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1. Introduction

Consistent with its sustainability goals, UBC wishes to reduce automobile trips to and from the UBC Vancouver campus, and encourage the use of other modes of transportation, including transit, carpooling, cycling and walking. To date, UBC has implemented several initiatives in support of non-automobile modes of transportation, including a student U-Pass program, bicycle infrastructure parking facilities, carshare parking and is exploring carpooling incentives. In addition TransLink has made ongoing efforts to improve transit service and increase transit capacity to UBC.

Since 1997, UBC has collected data each fall regarding travel patterns to and from the Point Grey campus. A year-to-year comparison of this information provides a measure of UBC's progress in achieving its transportation targets identified in the following section.

This fall 2017 Transportation Status Report presents the most recent data that UBC has collected. This report provides a picture of overall travel trends, and details of travel patterns for each mode of transportation to and from UBC as well as an overview of transportation at UBC.

1.1. Context

Transportation planning at UBC is undertaken within the direction and context provided by several plans and policies, including:

- The UBC Plan is the strategic vision for the kind of university that UBC aspires to be. Prepared through widespread community consultation, the UBC Plan establishes UBC's vision to be one of the world's leading universities, creating an exceptional learning environment that fosters global citizenship, advances a civil and sustainable society, and supports outstanding research to serve the people of British Columbia, Canada and the world. Place and Promise is focused around six core values academic freedom, advancing and sharing knowledge, excellence, integrity, mutual respect and equity, and public interest which are supported by specific commitments goals and actions.
- The UBC Land Use Plan. In June 2010, the Minister of Community and Rural Development enacted legislation that realigned the responsibility for this plan, previously known as the Official Community Plan. The OCP is no longer a regional district bylaw. The University is responsible for the Land Use Plan with direct oversight by the Minister. The Land Use Plan retains a number of transportation demand management objectives aimed at increasing walking, cycling and transit in preference to trips by single-occupant vehicles. The Land Use Plan establishes goals toward building complete communities thereby helping to reduce demands placed on transportation infrastructure.
- The Vancouver Campus Plan. In 2010, UBC adopted a new Vancouver Campus Plan, which covers the academic lands of UBC's Vancouver campus. This plan guides the institutional capital investment in facilities for teaching and research, student housing and campus infrastructure and services.
- Neighbourhood Plans. For each of the non-institutional neighbourhoods on campus, there is a

neighbourhood plan describing site-specific land uses, development controls, design guidelines, and servicing and transportation strategies consistent with UBC's Land Use Plan. Each neighbourhood is designed to support the University's academic core, while providing the amenities and services required to achieve a compact, transit-oriented, pedestrian friendly community.

- The UBC Transportation Plan. UBC has committed to implement a comprehensive and integrated transportation management strategy. The Transportation Plan is the result of that commitment, and was approved by UBC's Board of Governors in November 1999 and renewed in 2014. The Plan includes targets to ensure accountability, shape decision making and inspire the community to act in ways to achieve UBC's campus vision. The targets identified in The Plan include:
 - TARGET 1: By 2040 at least two-thirds of all trips to and from UBC will be made by walking, cycling or transit and maintain at least 50% of all trips to and from the campus on public transit.
 - TARGET 2: Reduce single occupant vehicle trips to and from UBC by 20% from 1997 levels and reduce single occupancy vehicle trips per person to and from UBC by 30% from 1997 levels.
 - TARGET 3: Maintain daily private automobile traffic at or less than 1997 levels.

1.2. Transportation Monitoring Program

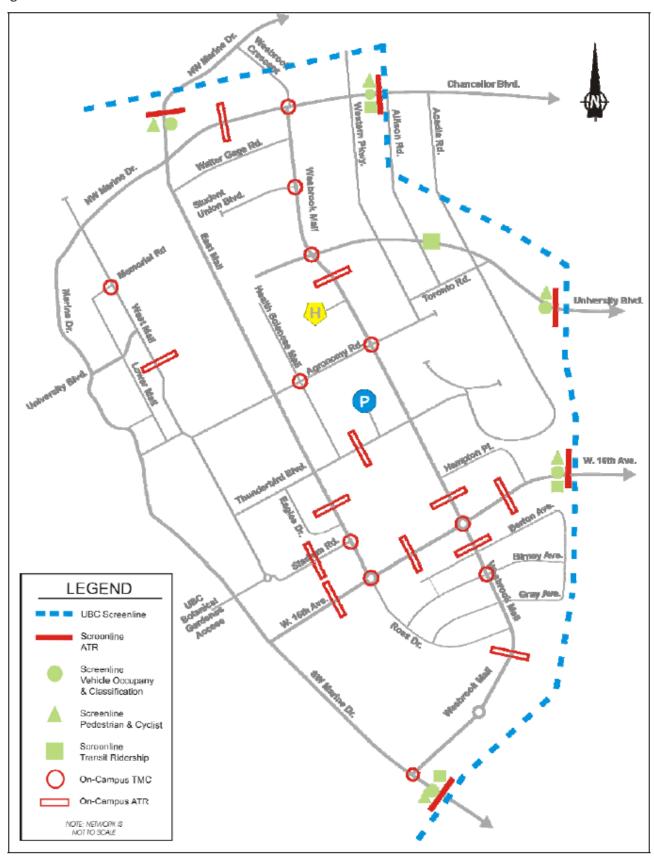
Travel patterns to and from UBC are monitored on an on-going basis through a variety of different data collection methods. Data is collected each fall to enable consistent year to year comparisons of travel patterns, mode shares, and traffic volumes. Additional data collection activities may be undertaken at other times of the year to obtain information regarding specific modes of travel, seasonal variations and localized traffic volumes. The annual monitoring results are used to assess progress towards meeting the 2005 Strategic Transportation Plan (STP) goals and also help guide future implementation priorities.

Data collection activities for 2017 are summarized in *Table 1.1*, and data collection locations are illustrated in *Figure 1.1*.

Table 1.1: Summary of 2017 Transportation Data Collection

Data Collection Activity	Locations	Description
Intersection Counts	At intersections throughout campus.	Manual observation for 8 hours (3hrs in AM, 2hrs in Midday, 3hrs in PM) for one day.
Campus Traffic / Speed Counts	Roads throughout campus.	Automatic tube counters on roads for 7 days (24 hours / day).
Screenline Traffic Counts	Screenlines	Automatic tube counters on roads for 7 days (24 hours / day).
Transit Ridership	Screenlines	Manual observation from 6:00AM to 4:30AM for one day.
Vehicle Occupancy & Classification	Screenlines	Manual observation for 8 hours (3hrs in AM, 2hrs in Midday, 3hrs in PM) for one day.
Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts	Screenlines	Manual observation for 15 hours over one day.
Heavy Trucks	Screenlines	Manual observation for 13 hours (6:00AM to 7:00PM) for one day each quarter.
Licence Plate Surveys	South Campus / Wesbrook Village	Licence plate surveys are conducted to understand travel patterns. Every other year.

Figure 1.1: Data Collection Locations



1.3. Changes at UBC Affecting Travel Patterns

There have been a number of changes at UBC that have affected travel patterns among students, staff, faculty and others at UBC. This section of the report identifies key changes that have occurred at UBC since 1997.

• Population. The daytime population at UBC has increased 64% since 1997. This includes increased student enrolment and associated increases in faculty and staff. For the purposes of monitoring trends in travel to and from UBC, the daytime population comprised of students, staff and faculty is used to calculate person trips. *Table 1.2* summarizes population figures for fall 1997 and fall 2017.

It is important to also note that the estimate of campus population is challenging. It is dependent on the means by which the data is collected and grouped and is impacted by the increasing trend in online courses and expanding residential campus community. However, efforts are made to allow for consistent cross comparison in the status reports.

Table 1.2: Daytime Population at UBC, 2017 vs. 1997

Group	Fall 1997	Fall 2017	Increase (coun	t / percentage)
Students	33,200	54,350	+21,150	+63.7%
Staff	7,250	11,350	+4,100	+56.6%
Faculty	1,850	3,600	+1,770	+96.7%
Totals	42,300	69,300	+27,030	+63.9%

Source: UBC Planning and Institutional Research Department

- Compass Card (U-Pass). One of the most significant changes affecting travel patterns at UBC has been the student U-Pass, which was introduced in September 2003. The U-Pass is a universal transportation pass that is mandatory for students at a cost to students of \$35 per month. The U-Pass offers students unlimited access to TransLink Bus, SkyTrain and SeaBus services (all zones), and discounted West Coast Express fares. The Compass Card came into effect for the 2016 data collection period, which replaced the U-Pass card, but the U-Pass program continues.
- Increased transit service. In conjunction with introduction of the student U-Pass, TransLink has substantially increased the level of transit service provided to UBC and continues to make service improvements annually. The majority of the increase has been on the Route 99 B-Line. Other improvements since 1997 include new Route 33 on 16th Avenue, and several express routes, including Route 43 on 41st Avenue, Route 44 from downtown, Route 84 from the VCC-Clark SkyTrain station, and Route 480 from Richmond Centre. Recent TransLink ridership data suggests routes to UBC carry the highest passenger volumes in the region.
- Class start times were changed in September 2001. In an effort to spread the transit demand in the morning peak period, UBC adjusted morning class start times. Previously, the first classes in the morning all began at 8:30 a.m. This was changed so that some students begin classes at 8:00

a.m., some at 8:30 a.m., and others at 9:00 a.m. Subsequent analysis showed that the desired spreading of morning peak demands was achieved, and that as a result, 12% more transit trips per day were accommodated on the same number of buses. In 2017 another meeting was held with Scheduling Services to discuss the importance of spreading out the class start times. Although there are limitations they will make efforts to spread the class start times out more.

