride home or to other relevant destinations (e.g. schools, medical facilities) for employees that used a sustainable travel option to commute to work on the day of the emergency. Acting essentially as an insurance programme, GRH schemes overseas have proven to be an extremely cost-effective approach to both attracting new public transport riders and maintaining or increasing ridership amongst existing riders. The pilot period continues through to mid-2009 with an evaluation and reporting period at its conclusion.

1.10. MARKETING AND CUSTOMER INFORMATION

New Developments – September 2008

Hibiscus Coast Express Bus Services

On 15 September, Hibiscus Coast Express bus services were altered to stop at all Busway Stations between Constellation and Akoranga, to improve passenger connections and travel options. A number of positive pieces of customer feedback have been received.

SuperGold card

Preparations were made for the implementation of free travel from 9am on weekdays and all day on weekends and public holidays for SuperGold card holders and other senior citizens from 1 October 2008.

Material produced included:

- posters & flyers
- SuperGold paper tickets for train & bus
- posters - for bus depots detailing the ID that will be accepted
- press advertising
- The event took place at Britomart on Friday 26 September and was launched by Prime Minister Helen Clark.

Special events

Planning underway for major events in December:

- Santa Parade
- Coca Cola Christmas in the Park
- LA Galaxy
- The Big Day Out

Ambury Farm Day

Ambury Farm Day is held on Sunday 12 October.

At the event there will be:

- A Northern Express bus - for children to have a look round
- Giveaways for children - goody bags
- Contact Centre staff to assist with public transport information
- A free shuttle bus operating between Otahuhu train station and Ambury Regional Park via Mangere Town Centre

The following communications have been prepared to promote the trains and free shuttle bus to the event:

- A3 poster (distributed on buses and trains)
- MAXX website news item
- ARC flyer.

CUSTOMER INFORMATION CHANNELS

MAXX website statistics – September 2008

	September 08
Total visits	182, 669 1% increase on August 08*
Unique visitors	87,303 1% increase on August 08*
Most active hour of the day	4pm to 5pm
Most active day of the week	Monday
Most popular pages	Journey planner – full enquiry Journey planner – map Journey planner – diagram Timetables order and download page
Most downloaded PDF files	Western line train timetable Forest Hill bus timetable Southern line train timetable Hibiscus Coast timetable Beach Road/East Coast timetable

MAXX SMS service

	September 08
Total requests received	29,264 4% increase on August 08
Individual users	4,031 6% increase on August 08

MAXX Contact Centre – September 2008

STATISTIC	2008/2009	2007/2008	Change PY
CALLS OFFERED	53105	57381	-7.45%
CALLS ANSWERED	52120	56528	-7.80%
CALLS ABANDONED	829	704	17.76%
AVERAGE QUEUE LENGTH	0:07	0:06	16.67%
AVERAGE CALL LENGTH	2:14	2:03	8.94%
AVERAGE HANDLE TIME	2:23	2:10	10.00%
LONGEST QUEUE TIME	8:08	5:42	42.69%
EMAILS OFFERED	450	226	99.12%
AVERAGE EMAIL WAIT	7:35:20	11:47:16	-35.62%
BRITOMART VISITS	9270	7485	23.85%

Key Performance Indicators

KPI	2008/2009	2007/2008	Change
GRADE OF SERVICE	87.25%	91.37%	-4.51%
ABANDON RATE	1.56%	2.15%	-27.44%
EMAIL GRADE OF SERVICE	99.63%	NA	NA

- PY = Previous Year
- External quality score is a mystery shopper audit measured twice a year in April and September
- Email grade of service measures how many emails have been answered within two business days – this is a new measure and hence there is no statistic from the previous year for comparison

2 PROJECT DELIVERY

2.1. ROLLING STOCK PROCUREMENT

Renewals projects

- **SX refurbishment**

Work is progressing to the programme. The first two carriages will be delivered for train service in October 2008.

- **ADL Air-conditioning Upgrade**

The programme is on target and thirty nine units have now been completed, with four units remaining to be completed by October 2008.

- **PID installation**

Production of the required hardware and software is on schedule. However, the current high demand for carriages will slow down the installation process on the existing fleet.

SA Train set 15 – 17

Train sets 15 -17 entered service on the following dates:-

- TS 15 - 13 August 2008
- TS 16 - 22 September 2008
- TS 17 - 3 October 2008

All locomotives have now been delivered to Auckland.

