

STRATEGIES FOR TRANSIT RIDERSHIP ENHANCEMENT – A CASE OF KOCHI METRO



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INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND

- ➤ A rapidly growing city like Kochi makes ever-increasing demands on urban infrastructure in general and transportation amenities in particular
- As a solution Metro was opened for the public in 2017 for the corridor between Aluva- Maharajas (18.4 kms) by Kochi Metro Rail Corporation (KMRL)
- ➤ On September 3rd it was extended till Thykoodam (additional 6.76 kms) which will be further extended to a total of 28.46 Kms when the whole Phase 1 gets completed in 2021.
- The expected rider ship for 2020 till Maharajas Metro station is around 3.4 lakh/day and the ridership was only 35k to 45k/day.
- ➤ After the opening of Thykoodam Stretch ridership has been improved to 65k/day against the projected 3.6 lakh/day

THE SCOPE

➤ To identify, analyze and assess the existing ridership and revenue strength of KMRL and to suggest the strategies for enhancing the ridership and there by increasing the revenue generation

THE LIMITATION

The study focused on strategies as a whole and fare box revenue in particular

METHODOLOGY

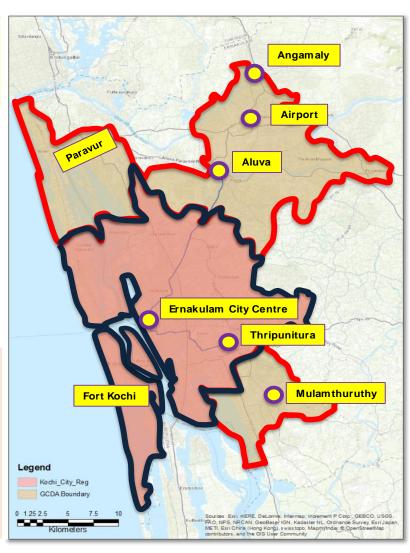
APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM

- Background study about Kochi and Kochi Metro initiatives
- Identification of strategies and analysis
- Analysis of the Ridership Vs Revenue of case scenarios
- Setting up of a road map for strategies with prioritization

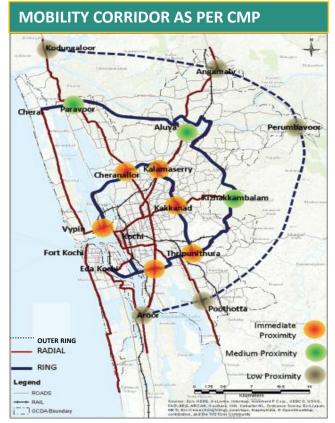
KOCHI-CITY BACKGROUND



- Greater Kochi has a population of 20.01 lakhs (Census, 2011), it is ranked as the seventeenth largest city in the country.
- Comprises Kochi Municipal Corporation, 9 Municipalities and 29 Panchayats.
- The total area under consideration is 632 Sq. km.
- Density (PPHA): 32



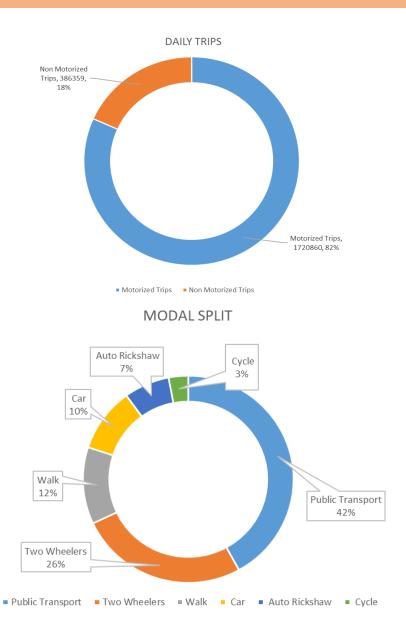
GREATER KOCHI- MOBILITY TRENDS

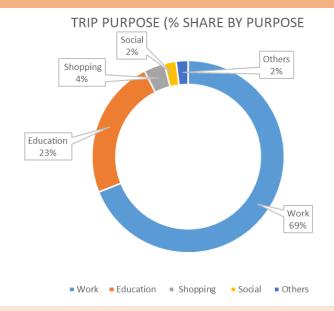


- Transport pattern and road usage skewed against public transport towards personal transport vehicles
- 75% of roads with width of less than 10 m
- Buses account for 4% of the daily trips in Kochi, but they carry around 49% of the passengers moved.
- Cars account for 27% of the daily trips, but move only 12% of the passengers.



