Public Transport Monthly Patronage – October 2013

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

i. Notes this paper.

Executive summary

Auckland public transport patronage totalled 69,749,658 passengers for the 12-months to Oct-2013, an increase of +0.7% on the 12-months to Sept-2013. October monthly patronage was 6,321,771, an increase of 460,631 boardings or +7.9% on Oct-2012. No normalisation is required due to equivalent business days.

Rail patronage totalled 10,309,102 passengers for the 12-months to Oct-2013, an increase of +0.9% on the 12-months to Sept-2013. Patronage for Oct-2013 was 964,380, an increase of +91,309 boardings or +10.5% on Oct-2012.

The Northern Express bus service carried 2,295,587 passenger trips for the 12-months to Oct-2013, an increase of +0.4% on the 12 months to Sept-2013, a record 12 month performance for the Northern Express service. Northern Express bus service patronage for Oct-2013 was 206,265, an increase of 9,041 boardings or +4.6% on Oct-2012. A promotional campaign to areas around the Northern Busway contributed to the growth.

Other bus services carried 51,527,830 passenger trips for the 12-months to Oct-2013, a 0.6% change on the 12-months to Sept-2013. Other bus services patronage for Oct-2013 was 4,654,739, an increase of 298,591 boardings or +6.9% on Oct-2012. The implementation of AT HOP on further bus services has contributed to growth, along with promotional campaigns and improving service and on-time performance on the North Shore. Attachment 2 provides an overview of bus and Northern Express patronage growth marketing activity for the remainder of the financial year within the context of the over-arching public transport marketing approach.

Ferry services carried 5,617,139 passenger trips for the 12-months to Oct-2013, an increase of +1.1% on the 12 months to Sept-2013. Ferry services patronage for Oct-2013 was 496,387, an increase of 61,690 boardings or +14.2% on Oct-2012.

Summary performance against SOI targets is provided in Table 1.

Table 1. Summary performance

	October 2013													
	\	/s Last year		YTD Actual vs SOI										
	Month	12 Months	YTD	Target	Actual	Variance								
Rail	10.5% 🛧	0.9% 🛧	7.5% 🛧	13.9%	7.5%	-5.6% ↓								
NEX	4.6% 🛧	2.8% 🛧	2.1% 🛧	4.7%	1.4%	-3.2% ↓								
Bus	6.9% 🛧	-1.5% ↓	1.5% 🛧	8.6%	1.5%	-6.6% V								
Ferry	14.2% 🛧	4.6% 🛧	6.9% 🛧	6%	6.9%	0.9% 🛧								
Total	7.9% 🛧	-0.6% 🖖	2.8% 🛧	9.1%	2.8%	-6.3% 🖖								

Alignment with strategy

The Integrated Transport Plan identifies public transport growth and development through transformational change, building on the momentum achieved through significant patronage growth in recent years, as a key pillar for Auckland transport in the short to medium term.

The Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) sets the policies, objectives and actions over the next ten years for Auckland public transport.

A three year "Next Steps" public transport change programme is being implemented over predominantly years 2013/14 to 2015/16 along with a graduated marketing approach to grow short-term patronage and manage transformational change to the Auckland public transport system.

The Next Steps programme will also set the foundation for patronage growth towards the aspirational target of doubling public transport boardings over 10 years. The 10 year plan is currently under review and development.

Background

The report is a regular monthly update on annual public transport patronage change in Auckland. This report looks at current patronage, trends and annual forecasts against targets, and provides an overview of initiatives to drive growth over the coming months. Attachment 1 provides detailed patronage levels, trends and initiatives for each transport mode for this financial year 2013/14.

Strategic Context

As previously advised in this monthly report, the "Next Steps: 3-year Change Programme" (as originally detailed in the March Public Transport Monthly Patronage report) is an integrated approach to setting the short term foundation for a transformation of Auckland public transport and commencing the delivery of the Auckland Plan public transport objectives through seven key strategic projects (Figure 1).