SA Train sets 18 – 23

Work is progressing on the remanufacturing activities of the SA/SD carriages. There are now nineteen carriage bodies at Hillside. Twelve carriages are at various stages of refurbishment and the other seven are yet to be admitted for works. KiwiRail has now advised that the first 4 car set will now be delivered in July 2009. The key reason for this delay of 4 weeks is failure by their sub-contractor to deliver the new bogies as previously agreed due to the non availability of metric bearings on the international market.

2.2. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

DART: Joint ARTA / ONTRACK Projects

Progress made on each joint ARTA-ONTRACK DART project is described below:

Newmarket Station Remodelling (DART 1)

Construction continues with activities prioritised in order to achieve key track relocation works during the Christmas line shutdown.

Western Line Duplication Stage 3 – Avondale (DART 4)

A public open day was held on 6 September which was well attended.

ONTRACK continue planning the temporary station to be located east of Blockhouse Bay Road which will enable the existing station to be demolished and track lowering works to proceed this summer.

Once ONTRACK confirm the rail alignment at the new side platforms and the platform set out details, Connell Wagner will be able to proceed with the design of ARTA's 'above track' station elements. ONTRACK have also indicated that the at-grade pedestrian crossing at Crayford Street is likely to be replaced with a footbridge with lifts and stairs. Joint discussions between ONTRACK, ARTA and Auckland City Council continue to determine the optimum layout of the station and its integration with the surrounding neighbourhood.

Western Line Duplication Stage 3 - New Lynn (DART 6)

We are still awaiting ONTRACK's confirmation of the apportionment of the total outturn cost (TOC1) between ONTRACK, ARTA and Waitakere City Council. Following receipt of this information a detailed funding agreement can be prepared together with finalising the station design.

A revised concept design for the rail station concourse and bus interchange was agreed between ARTA and Waitakere City Council. WCC have novated their architectural and quantity surveying contracts to ARTA so that we may manage the detailed design

Western Line Duplication Stage 4 Henderson to Swanson (DART 8)

Landscaping works in progress.

Distributed Stabling (DART 17)

Tamaki Drive – a concept design for the stabling at this site that also accommodates the freight operator's requirements has been developed and agreed at technical level. Responsibility for funding the below track elements needs to be discussed and agreed with ONTRACK.

Western Line Site – an alternative site at Bruce McLaren Road is being investigated, which may have fewer environmental impacts on residential property at lower capital cost than the Ranui site, due to less earthworks being required.

Rail Station Upgrades (Non-DART)

Station	Status	Comments
Baldwin Ave	Yet to commence.	Station upgrade works are intended to be undertaken during the 2008/2009 financial year.
Morningside	Existing design is being reviewed to ensure that future 8-car trains can be accommodated.	Station upgrade works are shown to be undertaken during the 2008/2009 financial year.
Papakura	Work on the second lift has been suspended pending Papakura District Council completing acquisition of the necessary land.	Funded under rail station safety measures budget.

2.3. FERRY TERMINAL UPGRADES

Beach Haven

A design review report has been completed that identifies that the currently designed ferry terminal (undertaken by ARTNL), which features a floating pontoon, is unlikely to be adequate to service the larger ferries anticipated in the ferry operations strategy for the inner Waitemata harbour. This would provide an integrated service between the CBD, Birkenhead, Beach Haven and Hobsonville. A hydraulically operated platform may be required and significant alterations to the existing heritage wharf structure may also be necessary. Options will be identified for discussion with key stakeholders including North Shore City and the ARC.

Downtown Ferry Terminal Upgrades (IA Grant)

The pedestrian bridge linking Piers 1 and 2 is complete and opened to the public.

Half Moon Bay (IA Grant)

Works expected to be complete in October.

Gulf Harbour (IA Grant)

Works complete.

Bayswater

Tenders for the detailed design were received and evaluated. Award of contract anticipated later this month.

Birkenhead

Funding application submitted to NZTA. Current design being reviewed against up to date operational requirements.

2.4. NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

Rail Station Upgrades Concept Designs

Final access arrangements for the new DART 2 station between Park Road and Khyber Pass Road are yet to be agreed between ARTA and ONTRACK. ARTA is awaiting a response to a letter suggesting ONTRACK base case modifications. This has been delayed pending ONTRACK'S review of the proposed property development opportunities over the station and on Railway land.

A peer review of the Onehunga Station Preliminary Concept design report containing a technically challenging station location option has been received.

Ferry Terminal Developments

Planning in association with MCC for public consultation meetings on the Half Moon Bay Ferry Terminal upgrade options has been delayed pending outcomes of negotiation with vehicular ferry operators which are currently underway.

Rugby World Cup 2011

Consultants have commenced work to validate the scope, costs and programme for the planned infrastructure enhancements needed at Kingsland Station for the 2011 Rugby World Cup. The southern platform access sizing and intrusion into the road reserve still needs to be negotiated with Auckland City Council.

