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Catching the bus saves money

New data showing commuters in southeast Queensland are saving money while catching the bus has been welcomed by the Queensland Bus Industry Council (QBIC), the peak body representing bus and coach operators.

Figures show that since the government's Fairer Fares initiative was introduced in December 2016, commuters using public transport have saved \$48m through cheaper fares and fewer travel zones.

"This is on top of statistics showing that most commuters catch the bus," said QBIC executive director David Tape.

"The Department of Transport and Main Roads annual report 2016/17 shows there were more than 177 million passenger trips in the state's southeast and of those nearly 112 million were on buses, or almost 63 per cent.

"State wide there were 189 million passenger trips with buses and coaches making up 65 per cent of them."

Mr Tape said the figures confirm the continuing popularity of commuting by bus.

"In 2015/16, just over 63 per cent of passenger trips were by bus and in the previous year it was slightly more than 67 per cent.

"Clearly buses are the preferred mode of public transport, but worsening traffic congestion is something that needs to be addressed so even more people will be persuaded to leave their cars at home."

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