- Parking supply and costs. UBC has eliminated approximately 3,500 commuter parking stalls on campus since 1997 a reduction in the commuter parking supply of over 25%. At the same time, the price of parking on campus has increased (UBC does not provide any free parking spaces on campus for commuters). Daily parking rates have increased from \$2.00 in 1997 to \$16.00 in 2016, and prices for parking permits and short term parking have also increased. As a result of the growth in Electric Vehicle (EV) ownership in the Lower Mainland, UBC has been adding EV charging stations in the parkades across campus. Currently UBC Parking provides 22 public charging stations and the intent is to add to this supply by up to 40 stations in 2018.
- **Bicycle facilities.** Since 1997, new bicycle lanes have been implemented on several roadways on campus and to / from campus. Most notable was the conversion of University Boulevard west of Blanca, from two lanes in each direction to one travel lane and one bicycle lane in each direction. Bicycle lanes were also added on SW Marine Drive, Wesbrook Mall, East Mall, Thunderbird Boulevard and 16th Avenue. Similarly, the City of Vancouver has made significant progress on bike facilities that connect to the five key routes to and from UBC. All unrestricted roads on campus function as shared roadways that accommodate cyclists as well as motor vehicles. Bicycle racks are provided at every building on campus in addition to secure bike lockers, bike cages and numerous end of trip facilities.
- Alternative modes of travel. UBC has encouraged the use of non-single occupancy vehicle (SOV)
 modes of travel through a range of programs, including a comprehensive transportation demand
 management strategy that includes transit discount programs, carpooling, car sharing, cycling, on
 campus shuttles, an emergency ride home program, and other sustainable transportation
 initiatives.
- Campus development and land use. UBC has developed and is continuing to develop additional housing for students, staff, and faculty on-campus as a means of reducing the proportion of persons who travel to UBC from off-campus. At the same time, an increased number and range of commercial services and amenities are now available on campus and in the University Endowment Lands adjacent to campus to reduce the need to travel off campus.

1.4. Understanding the Data

The following terms and measures are used throughout this report to describe various characteristics of travel patterns and trends at UBC:

- A **screenline** is an imaginary line across which trips are recorded. At UBC, the screenline around the campus illustrated by the dotted blue line in *Figure 1.1*. As shown, there are approximately five different entry and exit options.
- Mode share (also called "mode split") refers to the relative proportions of trips by various travel
 modes during a particular time period. Mode shares are generally reported for single occupant
 vehicles (SOVs), carpool and vanpools (also called high occupancy vehicles or HOV's), transit,
 bicycle, pedestrians and other modes such as motorcycles and trucks.
- The data presented in the Transportation Status Report include **traffic volumes** and **person trips**. Traffic volumes are simply the number of vehicles passing a point, whereas person trips are the number of people passing a point by all modes of transportation. A person trip is a one-way trip made by one person. For example, in one hour there might be 500 vehicles travelling along a section of road (traffic volumes generally reflect vehicles travelling in both directions). These 500 vehicles might include 450 automobiles with a total of 600 persons in them, 30 buses with a total of 1,000 persons in them, and 20 light and heavy trucks with 25 persons in them. The total number of person trips associated with these 500 vehicles is 1,625 person trips.

Throughout this report, unless otherwise stated all reported trips are in person trips.

- The population at UBC students, staff, faculty and residents —has increased every year from 1997. This means that when comparing absolute numbers of person trips and traffic volumes, and changes from one year to another reflect the effects of two different factors changes in travel patterns and increases in population growth. To distinguish changes in travel patterns from changes due to population increase, a different measure is used **trips per person**. This provides a consistent basis for monitoring travel trends regardless of how much or how little population growth occurs. Trips per person are calculated as the number of person trips divided by the number of persons at UBC during the weekday daytime. The number of persons is calculated as the student enrolment plus the number of staff and faculty (full and part time), as reported by UBC's Planning and Institutional Research department. Numbers of on-campus residents are not included in the population count, in many cases it could be a double count as a result of many staff, faculty and students living on campus.
- Substantial effort and cost are required to collect travel data at UBC. Consequently, it is neither reasonable nor necessary to collect all data in all locations at all hours of the day and night. Instead, some data are collected during selected **time periods** only (*Table 1.1* indicates the time periods for each type of data collection activity). Traffic data on all routes leading to and from UBC are collected over a period of one week using automatic counters placed on the roadway. On the other hand, vehicle occupancy and classification counts are done manually, and as a result are relatively expensive. These counts are undertaken for a total of 8 hours from the morning peak through the afternoon peak periods. Daily totals can be estimated by combining occupancy and classification data with the average daily traffic data.

• Rolling average. Much of the data presented in this report is from a single day to a week and observed travel patterns fluctuate from year to year and are heavily influenced by weather. Consequently the results for any particular year should not be considered in isolation. A more meaningful picture of travel patterns is obtained by considering trends over time. To better illustrate trends and minimize the apparent variability from year to year, charts illustrating trips by mode for each year since 1997 include a trend line based on a three-year rolling average. Rolling averages are calculated as the average of a particular year plus the years before and after. This means that for 2006, for example, the rolling average is calculated as the average number of trips in 2005, 2006 and 2007.

1.5. More Information

The following resources provide additional information regarding travel patterns and trends at UBC, as well as transportation services and facilities. All this information can be found at UBC's Campus and Community Planning website:

- This Fall 2017 Transportation Status Report, along with previous Transportation Status Reports.
- 2017 Transportation Survey
- The 2005 Strategic Transportation Plan.
- A review of the first 18 months of the student U-Pass program and the results of the Community Transportation Pass (ComPASS) demonstration project.
- Information on other transportation facilities and services on campus.
- Information regarding campus plans and neighbourhood plans.

2. Summary of Transportation at UBC

The following sections present a general summary of transportation to and from UBC including person trips, trips per person, mode share, and vehicle occupancy. Details for each different mode of transportation are presented in *Section 3*.

2.1. Person Trips

The average weekday person trips to and from UBC in fall 2017 was 156,100. A summary and comparison of daily person trips by mode for 1997 and 2017 are provided in *Table 2.1* and *Figure 2.1*.

Table 2.1: Weekday Person Trips to / from UBC Vancouver, 1997 vs. 2017

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Travel Mode Classification	Fall 1997	Fall 2017	Change (count	/ percentage)		
Single Occupant Vehicle (SOV)	46,000	46,300	+300	+0.7%		
Carpool / Vanpool (HOV)	36,100	22,100	-14,000	-38.8%		
Transit	19,000	81,400	+62,400	+328.4%		
Bicycle	2,700	2,800	+100	+3.7%		
Pedestrian	1,400	2,000	+600	+42.9%		
Truck & Motorcycle	900	1,500	+600	+66.7%		
Totals	106,100	156,100	+50,000	+47.1%		

Key observations regarding modes of travel to and from UBC include:

- The proportion of SOV trips is approximately level with the values from 1997.
- The proportion of HOV trips has decreased by almost 40% from 1997.
- Trips by transit have more than quadrupled since 1997.
- Bicycle and pedestrian trips do not represent a significant portion of the trips to and from campus. The numbers dropped significantly after the student u-pass program was implemented in 2003.

There is a lot of variability in trips by mode year over year, highlighting the importance of referencing a three year rolling average. This rolling average is shown for all modes of travel in Section 3.0.

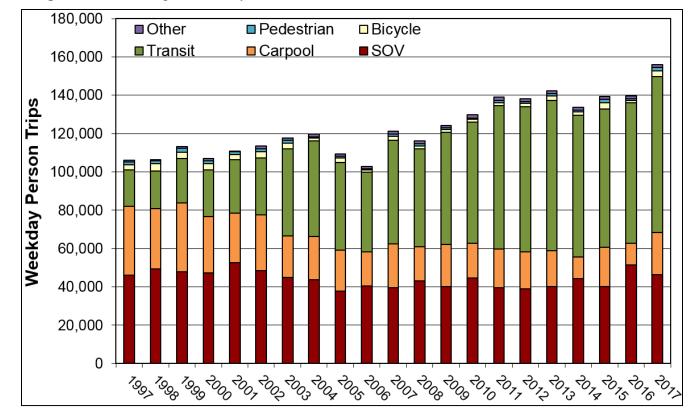


Figure 2.1: Weekday Person Trips to / from UBC, 1997 - 2017

As shown in **Figure 2.1**, the number of person trips leveled off from 2011 to 2016 though the mode share proportions varied. However, in 2017 an increase in overall person trips was observed. The increase was predominantly in HOV and transit trips as well as in bike and pedestrian trips.