Manukau Rail Link (DART 9)

ARTA is working with MCC and ONTRACK to define a scope of work for the Manukau Interchange Concept Design. Consultants are being briefed and work is underway to confirm scope, costs and programme for completion of both interchange concept design and early rail station concept delivery to support ONTRACK'S plans to fast track Stage 2 enabling works; namely consenting and earth works encompassing the Option 2 station box.

2.5. REAL TIME PASSENGER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Type 1 Signs for Bus Services, Phases 0, 3 & 4:

The installation rollout of 151 VPIDs by HTS Group Ltd of Type 1 signs, phases 0, 3 & 4 commenced in July 2008. Due to continuous bad weather conditions during July only two sites were completed. To bring the work back to schedule the contractor has agreed to work on up to ten sites in parallel with priority given to those sites that the Territorial Local Authorities (TLAs) have supplied the relevant consents.

Progress to 31 August 2008 is:

Rodney District, all nine approved sites are completed.

Waitakere City, 27 sites completed.

North Shore City, work has started on 5 sites and work on up to 30 sites is scheduled for September. The main cause of the delay in starting work in this area has been due to the large number of site changes requested by NSCC (17), with Takapuna Travel Centre being recently included.

Manukau City, MCC have requested 12 site changes and restrictions on the scheduling of site work. Meetings have been arranged with them to resolve the outstanding issues. Work is scheduled to start in this area in October.

Papakura District, work on the 2 sites at the rail station has been postponed pending redevelopment of the walkway by PDC.

Franklin District, the one site approved for this area is the last scheduled for completion during February 2009.

All completed sites have been handed over to the Customer Service team for commissioning.

Real Time Passenger Information System for Rail Services:

The discovery phase of functional and technical requirements for the required real time passenger information for rail services has been completed by Fujitsu NZ Ltd. Their findings and recommendations have been presented to all relevant parties including ONTRACK, Veolia, and ARTNL/Britomart. A Request for Information was advertised and is due to close on 15 October 2008. A Request for Proposal is being prepared to publicly seek proposals for the design and supply of an appropriate real time passenger information system for rail services.

2.6. ASSET MANAGEMENT

Downtown Ferry Terminals Structural renewals

Repair work which commenced in May is progressing slowly due to the contractor identifying the deterioration is much greater than originally anticipated. The re work is due in large part to the need to undertake remedial works on all concrete repairs which have been carried out over the past 20 years.

The Consultant is preparing a report outlining the issues for management to consider the implications and to support an application for additional funding to complete the works, which will be submitted to NZTA and ARC.

Half Moon Bay Vehicular Terminal

ARTA has received tender documentation detailing the renewal works required to reinstate the mooring facilities to a safe condition. Discussions are underway with the operators to agree how and when works can be carried out without major disruption to services.

An application to upgrade the NZTA funding approval status from Cat 2 to Cat 1 is being prepared.

The resurfacing of potholes in the marshalling yard has been completed. The repairs to the facility power board are underway and programmed to be completed by the end of October. Agreement on the signage proposals is expected from the Operators by the end of October. Other repairs to the fencing and reinstatement of line marking in the marshalling area is also programmed to be completed by the end of October.

3 STRATEGY AND PLANNING

3.1. STRATEGIC TRANSPORT PLANNING

Auckland Transport Plan

Work is continuing on the development of the next Auckland Transport Plan. Currently ARTA is working through the packages, projects and activities to be included in the 2009 Auckland Transport Plan.

Regional Public Transport Plan

With the passing of the Public Transport Management Act in September, work is underway on developing the Regional Public Transport Plan. The purpose of the Regional Public Transport Plan is to specify how ARTA will give effect to the public transport aspects of the Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS) and contribute to achieving an affordable, integrated, safe, responsive and sustainable land transport system.

CBD Rail Tunnel

ARTA has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with ONTRACK to progress the development of the CBD Rail Tunnel project. ONTRACK and ARTA are currently preparing to go to the market for consultants to provide detailed technical information for the next stage of the project.