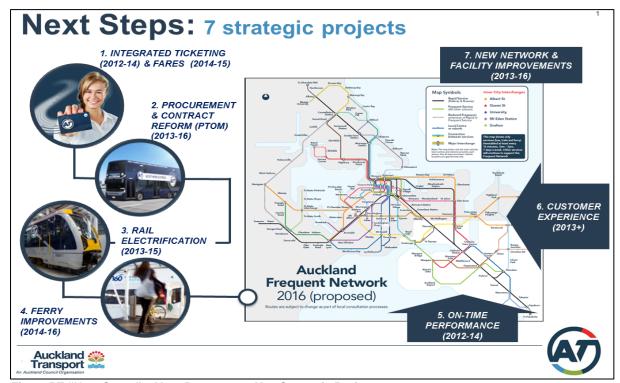


Fig 1. PT "Next Steps" 3 Year Programme Key Strategic Projects

A graduated marketing approach (Figure 2) is to be applied as the component projects are rolled out. In parallel, marketing activity will drive customer demand, while setting forth a vision for the future state of public transport in Auckland.

Attachment 2 provides the Northern Express and bus service promotional and acquisition plan for the remainder of the 2013/14 financial year, within the context of the overarching public transport graduated marketing approach.

The seven strategic projects and graduated marketing approach are designed around the key customer growth attributes summarised at Figure 3.

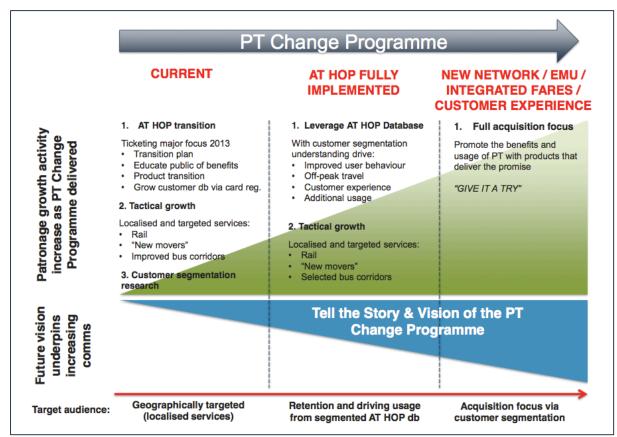


Fig 2. Graduated Marketing Approach to the PT "Next Steps" Programme

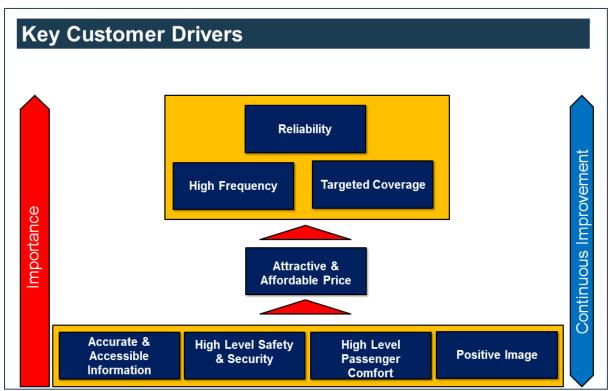


Fig 3. Key Customer Growth Drivers

Attachments

Number	Description
1	Monthly PT Patronage Report – October 2013
2	Bus Services Promotional and Acquisition Plan

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Glossary

Acronym	Description
AT	Auckland Transport
EMU	Electric Multiple Unit
MoT	Ministry of Transport
PT	Public Transport
PTOM	Public Transport Operating Model
RPTP	Regional Public Transport Plan
RTN	Rapid Transit Network

ATTACHMENT 1:

MONTHLY PT PATRONAGE REPORT – October 2013

Network Wide Summary

Auckland public transport patronage totalled 69,749,658 passengers for the 12-months to Oct-2013, an increase of +0.7% on the 12 months to Sept-2013 as illustrated at Figure 1. Patronage for Oct-2013 was 6,321,771 boardings, an increase of +7.9% (460,631 boardings) on Oct-2012. For the financial year-to-date, four months to Jun 2014, patronage has increased by +2.8% (674,718 boardings) compared to the same period in the previous financial year.