In order to compare travel patterns from year to year on a consistent basis, it is important to negate the effects of population / enrolment growth. To compare the trips per person by mode the average weekday person trips by each mode is divided by the average weekday campus population. The average weekday campus population values include all full and part time students, staff and faculty.

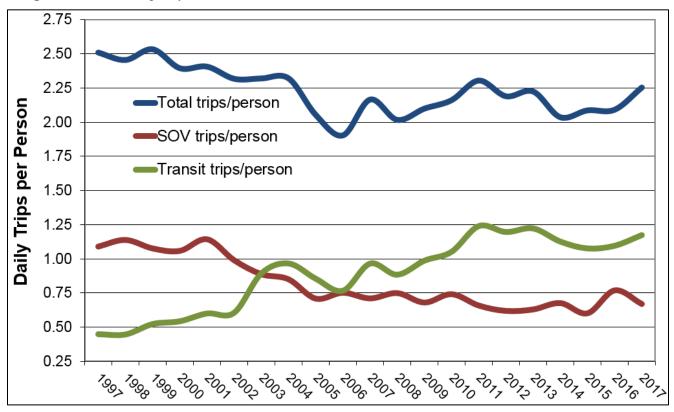
The campus population and trips per person to and from UBC from fall 1997 to fall 2017 are presented in *Table 2.2* and *Figure 2.2*, respectively.

Table 2.2: Weekday Trips Per Person to / from UBC, 1997 – 2017

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Travel Mode Classification	Fall 1997	Fall 2017	Change (count	/ percentage)		
Single Occupant Vehicle (SOV)	1.09	0.67	-0.42	-38.6%		
Carpool / Vanpool	0.86	0.32	-0.53	-62.6%		
Transit	0.45	1.17	+0.73	+161.5%		
Bicycle	0.06	0.04	-0.02	-36.7%		
Pedestrian	0.03	0.03	-0.00	-12.8%		
Truck & Motorcycle	& Motorcycle 0.02		+0.00	+1.7%		
Totals	2.51	2.25	-0.26	-10.2%		
CAMPUS POPULATION*	42,300	69,300	+27,030	+63.9%		

^{*}Population reported from fall attendance values.

Figure 2.2: Weekday Trips Per Person to / From UBC, 1997 – 2017



The average number of trips per person in 2017 was 2.25 trips per day, which is a 10% decrease from 1997 and an increase from the 2.09 trips per person in 2016. Since 1997 the number of trips made by transit has generally increased while the number of trips by single occupant and high occupant vehicles has generally decreased.

Possible reasons for the decrease in trips per person to and from campus overall since 1997 include:

- More people are living, working and studying on campus.
- More services are available on campus, reducing the need for people to travel off campus for shopping and services.
- Distance education, telecommuting and internet access has reduced the need for some students and faculty to travel to campus each day.

2.2. Mode Share Summary

The mode share comparison for 1997 and 2017 are shown in *Figure 2.3*. The significant change since 1997 has been the increase in the transit mode share, with trips by transit accounting for over half of all trips to and from UBC, and the decrease in high and single occupancy vehicle mode share.

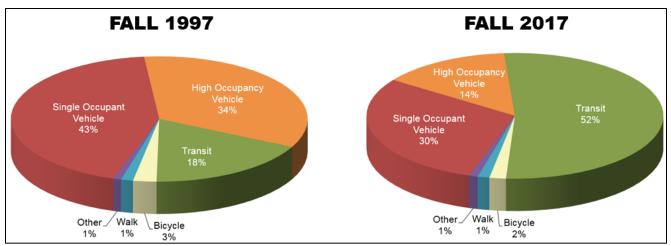


Figure 2.3: Average Weekday Trips by Mode to / From UBC, 1997 vs. 2017

TARGET 1: By 2040 at least two-thirds of all trips to and from UBC will be made by walking, cycling or transit and maintain at least 50% of all trips to and from the campus on public transit.

- In 2017 55% of all trips were made by transit, walking and cycling.
- In 2017 52% of all trips to and from the campus were made by transit.

The distribution of weekday person trips throughout the day compared to 1997 is shown in *Figure 2.5*. In general a wave profile can be seen to match the standard work and study hours with rounded peaks around 9am and 5pm.

The peak hour summary of trips by mode is summarized in *Table 2.3*. Significant observations in the data include:

- The number of trips to campus during the morning peak and from campus during the afternoon peak increased 27% and 65% in 2017 compared to 1997, respectively. For comparison, campus population has increased 64% over the same period.
- The peak travel periods have spread out resulting in more trips throughout the day. However, a sharper peak is visible in the 2017 data. This puts significant strain on the public transit system and creates overcrowding and poor service / experience to riders, which could result in people switching travel modes, likely to less sustainable travel modes.

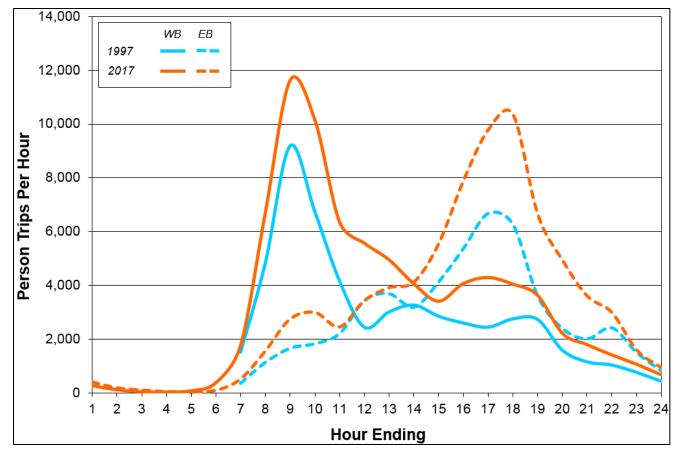


Figure 2.5: Distribution of Average Weekday Person Trips to / from UBC, 1997 vs. 2017

Table 2.3: Average Peak Hour Person Trips by Mode to/from UBC, 2017

Travel Mode Classification		ak Hour 10:00am	PM Peak Hour 5:00pm – 6:00pm		
	Westbound	Eastbound	Westbound	Eastbound	
Single Occupant Vehicle (SOV)	2,741	1,204	1,404	2,436	
High Occupancy Vehicle	669	488	628	1,332	
Transit	7,777	938	1,783	6,116	
Bicycle	265	22	65	300	
Pedestrian	102	54	159	140	
Truck & Motorcycle	78	43	17	38	
Totals	11,632	2,749	4,056	10,362	

2.3. Traffic Patterns and Vehicle Occupancy

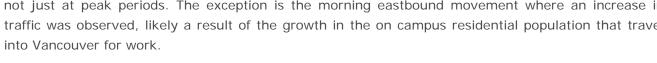
Automobile traffic (single occupant and high occupant vehicles only) to and from UBC has decreased substantially from 62,400 automobiles per weekday in fall 1997 to 56,700 automobiles per weekday in fall 2017 despite a 64% increase in daytime population, as shown in Table 2.4.

Travel Mode Classification Fall 1997 Fall 2017 Change (count / percentage) +300 +0.7% Single Occupant Vehicle (SOV) 46,300 46,000 -6,000 -36.6% High Occupant Vehicle (HOV) 16,400 10,400 56,700 **Totals** 62,400 -5,700-9.1%

Table 2.4: Average Weekday SOV and HOV Traffic Volume to/from UBC, 1997 vs. 2017

2017 are shown in Figure 2.6. As shown, the traffic volumes have reduced through most of the day, not just at peak periods. The exception is the morning eastbound movement where an increase in traffic was observed, likely a result of the growth in the on campus residential population that travel

The average weekday traffic volumes to / from UBC in a 24-hour period for both fall 1997 and fall



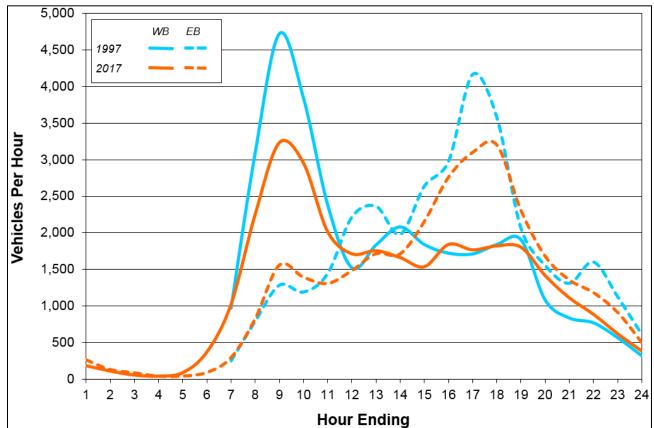


Figure 2.6: Distribution of Average Weekday Traffic Volumes to / from UBC, 1997 vs. 2017

Table 2.5 summarizes the daily traffic volumes at each screenline location. It is important to note that these figures include trucks, buses and motorcycles, in addition to SOV's and HOV's so the numbers in the tables below won't match those presented in **Table 2.4**.