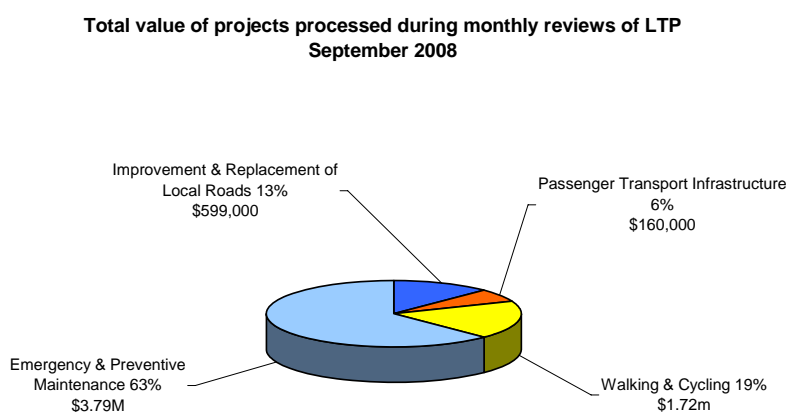
3.2. PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING

2008/2009 Auckland Land Transport Programme (LTP)

During the September monthly review, 16 funding applications totalling \$6,266,080 were submitted to ARTA for consideration.

ARTA recommended all the applications for approval to NZTA. Of these, 14 applications worth \$5,911,080 have been approved for funding while the remaining 2 projects worth \$355,000 are deferred pending further investigation from NZTA.

Figure 1 shows the breakdown of scheme type.



Note The percentage values in the chart above relates to number of schemes as opposed to value.

Figure 1. September LTP Review, ARTA processed.

Table 1 - September Recommended Schemes to NZ Transport Agency

Land Transport Programme Management							
Project name	Description	Activity Class	Phase	Cost	Comments (ARTA)	Outcome (NZ Transport Agency)	
September 2008							
ACC	Bus Priority Investigations 08/09 – Advanced Fees	This application proposes to investigate bus priority measures at the following locations: CBD to Airport, Newmarket and Mt Eden village.	PT Improvements	Investigation	\$160,000	Recommended	Deferred pending assessment check from NZTA regional office.
ACC	Cycling and Walking Investigations 2008/09	The purpose of this scheme is to investigate ways of facilitating more walking and cycling trips in and around Auckland town centres.	System Use	Investigation	\$250,000	Recommended	Approved
ACC	Emergency Works Auckland August 2008	This request is for the first response (emergency reinstatement) to a number of roads throughout Auckland City and the Gulf Island network.	Maintenance	Construction	\$770,000	Recommended	Approved
FDC	July Storm damage - Emergency works	Heavy rains and gale force winds during the last week of July 2008 in the Franklin region caused slips at Highway 22 (RP 21.2), Highway 22 (RP21.73), Onewhero Tuakau Bridge Road (RP0.64), Moumoukai Road and Pokeno Road	Maintenance	Construction	\$98,000	Recommended	Approved
MCC	Storm damage Emergency Works (July2008)	Heavy rain and high winds during 29-31st July 2008 have resulted in surface flooding, minor slips, falling tree damage and foreshore erosion throughout most of the wards in Manukau City.	Maintenance	Construction	\$255,000	Recommended	Approved
NSCC	Huka Road Embankment Failure	Heavy rains and gale force winds in the last week of July 2008 on the North Shore (and throughout the Auckland region) caused an under slip at Huka Road.	Maintenance	Construction	\$210,000	Recommended	Approved
NSCC	Mulberry Place Embankment	Heavy rains and gale force winds in the last week of July 2008 on the North Shore caused under slips at Mulberry Place.	Maintenance	Construction	\$260,000	Recommended	Approved
NSCC	NSCC Travelwise to School Programme 08/09	This project consists of a number of measures to improve road safety, the walkability of the school catchments and the use of alternative forms of transport for a total number of 18 schools in the North Shore area.	System Use	Construction	\$835,000	Recommended	Approved
PDC	30 July 2008 Storm damage	Heavy rain and high winds during the last week of July 2008 caused surface flooding, minor slips, and fallen tree damage on Papakura District Council Roads.	Maintenance	Construction	\$300,000	Recommended	Approved
RDC	26 July 3 August 2008 Storm damage, Emergency works	Heavy rains and gale force winds during the last week of July 2008 in the Rodney region caused under slips at Ahuroa Road, Burney Road, Kaipara Hill and Matakana Valley Road.	Maintenance	Construction	\$500,000	Recommended	Approved
RDC	26 July 3 August 2008 Storm - Emergency works (1st response)	More than 160 sites were reported. Uprooted trees, broken branches, over slip debris and under slips caused lane closures. Blocked drains and culverts resulted in flooding and erosion.	Maintenance	Construction	\$600,000	Recommended	Approved
RDC	29 June 2008 Storm damage - Emergency works	Permanent reinstatement work is required to restore the roads to their former condition. Downer EDI submitted a detailed assessment of the activity including cost estimates	Maintenance	Construction	\$533,000	Recommended	Approved
RDC	PJM 29 June 2008 : Puhoi & Wayby	Slips occurred during the 29 June storm at Puhoi Road RP300 and Wayby Station Road RP 5600 in the Rodney District	Maintenance	Construction	\$195,000	Recommended	Deferred as activity was erroneously omitted from the package submitted for Group meeting review and approval
RDC	School Travel Plan Infrastructure 2008/09 – Rodney District	The purpose of this scheme is to build Infrastructure resulting from School Travel Plans at the following schools: (a) Orewa College (b) Whangaparaoa College (c) Snells Beach Primary School and (d) Mahurangi Christian School	System Use	Construction	\$630,000	Recommended	Approved
WCC	E/W July & Aug 2008 : Various sites	Heavy rains and gale force winds between 26 July and 3 August 2008 in the Auckland Region caused extensive damage to the roading network in Waitakere	Maintenance	Construction	\$71,080	Recommended	Approved
WCC	Huia Road Safety Improvements	The project specifically addresses loss of control crashes at bends.	Improvement & Replacement of Local Roads	Construction	\$270,000	Recommended	Approved
WCC	Trig Road Safety Improvement	The preferred option for Trig Road includes shoulder widening, shape correction, and new flush median on the bends located 200m south of Brigham Road.	Improvement & Replacement of Local Roads	Construction	\$329,000	Recommended	Approved
Total New Schemes Approved for Funding					\$6,266,080		