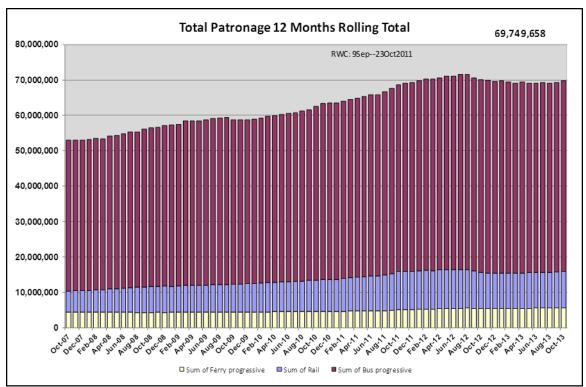


Fig 4. Total Patronage – 12 Months Rolling Total

I	FY 2013/14 Yea	r-to-date October	2014		12 Months	3	
	Previous Year 2012/13	SOI 2013/14	Actual 2013/14	Previous Year 2012/13 to Jun 13	Actual rolling total to Oct 13	SOI 2013/14 to Jun 14	Forecast 2013/14 to Jun 14
1. Rail	3,596,006	4,097,178	3,866,302	10,038,806	10,309,102	11,440,000	10,624,057
2. Northern Express Bus	797,412	835,350	808,556	2,278,585	2,295,587	2,456,000	2,396,990
3. Quality Transit and Local Bus (Including School Bus)	18,002,017	19,554,974	18,272,803	51,251,331	51,527,830	54,763,000	52,620,414
4. Ferry	1,612,348	1,708,709	1,723,269	5,506,218	5,617,139	5,719,000	5,769,738
Total Patronage	24,007,783	26,196,212	24,670,930	69,074,940	69,749,658	74,378,000	71,411,199

Fig 5. Summary of Patronage by mode

1. Rail

Figure 6 provides a summary of rail patronage for October 2013 and the 2013/14 targets and performance:

- Rail patronage improved in Oct-2013 and was 964,380 boardings, an increase of +10.5% (+91,309 boardings) on Oct-2012 (Figure 6), normalised at ~+12.0% (detailed below).
- Patronage for Oct-2013 totalled 10,309,102 passengers for the twelve months to Oct-2013 (Figure 5), an increase of +0.9% on the 12-months to Sept-2013.

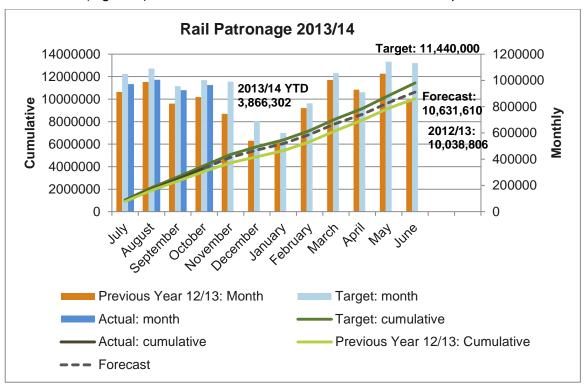


Fig 6. Rail – Patronage results vs target and previous year

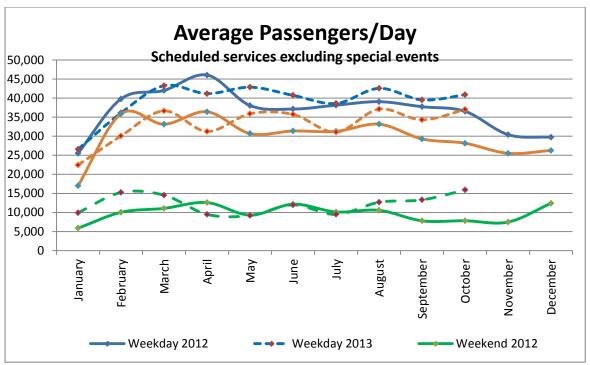


Fig 7. Rail – Average passengers per weekday

October Activity Summary

Patronage impacts include:

- "New Movers" programme continues. Moving house is one of the key triggers for reconsidering transport options and behaviour change. To take advantage of this opportunity, from June 2013 households registered on the NZ Post New Movers database receive localised public transport information to drive awareness of their local transport options the month after they move. 925 homes received the packs in October.
- Service information updates / database acquisition campaign. In order to build the customer database and deliver stronger service information updates, a drive to sign up for notifications is to be launched. A stronger database allows for further direct targeted communications.
- Rail ticket types sold illustrates an increase in ATHOP card usage relative to single paper ticket sales in Oct-2013 compared to Oct-2012. HOP single paper ticket sales at ticket offices and machines on the platforms were introduced during Sep-2012 but this was effectively a substitution for existing single journey paper tickets. HOP cards began to replace multi-trip paper tickets towards the end of Oct-2012 associated with a change in the method of patronage calculation.
- There were more weekend blocks of line on Oct-2013 compared to last year (two full weekends including Labour weekend this year compared to one partial weekend block last year). Last year an enhanced timetable was operated during Labour weekend in support of the World Triathlon Championships which saw a higher weekend passenger numbers on rail compared to this year.
- A new improved timetable implemented on 29 October 2013 increasing Western Line weekend frequency from 60 to 30 minutes, and increased late evening Onehunga and Pukekohe services
- Patronage in October was also affected by the major signalling outages on October 16th and additional midweek night BOLs south of Otahuhu which had not been forecasted.

Key Activities for November:

- "New Movers" programme continues. Delivery to an estimated 1087 homes in November.
- Petrol Pricing campaign, encouraging the public to consider the savings they could make by using public transport.
- Due to additional line closures being requested by KiwiRail to facilitate the completion of
 electrification works, patronage in future months is also expected to be adversely affected
 and measures will be identified to mitigate the impact of these works.

2. Northern Express (RTN Bus)

Figure 8 provides a summary of the Northern Express bus Rapid Transit patronage performance:

- Patronage improved in Oct-2013 and was 206,265 boardings, an increase of +4.6% (9,041 boardings) on Oct-2012
- Patronage totalled 2,295,587 passengers for the 12-months to Oct-2013, a new 12 month record.

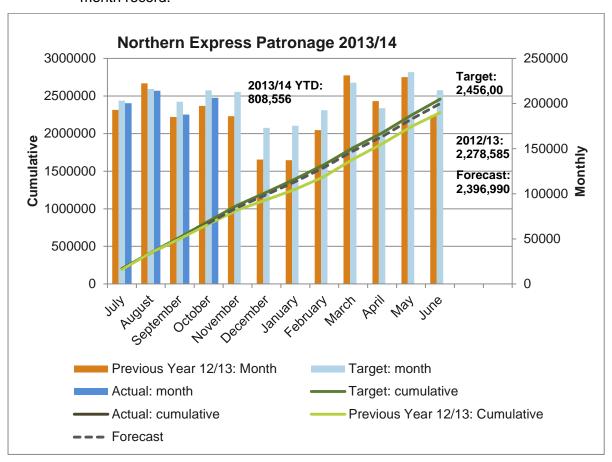


Fig 8. Northern Express - Patronage results vs target and previous year

Activity Summary for October

Patronage impacts include:

- New Movers" programme continues. 925 homes received the pack in October.
- A targeted acquisition campaign, targeting homes within close proximity to Northern Busway stations generating trial of the service by non-users.

Key Activities for Northern Express in November:

- The priority for the next few months is the transition from existing ticket types to AT HOP. AT are working closely with the operators on operational priorities during this period.
- "New Movers" programme continues. Delivery to an estimated 1087 homes in November.

 Petrol Pricing campaign, encouraging the public to consider the savings they could make by using public transport.

3. Bus (Other)

Figure 9 provides a summary of bus (excluding Northern Express) patronage performance:

- Patronage for Oct-2013 improved with 4,654,739 boardings, a change of +6.9% (298,591 boardings) on Oct-2012 (Figure 9).
- Patronage totalled 51,527,830 passengers for the 12-months to Oct-2013 a change of +0.6% compared with the 12-months to Sept-2013.