Overall, traffic volumes were 6.5% lower in fall 2017 than in 1997 with a general decrease observed at all screenline locations with the exception of 16th Avenue where there has been an increase of 20%. The increase on 16th Avenue is mostly attributed to the population growth in Wesbrook Village.

Average Daily Traffic Volume Screenline Fall 1997 Fall 2017 Change (count / percentage) **NW Marine Drive** 2,040 -1,000 -49.0% 1,040 Chancellor Boulevard 11,660 -1,340 10,320 -11.5% University Boulevard 14,610 -3,220 11,390 -22.0% 16th Avenue 12,880 +2,63015,510 +20.4% SW Marine Drive 23,410 -1,240 22,170 -5.3% **Totals** 64,600 60,430 -4,200 -6.5%

Table 2.5: Summary of Average Weekday Traffic Volumes at Screenlines, 1997 vs. 2017

The distribution of all traffic volumes to / from UBC by screenline is shown in *Figure 2.7*. As shown, the majority of traffic uses SW Marine Drive followed by 16th Avenue and University Boulevard.

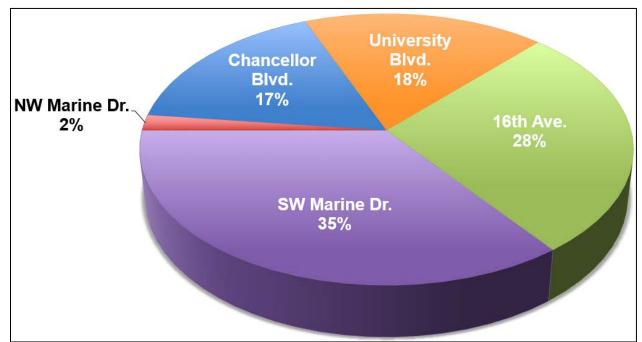


Figure 2.7: Distribution of Average Weekday Traffic to / from UBC by Screenline, 2017

Vehicle occupancy is a measure of the average number of people travelling per vehicle during a certain period of time. As shown in *Table 2.6*, the average vehicle occupancy of all vehicles in 2017 was 1.21 persons per vehicle, down from 1.32 persons per vehicle in 1997 and up from 1.11 persons per vehicle in 2016. The average occupancy for high occupancy vehicles decreased slightly from 2.20 in 1997 to 2.12 in 2017. In 2017 87% of recorded HOV trips were two person trips with three and four person trips at 9% and 3.6%, respectively.

Table 2.6: Average Daily Vehicle Occupancy to / from UBC

Travel Mode Classification	Fall 1997	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017
Vehicles (SOV's + HOV's)	1.32	1.22	1.11	1.21
HOV's (Carpools / Vanpools)	2.20	2.10	2.18	2.12

Table 2.7 provides a summary of average automobile occupancies from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Overall there is very little variation in the vehicle occupancies, but they appear to be higher for afternoon and off peak period trips from campus.

Table 2.7: Hourly Vehicle Occupancies to / from UBC, 2017

Hour Beginning	Westbound	Eastbound	Both Directions
7:00 a.m.	1.10	1.18	1.12
8:00 a.m.	1.12	1.18	1.14
9:00 a.m.	1.15	1.18	1.16
11:00 a.m.	1.17	1.26	1.22
12:00 p.m.	1.19	1.28	1.24
3:00 p.m.	1.26	1.26	1.26
4:00 p.m.	1.22	1.23	1.22
5:00 p.m.	1.20	1.23	1.22
8-Hour Average	1.16	1.23	1.20

3. Transportation To and From UBC

This section of the Transportation Status Report describes travel patterns and trends for trips to and from the UBC Vancouver campus for each mode of travel. Information regarding transportation conditions on campus is presented in **Section 4**.

3.1. Transit

Transit ridership at UBC has quadrupled since 1997, increasing 328%, which equates to 81,400 weekday transit trips and 52% of all trips to and from UBC each day.

This ridership increase has been the result of the student U-Pass program, continued improvements in transit service, a reduced supply of commuter parking, and higher parking costs on campus. *Table 3.1* provides a summary of the increase in transit trips and the transit mode share from fall 1997 to fall 2017, highlighting the change from 2002 to 2003 when the student U-Pass was introduced.

Table 3.1: Summary of Average Weekday Transit Trips to / from UBC, 1997 – 2017

Turnella Taline	Before U-Pass		After l	J-Pass	Change 1997-2017	
Transit Trips	Fall 1997	Fall 2002	Fall 2003	Fall 2017	(count / p	ercentage)
Person Trips	19,000	29,700	45,400	81,400	+62,400	+328%
Trips Per Person	0.45	0.61	0.89	1.17	+0.73	+161%
Transit Mode Share	18%	26%	39%	52%	+34%	+188%

Figure 3.1 illustrates transit ridership from year to year and includes the three year rolling average that balances out the variation year over year. A sharp peak was observed in 2003 when the u-pass was introduced, which was followed by a steady increase and a levelling off in 2013.

Table 3.2 provides a summary of transit trips by corridor, **Table 3.3** provides a summary of transit trips by route and by time period, and **Table 3.4** provides a summary of peak hour trips by route.

Table 3.2: Average Weekday Transit Trips to / from UBC by Corridor, 2017

Corridor	AM Peak 6am to 9am	Midday 9am to 3pm	PM Peak 3pm to 6pm	Evening 6pm to Midnight	Night Midnight to 4:30am	Totals	
Chancellor Blvd.	2,191	4,331	2,453	865	0	9,840	12.1%
University Blvd.	5,322	13,455	9,935	8,071	262	37,045	45.5%
16th Avenue	2,098	2,844	2,731	2,163	21	9,857	12.1%
SW Marine Drive	4,752	9,888	6,481	3,507	16	24,644	30.3%
Tetale	14,363	30,518	21,600	14,606	299	01 207	40004
Totals	17.6%	37.5%	26.5%	17.9%	0.4%	81,386	100%

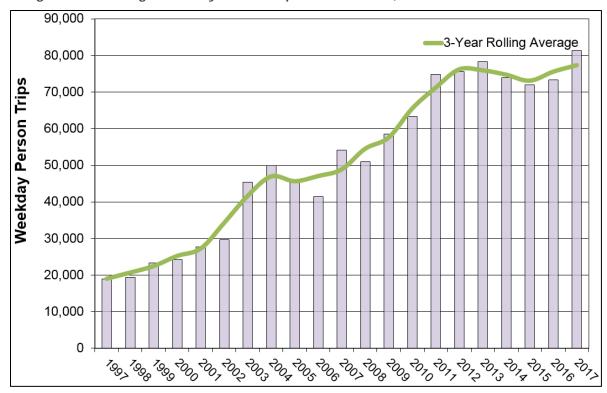


Figure 3.1: Average Weekday Transit Trips to / from UBC, 1997 - 2017

Table 3.3: Average Weekday Transit Trips to / from UBC by Route, 2017

Route		AM	Midday	PM Peak	Evening	Night	To	tals
		6am to 9am	9am to 3pm	3pm to 6pm	6pm to Midnight	Midnight to 4:30am	. •	tuis
4	4th Avenue	358	1,394	1,065	1,054	-	3,871	4.8%
9	Broadway	502	631	833	216	-	2,182	2.7%
14/N17	Broadway	638	2,078	1,162	1,442	121	5,441	6.7%
25	King Edward	1,316	1,910	1,615	1,221	21	6,083	7.5%
33	16th Avenue	782	934	1,116	942	-	3,774	4.6%
41	41st Avenue	1,265	2,401	1,337	1,389	16	6,408	7.9%
43	41st Ave Express	1,193	1,721	1,463	922	-	5,299	6.5%
44	4th Ave. Express	1,003	2,003	994	290	-	4,290	5.3%
49	49th Avenue	1,122	3,783	2,284	614	-	7,803	9.6%
84	4th Ave. Express	961	2,208	1,454	575	-	5,198	6.4%
99	Broadway B-Line	3,819	9,347	6,690	5,311	141	25,308	31.1%
258	North Shore	212	110	185	-	-	507	0.6%
480	Richmond Express	1,172	1,754	1,397	572	-	4,895	6.0%
NIS	Not In Service	20	244	5	58	-	327	0.4%
		14,363	30,518	21,600	14,606	299		
	Totals	17.6%	37.5%	26.5%	17.9%	0.4%	81,386	100%