3.3. 2009/2013 REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME

Planning continues for the development of the 3-year programme, the 2009/12 Auckland Regional Land Transport Programme:

- The RLTP Development Guidelines were released to Approved Organisations throughout the region including NZTA Networks and Operations (formerly Transit NZ).
- NZTA provided a brief workshop to Approved Organisations to highlight and discuss the changes to their recently released Programme, Planning and Funding Manual (PPFM).
- ARTA organised a half-day workshop for the region to discuss the upcoming changes and development requirements for Community Programmes in the RLTP.

3.4. WALKING AND CYCLING STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

Strategy and Planning has appointed a new Walking and Cycling Coordinator, who has recently completed a dissertation relating to the barriers to cycling to schools. ARTA is adding its expertise into the revision of the RLTS, which will include new policies and targets on walking and cycling.

3.5. REGIONAL ARTERIAL ROAD PLAN

Work is continuing on the finalisation of the Regional Arterial Road Plan following public consultation. The consultation on the draft document has resulted in a number of amendments that will strengthen the document. It is expected that ARTA will finalise the document in early December.

3.6. REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY COORDINATION

Analysis has continued on the submissions for the Draft Regional Road Safety Plan.

Planning was progressed for the 2008/09 Regional Advertising 'Share the Road' Campaign targeting cyclists and motorists, due to be launched in October.

The October edition of the Road Ahead has been edited and compiled, and a regional Child Restraint forum was hosted.

Significant time was also contributed to the planning and programming of the 2008 Trafanz Conference in September, and towards the Safe & Sustainable Transport Association national activities.

Regional Road Deaths at 30 September 2008 compared with 30 September 2007.

	RDC	NSCC	WCC	ACC	MCC	PDC	FDC	Region
Sep08	5	4	3	5	17	1	7	42
Sep07	10	3	4	3	10	1	7	38

The regional road toll to September 08 has four more deaths than at the same time in 2007.

4 CORPORATE SERVICES

4.1. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Auckland Regional Transport Authority							
INCOME STATEMENT							
NZD '000 September-08	MONTH			YEAR TO DATE			FULL YEAR
	Budget	Actual	Variance Fav/(Unfav)	Budget	Actual	Variance Fav/(Unfav)	Budget
OPERATING REVENUE							
ARC Opex Grants	7,823	8,729	906	23,368	23,495	127	92,557
LTNZ Opex Grants	8,334	9,247	913	24,807	24,748	(59)	100,290
Other Grants and Subsidies	109	129	20	327	329	2	1,305
Rail Fare Revenue	1,566	1,598	32	4,626	4,946	320	19,000
Bus Fare Revenue	281	318	37	918	1,071	153	3,962
Ferry Wharf Revenue	161	156	(5)	480	467	(13)	1,928
Other Sundry Operating Income	1	4	3	3	40	37	11
Total Operating Revenue	18,275	20,181	1,906	54,529	55,096	567	219,053
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
Human Resource	1,128	1,103	25	3,277	3,233	44	11,992
Prof Services - Project Delivery	508	571	(63)	1,516	1,415	101	7,005
Prof Services - Customer Services	797	759	38	2,042	2,038	4	8,120
Prof Services - Others	469	253	216	1,004	520	484	3,394
Support Services	225	225	0	675	682	(7)	2,700
Materials	39	13	26	116	22	94	500
Printing and Office	106	121	(15)	362	246	116	1,703
Communications	29	25	4	92	54	38	367
Information Systems	87	68	19	170	118	52	915
Bus Contract	9,063	9,761	(698)	27,595	27,952	(357)	111,332
Rail Contract	4,973	6,029	(1,056)	14,860	15,372	(512)	60,525
Ferry Contract	517	471	46	1,458	1,325	133	6,113
Staff Time Cost	(26)	(20)	(6)	(76)	(64)	(12)	(310)
Other Expenditure	380	195	185	1,135	418	717	4,488
Depreciation	1,162	1,271	(109)	3,486	3,715	(229)	13,944
Investigations Expenditure	234	182	52	685	721	(36)	1,029
Total Operating Expenditure	19,691	21,027	(1,336)	58,397	57,767	630	233,817
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,416)	(846)	570	(3,868)	(2,671)	1,197	(13,633)

Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 September 2008

	June 08 \$000s	ARTA			June 08 \$000s	ARTA		
		Sep-08 \$000s	Aug-08 \$000s	Movement \$000s		Sep-08 \$000s	Aug-08 \$000s	Movement \$000s
Liabilities								
Current Liabilities								
Trade payables	8,087	15,047	4,235	10,812				
GST payable	184	0	1,298	(1,298)				
Employee benefit liabilities	855	793	691	102				
Income in advance	3,076	6,096	8,065	(1,969)				
Accrued expenditure	34,740	25,884	31,832	(5,948)				
Transport grants payable	18,802	18,111	18,248	(137)				
Total current liabilities	65,744	65,931	64,369	1,562				
Non-current Liabilities								
Transport grants payable	9,880	9,880	9,880	0				
Deferred tax	4,935	4,935	4,935	0				
Total non-current Liabilities	14,815	14,815	14,815	0				
Total liabilities	80,559	80,746	79,184	1,562				
Equity								
Accumulated funds	5,164	6,087	5,719	368				
Capital grants reserve	205,088	219,193	215,367	3,826				
Total equity	210,252	225,280	221,086	4,194				
Total equity and liabilities	290,811	306,026	300,270	5,756				
Assets								
Current assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	148	114	114	0				
Trade receivables	467	4,449	487	3,962				
GST receivable	0	920	0	920				
Accrued income	11,498	9,386	11,908	(2,522)				
Prepayments	14	5,875	2,455	3,420				
Inventories	3,096	3,096	3,096	0				
Related party receivables								
Operating account	38,562	31,844	35,526	(3,682)				
Transport grants	18,802	18,111	18,248	(137)				
Total current assets	72,587	73,795	71,834	1,961				
Non-current assets								
Property, plant & equipment	186,090	200,187	196,362	3,825				
Intangible assets	22,254	22,164	22,194	(30)				
Related party receivables								
Transport grants	9,880	9,880	9,880	0				
Total non-current assets	218,224	232,231	228,436	3,795				
Total assets	290,811	306,026	300,270	5,756				

Statement of Cash Flows
For the Period Ended 30 September 2008

Full Year Ended 30 June 2008		Year to Date
\$000	Cash flows from operating activities	\$000
	Cash was provided from:	
66,416	ARC Opex grants	30,213
57,448	ARC Capex grants	16,987
26,545	ARC funding for IA grants vested in ARTA	691
5,028	LTNZ Capex grants	1,514
85,987	LTNZ Opex grants	20,791
4,394	Other Grants and Subsidies	3,359
16,586	Rail Fare revenue	5,250
3,322	Bus Fare revenue	1,090
1,471	Ferry Wharf revenue	457
153	Other Sundry Operating income	80
267,350		80,432
	Cash was applied to:	
167,809	Payments to Suppliers	58,576
10,521	Payments to Employees	3,295
26,545	Payments to recipients of IA grants vested in ARTA	691
0	GST	184
204,875		62,746
62,475	Net Cash from Operating Activities	17,686
	Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
	Cash was provided from:	
0	Realisation of Other Investments	0
0	Proceeds from Sale of Intangible Assets	0
0		0
	Cash was applied to:	
40,129	Purchase and Development of Fixed Assets	17,720
22,521	Purchase and Development of Intangible Assets	0
0	Other Investments	0
62,650		17,720
(62,650)	Net Cash applied to Investing Activities	(17,720)
	Cash Flows from Financing Activities	
	Cash was provided from:	
0	Increase in loans	0
	Cash was applied to:	
0	Repayment of Loans	0
0	Net Cash from Financing Activities	0
(175)	Net (Decrease)/Increase in Cash & Investments Held	(34)
323	Cash & Investments Balances at Beginning of the Period	148
148	Cash & Investments Balances at the End of the Period	114
	Cash & Investments Balances Consist of:	
0	Bank Overdraft	0
148	Cash	114
0	Short Term Investments	0
148		114