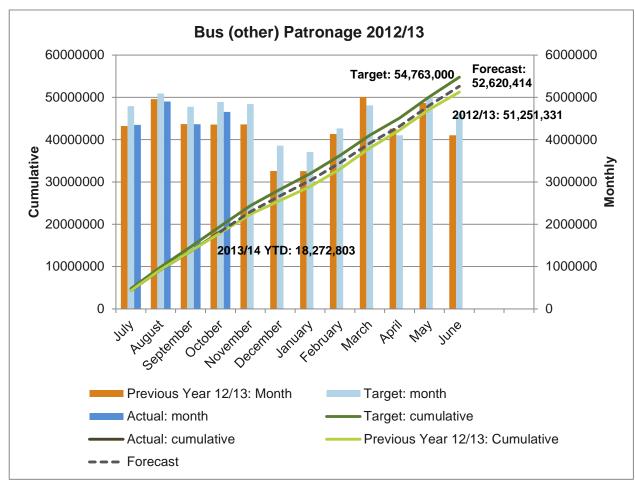


Fig 9. Bus (other) - Patronage results vs target and previous year

Attachment 2 provides a summary of the Bus Services Promotional and Customer Acquisition Plan for the remainder of the 2013/14 financial year.

Activity Summery for October

Patronage impacts include:

- "New Movers" programme continues. 925 homes received the pack in September.
- AT HOP third party retail network rollout, comprising tertiary locations, superettes and stationers, continues. Seven additional retailers were launched in October bringing the total to 37 across the region in addition to Customer Service Centres, rail stations and ferry ticket offices. The third party retail network provides additional AT HOP card purchase and top up locations for customers and added customer experience.
- AT HOP rollout of North Star bus services in October

- Updated North Star bus services timetables to improve service reliability and punctuality were implemented.
- Service information updates / database acquisition campaign. In order to build the customer database and deliver stronger service information updates, a drive to sign up for notifications is to be launched. A stronger database allows for further direct targeted communications.
- Hibiscus Coast bus service / Silverdale Park & Ride promotion targeting 5,000 households and local press. **580 vouchers redeemed (~6%)**.
- A retention campaign to thank existing customers for their choice to use the bus, reminding them of the reasons why they choose to use the bus in the first place (Fig 10.)







Fig 10. Bus retention campaign posters

Key activities for November

- "New Movers" programme continues. Delivery to an estimated 1087 homes in November.
- The priority for the remainder of 2013 is the transition from existing ticket types to AT HOP. The transition will have a major impact on affected services as they roll out. AT is working closely with the operators on operational priorities during this period.
- AT HOP rollout continues Metrolink (Inner) Nov 10, Metrolink (Outer) 24 Nov.
- Northern Busway promotion targeting households in close proximity to stations, offering a free trial of services.
- AT HOP retailer rollout continues, with an additional seven scheduled for November.
- Launch of a major campaign to increase use of bus services in the 'Central Corridor', Mt Eden / Sandringham / Dominion Road / Great North / New North Road. The campaign will challenge the "myths" of bus travel, using an art direction inspired by pop-artist Roy Lichtenstein as illustrated in Figure 11. Further details are provided in Attachment 2.
- A series of targeted local acquisition campaigns, driving trial of bus services in Beach Haven. Northcote / Hillcrest, Massey, Hillsborough / Mt Roskill, Manukau Rd, Te Atatu Peninsula. Further details provided in Attachment 2.

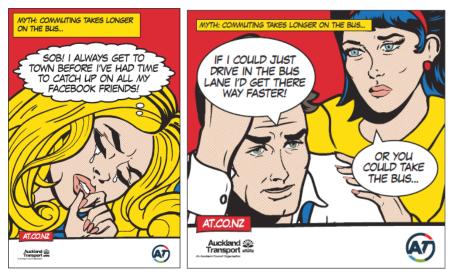


Fig 11. "Central Corridors" Travel Myths Campaign

4. Ferry

Figure 12 provides a summary of ferry patronage performance:

- Ferry services patronage for Oct-2013 was 496,387, an increase of 61,690 boardings or +14.2% on Oct-2012.
- Ferry services carried 5,617,139 passengers for the 12-months to Oct-2013 an increase of +1.1% on the 12 months to Oct-2012.