Table 3.4: Average Peak Hour Weekday Transit Trips to / from UBC by Route, 2017

Route		Route AM Peak Hour Westbound 8:0am – 9:00am		PM Peak Hour Eastbound 4:45pm – 5:45pm	
4	4th Avenue	280	3.6%	375	5.8%
9	Broadway	240	3.1%	307	4.8%
14/N17	Broadway	354	4.6%	331	5.2%
25	King Edward	697	9.0%	453	7.1%
33	16th Avenue	375	4.8%	335	5.2%
41	41st Avenue	792	10.2%	354	5.5%
43	41st Ave. (limited stops)	636	8.2%	578	9.0%
44	4th Ave. (limited stops)	528	6.8%	148	2.3%
49	49th Avenue	566	7.3%	704	11.0%
84	4th Ave. (limited stops)	459	5.9%	400	6.2%
99	Broadway B-Line	2030	26.1%	1986	31.0%
258	North Shore Express	165	2.1%	75	1.2%
480	Richmond Express	655	8.4%	369	5.8%
NIS	Not In Service	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
	Totals	7,777	100%	6,415	100%

Significant observations about transit trips to and from UBC include:

- The number of transit trips has been decreasing the past three years, but in 2017 we saw a noticeable increase, which is attributable to the increase in the number of trips to and from campus in general. Nonetheless, transit mode share is still very high at almost 53%.
- Bus routes via University Boulevard (which includes routes 4, 9, 14, 99, and 258) account for 45% of all transit trips to and from UBC. Bus routes via 16th Avenue and Chancellor Boulevard both account for 12%. When combined, ridership in the "UBC Line" corridor amounts to 70% of all transit trips to and from UBC. Bus routes via SW Marine Drive (the majority of which use 41st Avenue in the City of Vancouver) account for the remaining 30% of all transit trips.
- The 99 B-Line accounts for 31% of all transit trips. Which is a 7% increase from 2016 values.
- The other express bus services (Routes 43, 44, 84, 258 and 480) account for 25% of all transit trips to and from UBC. Adding the Route 99 B-Line increases this to 56% of all transit trips, indicating popularity for faster transit service options to / from UBC.
- Trolley bus Routes 4, 9 and 14/17 account for 14% of all transit trips.

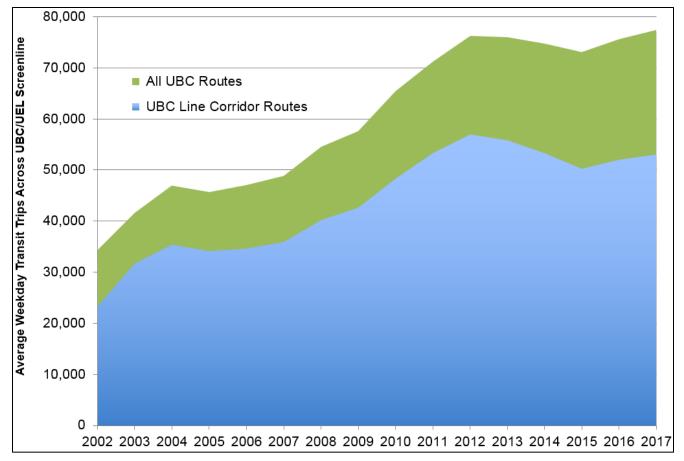
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¹ UBC Line refers to the future rapid transit line to UBC that is expected to be used by people currently taking transit to / from UBC via Chancellor Boulevard, University Boulevard and 16th Avenue.

Figure 3.2 compares the three year rolling average of ridership on bus routes in the UBC Line corridor with total ridership on all routes.

Figure 3.2: Average Weekday Transit Trips to / from UBC by Route, 2017



The daily distribution of transit trips to and from UBC in 2017 is shown in *Figure 3.3* including a comparison with fall 1997 transit trips. Not only does this illustrate the significant increase in transit ridership since 1997, but it also illustrates there are significant peak periods of transit demand, particularly during the morning peak period.

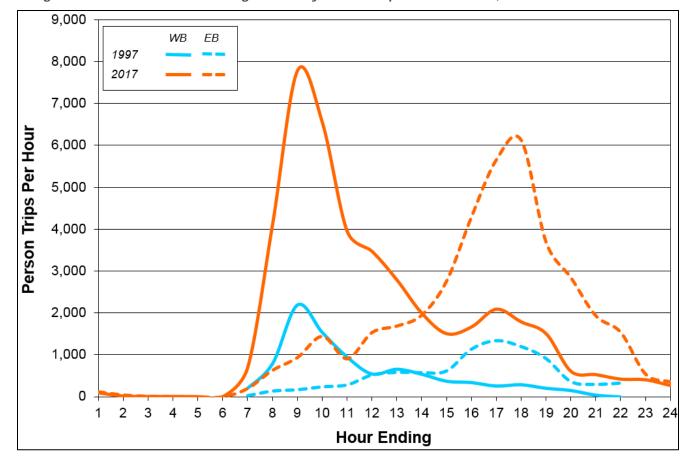


Figure 3.3: Distribution of Average Weekday Transit Trips to / from UBC, 1997 vs. 2017

In 2017, UBC carried out a transportation survey of the campus community to gather more detailed information about travel to / from and around campus. Their top three responses to a question about what would increase the likelihood of travelling to campus by public transit more often were shorter travel times, less overcrowding of buses, and increased frequency of service. Of people that currently do take transit to travel to / from UBC the average travel time from respondents was 50.5 minutes, one way. Given this information it suggests strong support for rapid transit and a high likelihood that vehicle trips would be replaced by rapid transit trips if there was a rapid transit connection to UBC. In the meantime, TransLink is rolling out a number of B-Line improvements to meet the demand for express transit connections to UBC.

3.2. Motor Vehicles

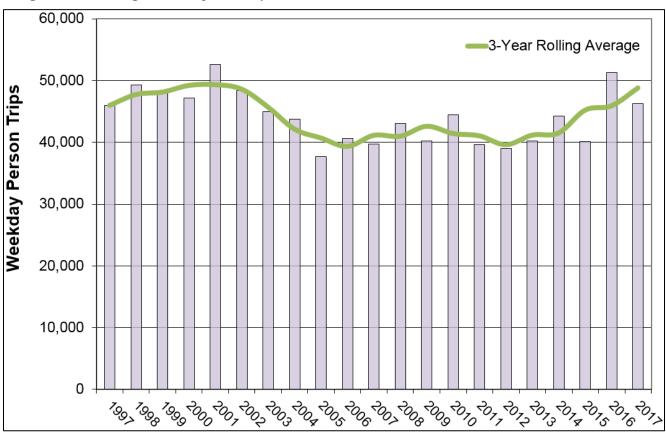
UBC is determined to reduce the amount of vehicle traffic travelling to and from UBC each day as represented in two of the three targets identified in the Transportation Plan.

Table 3.5 provides a comparison of SOV travel in fall 1997 and fall 2017, and **Figure 3.4** provides a summary of year-by-year changes and the three year rolling averages.

Table 3.5: Summary of SOV Trips to / from UBC, 1997 vs. 2017

Average Weekday SOV Trips	Fall 1997	Fall 2017	Change 1 (count / pe	
Person Trips	46,000	46,300	300	0.7%
Trips Per Person	1.09	0.67	-0.42	-38.6%
SOV Mode Share	43%	29.7%	-13.3	-31%

Figure 3.4: Average Weekday SOV Trips to / from UBC, 1997 - 2017



As suspected, the spike in 2016 was another anomaly similar to the spike in 2014, which is most likely attributable to the single day data collection efforts. The 2017 values are back on trend with the past seven years that shows a gradual increase year over year.

Figure 3.5 illustrates the arrival and departure patterns of SOV trips to and from UBC throughout the day, including a comparison with fall 1997 SOV trips. SOV trips observed in 2017 are overall less than the 1997 values, but sharp peaks are still observed between 8am and 9am.

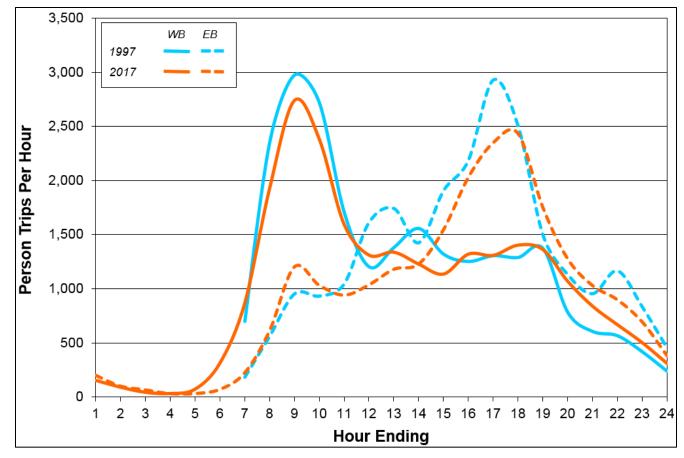


Figure 3.5: Distribution of Average Weekday SOV Trips to / from UBC, 1997 vs. 2017

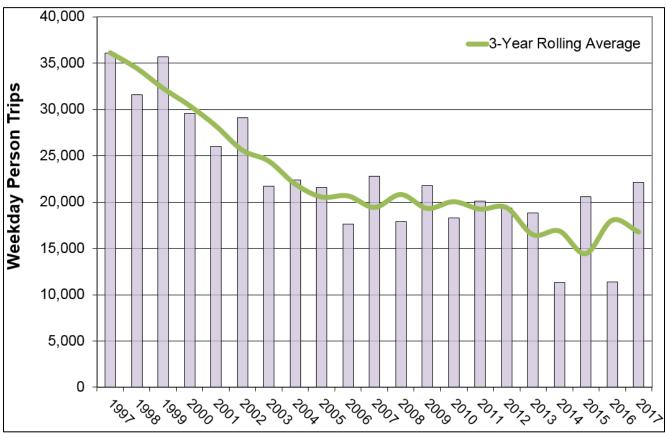
From the 2017 Transportation Survey the campus community was asked why they chose to drive alone. Their top three responses were to pick-up children from daycare and schools, public transit is not an option because they live too far away, and they do not like to take public transit in general. Of the respondents that identified they travelled alone, 75% of them said they would take transit if there was a rapid transit connection to UBC.