Reconciliation of Net Surplus with Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities

	August 2008 \$000	June 2008 \$000
Cash was provided from:		
Net Surplus	15,028	121,797
Adjustment for items not involving cash:		
Depreciation and amortisation	3,713	12,476
Donated asset	0	-72,829
Deferred tax	0	4,935
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in receivables from ARC	6,718	-17,058
(Increase) in trade and other receivables	-8,651	-8,695
Increase in GST	-184	
Decrease/(Increase) in grants receivable from ARC	691	26,545
(Decrease)/Increase in trade and other payables	1,062	21,849
(Decrease)/Increase in grants payable	-691	-26,545
Net Cash from Operating Activities	17,686	62,475

4.2. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

OPERATING RESULTS - MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2008

The results for the September month and the year to date as at 30 September 2008 are reported against the ARTA budget as per the 2008/2009 funding agreement with the ARC (June 2008).

Revenue

Operating Revenue on the lines ARC Opex Grants and New Zealand Transport Agency Opex Grants is claimed from funders in proportion to expenditure.

ARC Opex Grants are \$0.9m more than budget and New Zealand Transport Agency Opex Grants are \$0.9m more than budget due to more expenditure than budgeted (see below for expenditure variance analysis).

Expenditure

Major variances to budget are:

- a) Professional services – Project Delivery is \$0.1m more than budget due to a temporary timing difference for costs for rolling stock consultants.
- b) Professional services – Others is \$0.2m less than budget mainly due to temporary timing differences in the billing of IT services recharged to ARTA by the ARC in addition to the agreed shared services amounts.
- c) Bus Contract is \$0.7m more than budget due to the back claim of inflation for July and August for NZ Bus for the North and West/West Isthmus sectors, partially offset by higher than budgeted costs for tertiary student concession fares as a result of higher demand than anticipated.
- d) Rail contract is \$1.1m more than budget due to the impact of the fuel invoice received after the August close off (\$0.9m). The actual result for the September month should be \$0.3m over budget due to greater fuel costs, an increase in the Veolia leave liability and unplanned variations.
- e) Other expenditure is \$0.2m less than budget due mainly to advertising promotions for marketing being delayed and small timing differences over many miscellaneous budget categories.

Net Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)

Net Operating Deficit for the month is \$0.9m. This deficit arises mainly because depreciation is unfunded.

OPERATING RESULTS – YEAR TO DATE - PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2008

Revenue

ARC Opex Grants are \$0.1m less than budget due to less expenditure than budgeted and New Zealand Transport Agency Opex Grants are tracking to budget year to date (see below for expenditure variance analysis).

Rail Fare Revenue is \$0.3m more than budget due to greater patronage than anticipated.

Bus Fare Revenue is \$0.2m more than budget due to patronage growth being greater than the budgeted level.

Expenditure

The year to date variance to budget for each category of expenditure is largely the same as those reported for the month above, except as detailed below:

- a) Professional Services – Project Delivery is \$0.1m less than budget.
- b) Professional Services – Other is \$0.4m less than budget due to September's IT timing differences and delays associated with the preparation of the Regional Public Transport Plan and CBD Tunnel investigations.

- c) Materials – \$0.1m less than budget due to less marketing timetable replacements and walking school bus incentive material required so far this year than was planned.
- d) Printing and Office is \$0.1m less than budget due to less documentation, especially for the electrification project, than planned.
- e) Bus and Ferry Contracts are \$0.4m more than budget.
- f) Rail Contract - \$0.5m more than budget due to higher fuel prices and leave liability than budgeted slightly offset by less casualty maintenance than anticipated.
- g) Other Expenditure is \$0.7m less than budget.
- h) Depreciation is \$0.2m more than budget due to the timing of completing and capitalising property plant and equipment differing from the budgeted timelines to complete capital projects.

4.3. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

The key features of the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 September 2008 are:

Current Liabilities

The total trade payables have increased by \$10.8m from August due mainly to the Veolia second quarter invoice moving from accrued expenditure to the accounts payable ledger and a Manukau City Council roading claim for NZTA entered in September paid in October.

Income in advance has decreased \$1.9m from the month of August due to the regular reduction of the Veolia quarterly invoice.