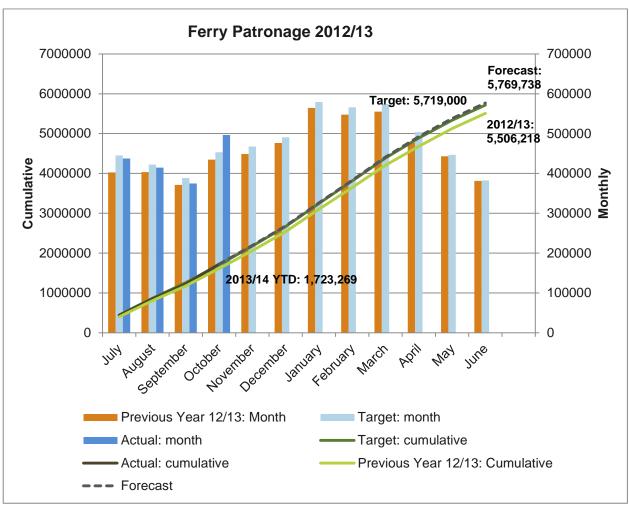


Fig 12. Ferry - Patronage results vs target and previous year

Activity Summery for October

Patronage impacts include:

- New Movers" programme continues. 925 homes received the pack in October.
- Hobsonville / West Harbour acquisition campaign. Direct marketing to 5000+ households with supporting billboard promoting services between West Harbour / Hobsonville and CBD. Post-campaign analysis will be provided in next month's report.

Key Activities for ferry in November

- "New Movers" programme continues. Delivery to an estimated 1087 homes in November.
- Hobsonville / west Harbour billboard continues.

Appendix 2. Rail Patronage

Rail FY 2013-2014	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Patronage												
Previous Year 12/13: Month	912,538	987,526	822,871	873,071	745,480	540,539	538,487	789,077	1,002,967	929,410	1,051,501	845,339
Previous Year 12/13: Cumulative	912,538	1,900,064	2,722,935	3,596,006	4,341,486	4,882,025	5,420,512	6,209,589	7,212,556	8,141,966	9,193,467	10,038,806
Target: month	1,048,490	1,089,792	956,116	1,002,780	990,165	688,772	600,231	825,627	1,054,962	909,828	1,142,228	1,131,009
Target: cumulative	1,048,490	2,138,282	3,094,398	4,097,178	5,087,343	5,776,115	6,376,346	7,201,973	8,256,935	9,166,763	10,308,991	11,440,000
Target: cumulative FY growth to previous year %	14.90%	12.54%	13.64%	13.94%	17.18%	18.31%	17.63%	15.98%	14.48%	12.59%	12.13%	13.96%
Original Target: month	933,221	1,011,935	923,819	970,618	957,907	655,688	571,415	802,943	991,168	806,154	1,032,146	947,887
Original Target: cumulative	933,221	1,945,156	2,868,975	3,839,593	4,797,500	5,453,188	6,024,603	6,827,546	7,818,714	8,624,868	9,657,014	10,604,901
Actual: month	972,278	1,004,630	925,014	964,380								
Variance: month to target	-76,212	-85,162	-31,102	-38,400			T — — — ·					
Variance: month to previous year	59,740	17,104	102,143	91,309								
Actual: cumulative	972,278	1,976,908	2,901,922	3,866,302								
Variance: cumulative to target	-76,212	-161,374	-192,476	-230,876								
Variance: cumulative to previous year	59,740	76,844	178,987	270,296								
Actual: cumulative FY growth to previous year	6.55%	4.04%	6.57%	7.52%								
% cumulative change to target	-7.27%	-7.55%	-6.22%	-5.63%								
Reforecast: month	972,278	1,004,630	925,014	964,380	957,907	655,688	571,415	802,943	991,168	806,154	1,032,146	947,887
Reforecast: cumulative	972,278	1,976,908	2,901,922	3,866,302	4,824,209	5,479,897	6,051,312	6,854,255	7,845,423	8,651,577	9,683,723	10,631,610
Reforecast: cumulative FY growth to previous year %	6.55%	4.04%	6.57%	7.52%	11.12%	12.25%	11.64%	10.38%	8.77%	6.26%	5.33%	5.91%