Carpooling, or high occupancy vehicle travel (HOV), has decreased substantially since 1997. Daily HOV trips declined from 36,100 in fall 1997 to 22,100 in fall 2017, and the equivalent mode share decrease was from 34% to 14%. A summary of the trend in HOV travel from fall 1997 to fall 2017 is provided in *Table 3.6*, and a summary of year-by-year changes and three year rolling average is provided in *Figure 3.6*.

Table 3.6: Summary of HOV Trips to / from UBC, 1997 vs. 2017

Average Weekday HOV Trips	Fall 1997	Fall 2017	Change 1997-2017 (count / percentage)	
Person Trips	36,100	22,100	-14,000	-38.8%
Trips Per Person	0.85	0.32	-0.53	-62.6%
HOV Mode Share	34%	14.2%	-19.8	-58%

Figure 3.6: Average Weekday HOV Trips to / from UBC, 1997 – 2017



As shown in *Figure 3.6*, HOV trips fluctuate year over year and in general have been declining since 1997. The HOV trips recovered from the drop in 2016, but UBC is still aiming to increase the HOV mode share with advances in technology and by partnering with UBC Parking to investigate incentives for HOV or carpoolers to UBC.

Figure 3.7 illustrates the arrival and departure patterns of HOV trips to and from UBC throughout the day, including a comparison with fall 1997 HOV trips. One observation is the increase in HOV trips departing campus during the afternoon peak period. Suggesting it may be easier to coordinate rides while at work as opposed to early in the morning or people are less rushed to return home compared to having to arrive to work on time.

The 2017 Transportation Survey asked the campus community why they drive alone and what would make them choose to travel by more sustainable options such as carpooling. The primary response was the need to carry out other errands such as picking children up from daycare / school. This identifies that flexibility is a requirement when exploring carpooling programs. Respondents also identified that more carpool incentives would increase the likelihood of them carpooling over travelling alone.

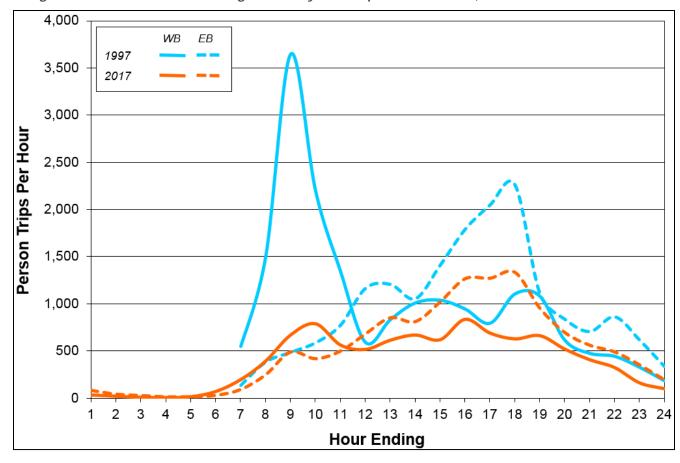


Figure 3.7: Distribution of Average Weekday HOV Trips to / from UBC, 1997 vs. 2017

In fall 2017, daily motor vehicle traffic was 56,700 vehicles per day, which is 5,700 less than the 1997 level. **Figure 3.8** provides a summary of the trend in daily motor vehicle traffic volumes from 1997 to 2017. The automobile trips are much less than 2016, but are still higher on average compared to the previous decade.

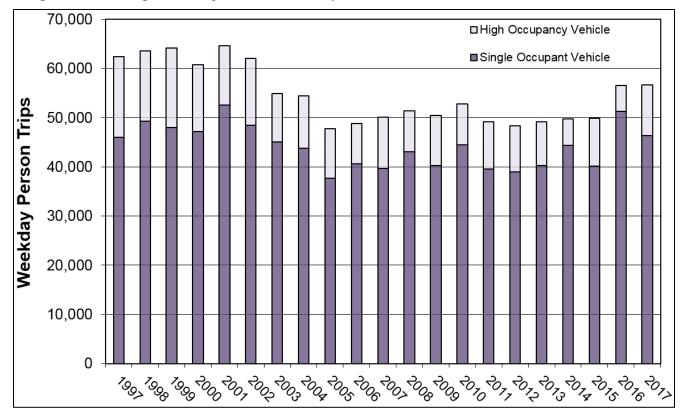


Figure 3.8: Average Weekday Motor Vehicle Trips to / from UBC, 1997 - 2017

TARGET 2: Reduce single occupant vehicle trips to and from UBC by 20% from 1997 levels and reduce single occupancy vehicle trips per person to and from UBC by 30% from 1997 levels.

- In 2017 there were 46,300 SOV vehicle trips, which is a 0.7% increase from 1997 values.
- In 2017 there were 0.67 SOV trips per person, which is a 38.6% reduction from 1997 values.

TARGET 3: Maintain daily private automobile traffic at or less than 1997 levels. Private automobiles include single occupant vehicles and carpools / vanpools, but do not include buses, motorcycles and trucks.

• In 2017 there were 56,700 private vehicles per day, which is a 9.1% reduction from 1997 values.

In 2017 UBC did not achieve the target of a 20% reduction in SOV trips to / from UBC from 1997. UBC will explore options to convert SOV trips to other more sustainable modes of travel to achieve this target. The greatest opportunity is to convert the SOV trips to public transit or HOV trips.

As a result of the significant uptake of car sharing in Vancouver, there is interest in tracking the number of car share trips to and from campus. Car share vehicles were counted at screenline locations over an eight hour period, which is presented below in *Table 3.6b*. UBC provides 157 dedicated parking stalls to multiple car share providers and also provides overflow parking on the roof level of the parkades.

Table 3.6b: Summary Car Share Trips to and from UBC

Car-Share Vehicle Trips	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017
1-Person Trips	299	388	408
2-Person Trips	45	41	73
3+ Person Trips	5	7	39
Totals	349	436	520

As shown, there has been a significant increase in car share trips to / from UBC with nearly a 50% increase in just two years. Results from the 2017 Transportation Survey of the campus community identified Car2Go and Evo as the top two car share providers that respondents had memberships to. Respondents also identified the top three reasons they use car share vehicles are to run errands / shopping, when the weather is poor, and for commuting to school / work.

More research is required to determine the overall benefits of car share at UBC. For example, what mode share is being replaced by car share and how many times do the vehicles that are driven to campus move each day.

3.3. Bicycles and Pedestrians

Table 3.7 and **Figure 3.9** provide summaries of the trend in bicycle trips from fall 1997 to fall 2017. As shown, there was a significant decrease in trips by bike after the U-Pass program was introduced. However, with the exception of 2014 and 2016 there has been a steady increase in the number of bicycle trips since 2010, which is likely correlated with continued improvements to bike infrastructure at UBC and in the City of Vancouver as well as the general popularity of biking in the region.

Table 3.7: Summary of Average Weekday Bicycle Trips to / from UBC, 1997 vs. 2017

Average Weekday Bicycle Trips	Before U-Pass		After l	J-Pass	Change 1997-2017	
	Fall 1997	Fall 2002	Fall 2004	Fall 2017	(count / percentage)	
Person Trips	2,700	3,300	1,600	2,800	+100	+3.7%
Trips Per Person	0.06	0.07	0.03	0.04	-0.02	-36.7%
Bicycle Mode Share	2.5%	2.9%	1.3%	1.8%	-0.70	-28%

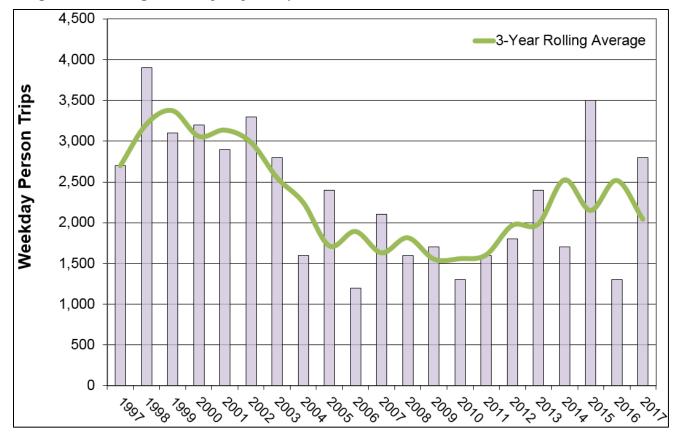


Figure 3.9: Average Weekday Bicycle Trips to / from UBC, 1997 - 2017

Figure 3.10 illustrates the arrival and departure patterns of bicycle trips to and from UBC throughout the day, for 2017 and 1997 bicycle trips. The results in 2017 are a significant improvement over 2016 values.