Accrued expenditure is similarly down (\$6.0m) as the Veolia invoice has moved to Accounts Payable.

Total trade receivables has increased \$4.0m due to the NZTA claim for the Manukau City roading invoice and prepayments has increased \$3.0m from August due to the Veolia quarterly invoice for October – December 2008.

Accrued income has decreased \$2.0m from August as the August NZTA claim included the second quarter Veolia invoice.

Creditors (included in Trade Payables)

Detail	Current	30-60 Days	More than 60 Days
Accounts Payable – September 08	\$11,727,270	\$31,785	\$306,395
Accounts Payable – August 08	\$790,900	\$134,700	\$(2,000)

Grants Payable and Grants Receivable are equal and opposite current and long term liabilities and assets recognising the ex Infrastructure Auckland grants that were taken over by ARTA. This recognises that we have a payable to an external party and a matching receivable from the ARC.

Current Assets

Trade Receivables

Detail	Current	30–60 Days	More than 60 days
Accounts Receivable– September 08	\$155,800	\$12,900	\$251,900
Accounts Receivable– August 08	\$149,900	\$121,900	\$219,800

The amount in the more than the 60 days column will reduce significantly over the next month.

Public Equity

Transport Ring Fence represents the appropriation of grants for rolling stock refurbishment and fixed asset purchase. These grants will be appropriated back to the profit and loss account to offset depreciation.

5 CE UNIT

5.1. MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

Media Releases

01 Sep North Shore to Auckland Airport with a single ticket

Connecting from the North Shore to Auckland Airport will be much easier from today, with the introduction of the Auckland Regional Transport Authority's (ARTA's) Northern Flyer Pass, one transferable ticket that will connect the North Shore with Auckland Airport.

01 Sep Minor timetable changes for Mt Wellington bus services

The Auckland Regional Transport Authority (ARTA) advises that the timetables for the Mt Wellington bus routes 50F, 52F, 502, 512, 522 and 532 have been adjusted to improve the reliability of these services.

02 Sep Free bus or train ride for Auckland v Southland ticketholders

On Saturday 6 September, rugby fans heading to Eden Park for the Air New Zealand Cup game between Auckland and Southland can ride selected buses and trains to Eden Park for free if they show their pre-purchased game ticket or present their Eden Park membership card.

09 Sep Bus replacements on the Western Line this weekend

The Auckland Regional Transport Authority (ARTA) advises that a revised timetable will be operating on the Western Line on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September 2008.

09 Sep Express bus services give more choice for North Shore

From 15 September, there will be even more travel options for North Shore bus passengers as express bus services stop at Constellation, Sunnynook, Smales Farm and Akoranga stations.

11 Sep More students close the door on car travel

One year after the launch of the Universities' Travel Plan, a follow-up survey of student travel shows that more and more students are getting out of their cars and onto buses, trains and ferries.

12 Sep ARTA joins with councils to support slip affected Kawakawa Bay residents

The Auckland Regional Transport Authority, through funding from the Auckland Regional Council, has joined with Manukau City Council in supporting Kawakawa Bay residents affected by the landslip through funding the provision of a ferry service. The funding for the service will be split 50:50 between ARTA and Manukau City Council. The service is being operated by Pine Harbour Ferries Ltd.

16 Sep MAXX to the Silver Ferns at Vector Arena

Netball fans heading to Vector Arena on Saturday 20 September to see the Silver Ferns take on Australia can leave the car at home, as public transport services by the Auckland Regional Transport Authority will have them arriving near the door.

16 Sep Free bus or train ride for Auckland v Wellington Air New Zealand Cup ticketholders

Aucklanders heading to the Air New Zealand Cup game between Auckland and Wellington on Saturday 20 September can ride selected buses and trains to Eden Park for free if they show their pre-purchased game ticket or present their Eden Park membership card.

16 Sep Bus replacements between Papatoetoe and Papakura this weekend

The Auckland Regional Transport Authority (ARTA) advises that a revised timetable will be operating between Papatoetoe and Papakura on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 September to allow for the completion of ongoing work to improve the rail network.

17 Sep Additional trains to Warriors v Roosters game

On Friday 19 September, rugby league fans heading to Mt Smart Stadium to watch the Vodafone Warriors take on the Sydney Roosters can catch the MAXX train to the game, which kicks off at 8.30pm.

26 Sep Free off-peak travel for Auckland's SuperGold Card holders from 1 October

From next week, Auckland's senior citizens will be eligible for free travel on off-peak public transport services thanks to a central government initiative focused on thanking and rewarding the country's eligible senior citizens and veterans for the contribution they have made and continue to make to New Zealand society.