Appendix 3. Northern Express Patronage

Northern Express FY 2013-2014	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Patronage												
Previous Year 12/13: Month	192,801	222,357	185,030	197,224	185,928	137,807	137,104	170,554	231,108	202,638	229,166	186,868
Previous Year 12/13: Cumulative	192,801	415,158	600,188	797,412	983,340	1,121,147	1,258,251	1,428,805	1,659,913	1,862,551	2,091,717	2,278,585
Target: month	203,100	216,000	201,848	214,402	212,892	172,912	175,296	192,526	222,910	194,858	234,662	214,595
Target: cumulative	203,100	419,100	620,948	835,350	1,048,242	1,221,154	1,396,450	1,588,976	1,811,886	2,006,744	2,241,406	2,456,000
Target: cumulative FY growth to previous year %	5.34%	0.95%	3.46%	4.76%	6.60%	8.92%	10.98%	11.21%	9.16%	7.74%	7.16%	7.79%
Original Target: month	215,033	205,684	196,885	211,402	209,892	169,912	172,296	189,526	218,910	189,095	229,662	209,141
Original Target: cumulative	215,033	420,717	617,602	829,004	1,038,896	1,208,808	1,381,104	1,570,630	1,789,540	1,978,635	2,208,297	2,417,438
Actual: month	200,381	214,172	187,738	206,265								
Variance: month to target	-2,719	-1,828	-14,110	-8,137	1		I			I		
Variance: month to previous year	7,580	-8,185	2,708	9,041								
Actual: cumulative	200,381	414,553	602,291	808,556								
Variance: cumulative to target	-2,719	-4,547	-18,657	-26,794								
Variance: cumulative to previous year	7,580	-605	2,103	11,144								
Actual: cumulative FY growth to previous year	3.93%	-0.15%	0.35%	1.40%								
% cumulative change to target	-1.34%	-1.08%	-3.00%	-3.21%								
Reforecast: month	200,381	214,172	187,738	206,265	209,892	169,912	172,296	189,526	218,910	189,095	229,662	209,141
Reforecast: cumulative	200,381	414,553	602,291	808,556	1,018,448	1,188,360	1,360,656	1,550,182	1,769,092	1,958,187	2,187,849	2,396,990
Reforecast: cumulative FY growth to previous year %	3.93%	-0.15%	0.35%	1.40%	3.57%	6.00%	8.14%	8.50%	6.58%	5.13%	4.60%	5.20%