As can be seen the trend of bike trips matches peak morning (westbound) and evening (eastbound) travel patterns, and this is the first year in a long time where values are at or higher than 1997 counts.

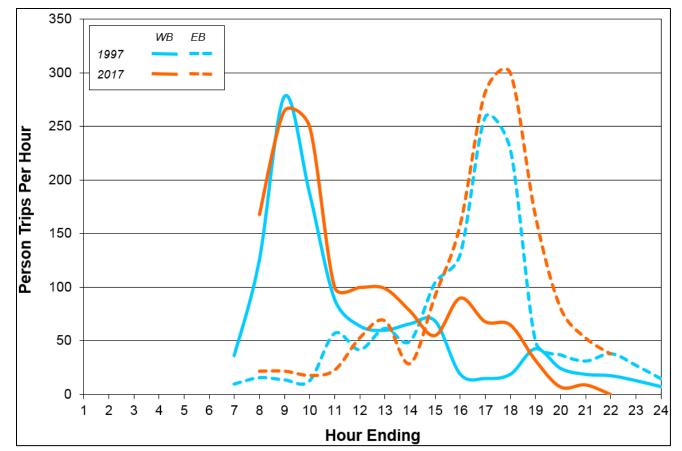


Figure 3.10: Distribution of Average Weekday Bicycle Trips to / from UBC, 1997 vs. 2017

All buses operating on transit routes serving UBC are equipped with bicycle racks, each of which has space for two bicycles. Below is a summary of the usage of racks over the past three years:

- In 2017, total of 192 bicycles were on buses at a 4.2% usage rate.
- In 2016, total of 180 bicycles were on buses at a 4.1% usage rate.
- In 2015, total of 245 bicycles were on buses at a 5.9% usage rate.

In addition, cyclists more commonly bring their bikes on buses westbound to campus and the most popular transit route for cyclists to travel with their bicycles is the 99 B-Line.

Table 3.8 provides a summary of the trend in pedestrian trips from fall 1997 to fall 2017, and Figure 3.11 illustrates year-by-year changes. Similar to bicycle trips, pedestrian trips decreased significantly after U-Pass was introduced, but in general have been following an increasing trend since. Alike to the results observed for bicycle trips, the number of pedestrian trips have been fluctuating over the past few years, but in general have followed an upward trend as shown by the three year rolling average. Over the long term, UBC doesn't anticipate to see a significant increase in pedestrian trips or pedestrian mode share to and from campus as a result of the location of the campus and the distance to where a majority of the campus population is living, but will continue to make improvements and work with the Ministry on making improvements to bike connections to the campus.

Table 3.8: Summary of Average Weekday Pedestrian Trips to / from UBC, 1997 vs. 2017

Average Weekday	Before U-Pass		After l	J-Pass	Change 1997-2017		
Pedestrian Trips	Fall 1997	Fall 2002	Fall 2004	II 2004 Fall 2017		(count / percentage)	
Person Trips	1,400	1,600	600	2,000	+600	+42.9%	
Trips Per Person	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.03	-	-	
Pedestrian Mode Share	1.3%	1.4%	0.5%	1.3	-	-	

Figure 3.11: Average Weekday Pedestrian Trips to / from UBC, 1997 - 2017

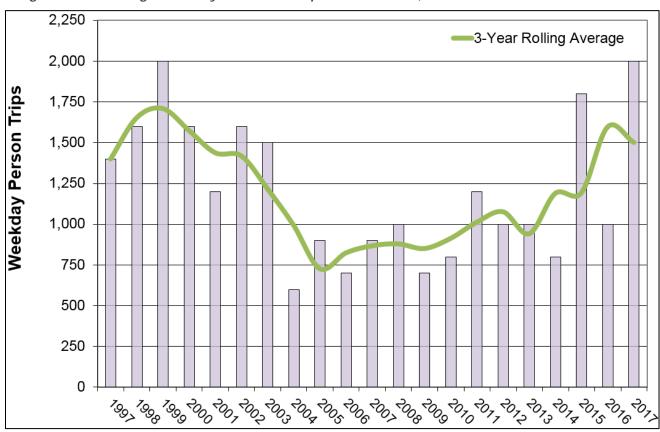


Figure 3.12 illustrates the arrival and departure patterns of pedestrian trips to and from UBC throughout the day, including a comparison with fall 1997 pedestrian trips. The arrival pattern to campus in 2017 shows four peaks compared to the three peaks in 1997, but shows the same three peak pattern for departure trips throughout the day. Overall, there were far more trips during the afternoon peak period when compared to the rest of the day.

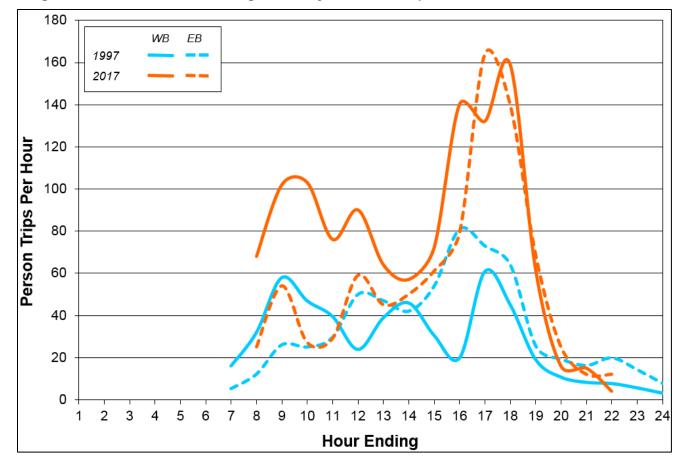


Figure 3.12: Distribution of Average Weekday Pedestrian Trips to / from UBC, 1997 vs. 2017

3.4. Heavy Trucks

Construction activity at UBC and the day-to-day function of the university generate truck traffic. The City of Vancouver, through which all trucks must travel to reach UBC, manages heavy truck traffic through a number of bylaws and regulations, which apply to all trucks with a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of more than 10,000 kg. Trucks with three or more axles exceed the 10,000 kg specified in the City of Vancouver's bylaws, and consequently for the purposes of monitoring travel patterns to and from UBC, heavy trucks are defined as vehicles with three or more axles. This simpler definition makes it easier to monitor heavy truck traffic, as it is only necessary to count the number of axles on a truck to determine whether it is a "heavy truck."

Counts of heavy truck traffic were undertaken on a quarterly basis during 2017; in March, June, September and December, which are summarized in *Table 3.9. Figure 3.13* illustrates numbers of

trucks observed in each of the four quarterly counts.

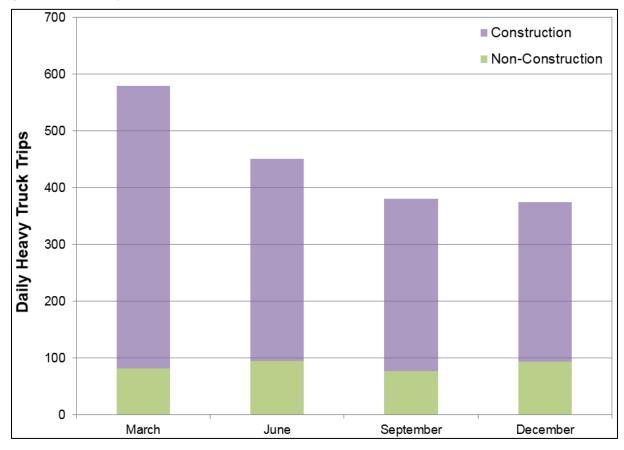
Table 3.9: Average Weekday Heavy Truck Trips to / from UBC, 2017

Pouts	Туре	Totals	
Route	Construction Non-Construction		
Chancellor Boulevard	42.3	14	56.3 (12.6%)
University Boulevard	26.3	19.5	45.8 (10.2%)
16th Avenue	40.8	10	50.8 (11.4%)
SW Marine Drive and 41st Avenue	250.3	43.5	293.8 (65.8%)
Totals	359.5 (80.5%)	87 (19.5%)	446.5

As shown in the table, an average of 446 heavy truck trips per day were counted to / from UBC. Of the 446 trips, 360 (80.5%) of them were construction related trips. This is an increase from 2016 and up to previous year counts, likely attributable to the significantly sized and quantity of construction projects underway in 2017.