Appendix 4. Bus (other) Patronage

Bus - other FY 2013-2014	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Patronage												
Previous Year 12/13: Month	4,322,303	4,956,982	4,366,584	4,356,148	4,361,607	3,261,645	3,255,772	4,132,765	5,005,881	4,257,404	4,869,405	4,104,835
Previous Year 12/13: Cumulative	4,322,303	9,279,285	13,645,869	18,002,017	22,363,624	25,625,269	28,881,041	33,013,806	38,019,687	42,277,091	47,146,496	51,251,331
Target: month	4,793,883	5,091,967	4,778,035	4,891,089	4,839,927	3,858,895	3,705,223	4,264,637	4,811,131	4,104,903	5,021,570	4,601,741
Target: cumulative	4,793,883	9,885,850	14,663,886	19,554,974	24,394,901	28,253,795	31,959,018	36,223,656	41,034,786	45,139,689	50,161,259	54,763,000
Target: cumulative FY growth to previous year %	10.91%	6.54%	7.46%	8.63%	9.08%	10.26%	10.66%	9.72%	7.93%	6.77%	6.39%	6.85%
Original Target: month	4,881,439	4,846,211	4,617,656	4,735,116	4,684,074	3,766,162	3,602,823	4,162,357	4,708,611	4,002,623	4,919,349	4,501,612
Original Target: cumulative	4,881,439	9,727,650	14,345,306	19,080,422	23,764,496	27,530,658	31,133,481	35,295,838	40,004,449	44,007,072	48,926,421	53,428,033
Actual: month	4,350,167	4,902,264	4,365,633	4,654,739								
Variance: month to target	-443,716	-189,703	-412,402	-236,350								
Variance: month to previous year	27,864	-54,718	-951	298,591								
Actual: cumulative	4,350,167	9,252,431	13,618,064	18,272,803								
Variance: cumulative to target	-443,716	-633,419	-1,045,822	-1,282,171								
Variance: cumulative to previous year	27,864	-26,854	-27,805	270,786								
Actual: cumulative FY growth to previous year	0.64%	-0.29%	-0.20%	1.50%								
% cumulative change to target	-9.26%	-6.41%	-7.13%	-6.56%								
Reforecast: month	4,350,167	4,902,264	4,365,633	4,654,739	4,684,074	3,766,162	3,602,823	4,162,357	4,708,611	4,002,623	4,919,349	4,501,612
Reforecast: cumulative	4,350,167	9,252,431	13,618,064	18,272,803	22,956,877	26,723,039	30,325,862	34,488,219	39,196,830	43,199,453	48,118,802	52,620,414
Reforecast: cumulative FY growth to previous year %	0.64%	-0.29%	-0.20%	1.50%	2.65%	4.28%	5.00%	4.47%	3.10%	2.18%	2.06%	2.67%





Appendix 5. Ferry Patronage

Ferry FY 2012-2013	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Patronage												
Previous Year 12/13: Month	402,696	403,567	371,388	434,697	448,768	476,592	564,337	547,564	555,143	477,163	443,112	381,191
Previous Year 12/13: Cumulative	402,696	806,263	1,177,651	1,612,348	2,061,116	2,537,708	3,102,045	3,649,609	4,204,752	4,681,915	5,125,027	5,506,218
Target: month	444,964	422,185	388,513	453,047	467,542	490,425	579,392	565,962	574,010	503,973	446,562	382,424
Target: cumulative	444,964	867,149	1,255,662	1,708,709	2,176,252	2,666,677	3,246,070	3,812,032	4,386,042	4,890,014	5,336,576	5,719,000
Target: cumulative FY growth to previous year %	9.50%	7.55%	6.62%	5.98%	5.59%	5.08%	4.64%	4.45%	4.31%	4.44%	4.13%	3.86%
Original Target: month	415,800	417,213	388,513	453,047	468,543	491,425	580,393	566,962	582,217	510,978	454,896	391,055
Original Target: cumulative	415,800	833,013	1,221,526	1,674,573	2,143,116	2,634,541	3,214,934	3,781,896	4,364,113	4,875,091	5,329,987	5,721,042
Actual: month	437,414	414,535	374,933	496,387								
Variance: month to target	-7,550	-7,650	-13,580	43,340						I		
Variance: month to previous year	34,718	10,968	3,545	61,690								
Actual: cumulative	437,414	851,949	1,226,882	1,723,269								
Variance: cumulative to target	-7,550	-15,200	-28,780	14,560								
Variance: cumulative to previous year	34,718	45,686	49,231	110,921								
Actual: cumulative FY growth to previous year	8.62%	5.67%	4.18%	6.88%								
% cumulative change to target	-1.70%	-1.75%	-2.29%	0.85%								
Reforecast: month	437,414	414,535	374,933	496,387	468,543	491,425	580,393	566,962	582,217	510,978	454,896	391,055
Reforecast: cumulative	437,414	851,949	1,226,882	1,723,269	2,191,812	2,683,237	3,263,630	3,830,592	4,412,809	4,923,787	5,378,683	5,769,738
Reforecast: cumulative FY growth to previous year %	8.62%	5.67%	4.18%	6.88%	6.34%	5.73%	5.21%	4.96%	4.95%	5.17%	4.95%	4.79%