Of the four routes to / from UBC, SW Marine Drive carries 66% of construction related trips. The remaining three routes experiences almost an equal distribution of the remaining truck trips.

Figure 3.13: Heavy Truck Trips to / from UBC, 2017



4. Traffic Conditions At UBC

This section of the *Transportation Status Report* summarizes transportation conditions on campus, particularly traffic volumes and speeds at key locations throughout the campus.

4.1. Traffic Speeds

Traffic speeds were recorded over one week on campus using pneumatic tubes. The locations are identified in *Figure 1.1*.

The 85th percentile speed is typically used for the purposes of representing travel speeds and represents the speed below which 85% of the traffic travels. The average 85th percentile speed data from 2012 to 2017 is summarized in *Tables 4.1 and 4.2* for eastbound / northbound traffic and westbound / southbound traffic, respectively. Data highlighted in red represents locations where collected speed data is above the posted speed limit.

Table 4.1: Average 85th Percentile Traffic Speeds (km/h) Eastbound / Northbound, 2012 – 2017

Location	Speed Limit	Eastbound / Northbound					
Location	(km/h)	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017
Wesbrook Mall s/o Gage	50	59.0	_	_	_	55.3	55.2
Wesbrook Mall s/o University	50	55.5	47.1	49.3	51.2	48.8	49.1
Thunderbird w/o Wesbrook	30	48.3	47.1	47.1	47.0	46.6	46.6
West Mall s/o University Blvd	30	-	_	_	-	_	29.6
West Mall n/o Thunderbird	30	-	-	38.9	36.0	30.4	-
East Mall s/o Thunderbird	50	58.3	66.0	50.7	52.6	50.6	50.8
Wesbrook Mall n/of 16 th Ave	50	50.9	49.0	54.4	49.8	50.9	51.8
Wesbrook Mall s/o 16th Ave.	50	36.7	37.5	32.8	37.2	32.6	33.2
Stadium Rd at Main Mall	30	37.2	_	_	-	48.8	49.6
16th Ave w/o East Mall	60	-	78.3	72.1	69.5	60.9	71.0
16th Ave w/o Wesbrook Mall	50	-	68.6	67.0	56.3	56.6	57.5
16th Ave e/o Wesbrook Mall	50	-	74.8	72.9	72.1	69.2	66.6
Chancellor e/o Western Pkwy	50	_	56.3	57.1	55.7	58.7	55.3
University e/o Toronto Rd	50	-	77.5	59.6	58.1	57.9	59.0

Table 4.2: Average 85th Percentile Traffic Speeds (km/h) Westbound / Southbound, 2010 - 2017

Lacation	Speed Limit	Westbound / Southbound					
Location	(km/h)	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017
Wesbrook Mall s/o Gage	50	54.3	_	_	_	50	50.6
Wesbrook Mall s/o University	50	57.9	44.2	49.6	53.8	48.1	48.5
Thunderbird w/o Wesbrook	30	46.7	44.2	40.4	42.4	43.3	39.9
West Mall s/o University Blvd	30	38.5	-	_	-	-	31.4
West Mall n/o Thunderbird	30	-	-	39.1	35.6	32.6	-
East Mall s/o Thunderbird	50	65.6	56.6	50.5	55.9	53.2	53.3
Wesbrook Mall n/of 16 th Ave	50	55.7	55.5	50.1	55.5	53.3	53.1
Wesbrook Mall s/o 16th Ave.	50	39.5	38.4	31.6	36.5	31.8	32.6
Stadium Rd at Main Mall	30	37.4	_	_	-	47.7	48.2
16th Ave w/o East Mall	60	_	72.6	69.4	75.8	68.5	71.0
16th Ave w/o Wesbrook Mall	50	_	60.1	58.2	61.7	59.7	59.5
16th Ave e/o Wesbrook Mall	50	_	73.9	65.0	63.2	60.1	61.2
Chancellor e/o Western Pkwy	50	_	71.2	60.7	59.2	60.1	59.6
University e/o Toronto Rd	50	_	58.7	56.9	58.1	57.1	60.0

Key observations regarding traffic speeds on campus include:

- Traffic speeds on BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure roadways to and from campus exceed the posted speed limit of 50 km/h. This includes 16th Avenue, University Boulevard, and Chancellor Boulevard. Speed limits on 16th Avenue were changed in 2016 to extend the 50 km/h speed limit further east into Pacific Spirit Park.
- According to the UBC Road and Traffic Rules internal road speed limits are 30km/h (not including Wesbrook Mall). Roads on campus with average speeds in excess of 30 km/h include East Mall, Thunderbird Blvd, and Stadium Road. Reasons for less speeding on the internal roadways include heavy pedestrian traffic and traffic calming measures.

These locations of excessive speeds will be shared with the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to flag this issue as well as with the RCMP to inform their speed enforcement program.

4.2. Traffic Volumes

Peak hour traffic volumes collected over one day at key intersections on campus are illustrated in *Figures 4.1* and *4.2*. The turning volumes are not intended to represent average daily traffic volumes or conditions, but are intended to provide a general overview of traffic patterns to / from and on campus during the AM and PM peak hours.

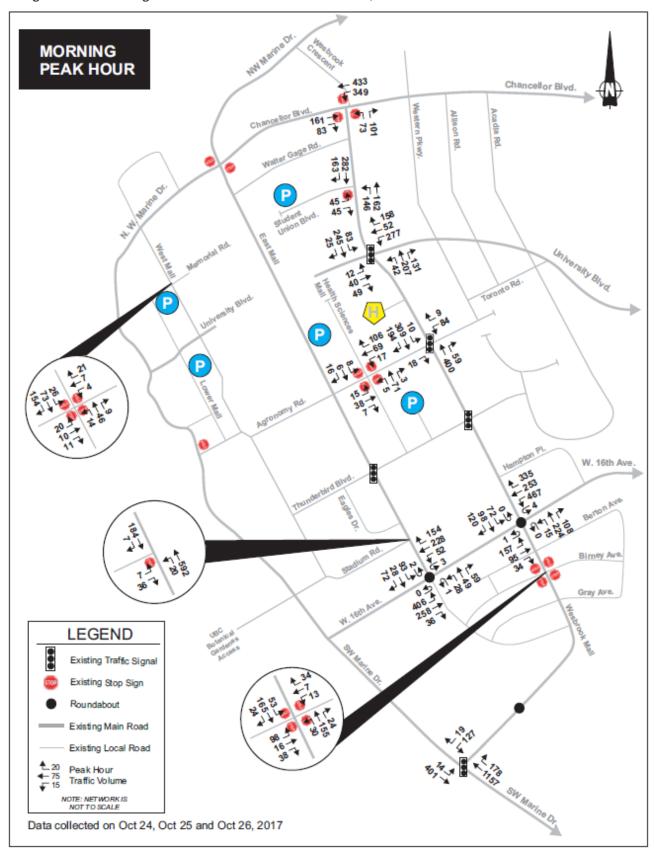


Figure 4.1: Morning Peak Hour Traffic Volumes at UBC, 2017

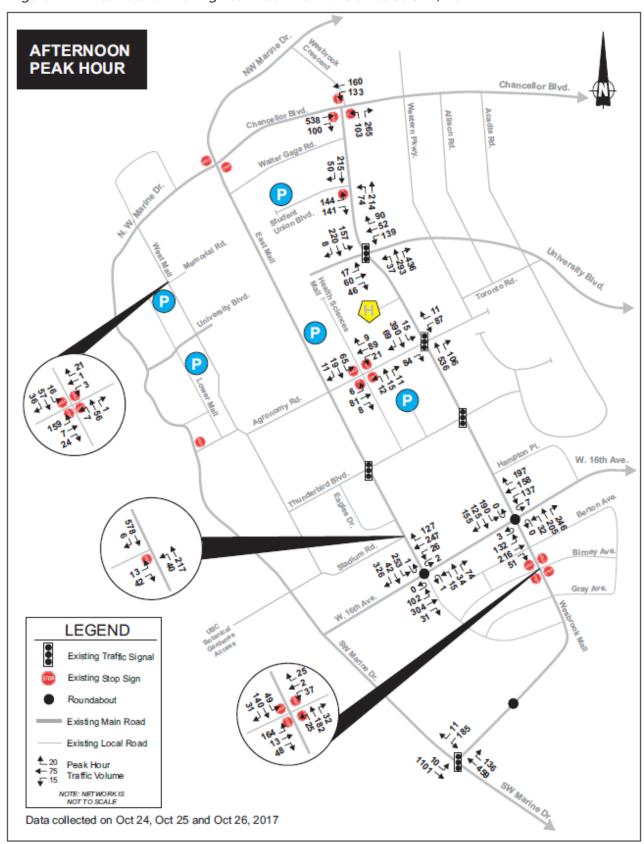


Figure 4.2: Afternoon / Evening Peak Hour Traffic Volumes at UBC, 2017