MOBILITY LEVELS





Average trip length (Km) - All trips and Motorised trips 10.875 KM, 10.6 KM

Total Road length: 1168 Km

• Primary road network length: 273 Km

• Registered Transport Vehicles – 71,675

Registered Non-Transport Vehicles – 5,65,271

Para Transit / NMT (Estimated Daily Ridership)

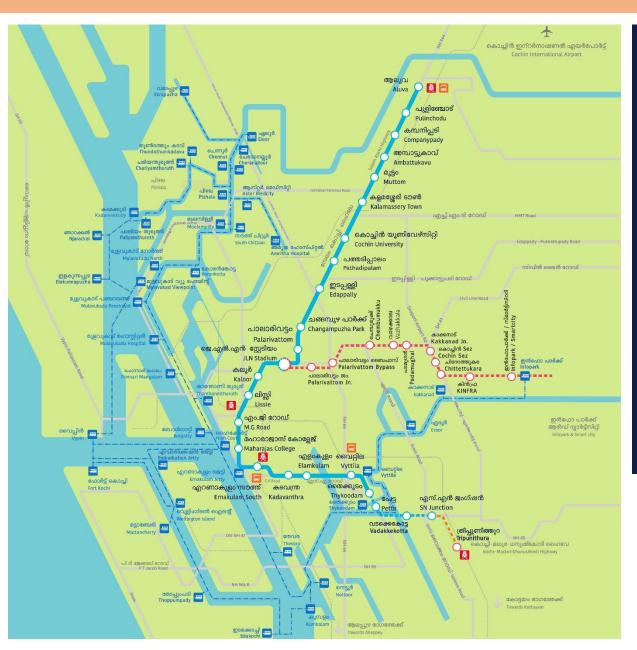
Auto Rickshaw : 7.4 lakh pax trips

• Taxi : 8,000 pax trips

• App based cab : 32,000 pax trips

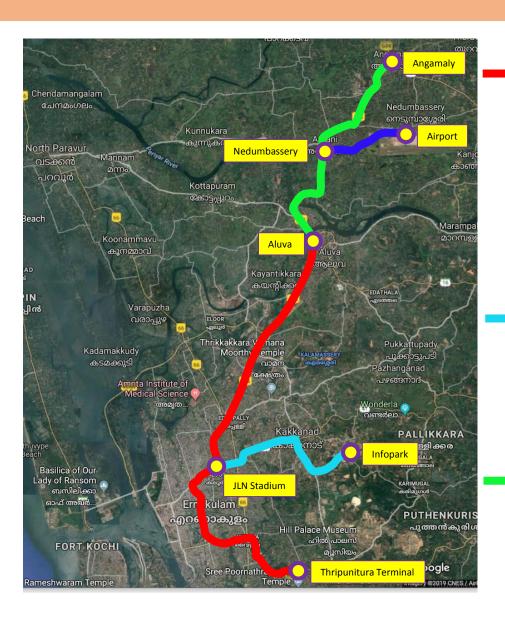
• E-Rickshaw : 2,400 pax trips

KOCHI INTEGRATED PUBLIC TRANSPORT





KOCHI METRO RAIL NETWORK



PHASE - I ALUVA TO THRIPUNITURA TERMINAL

• Total Alignment Length - 28.36 Km

No.of Stations - 25 Nos.



23.88 Km with 21 stations under Operation



1.28 Km with 1 station - ROD in December 2019



3.2 Km with 3 Stations - Design & Implementation Stage. Expected completion in July 2022

PHASE – II JLN STADIUM TO INFOPARK VIA KAKKANAD

Total Alignment Length - 11.20 Km
 No.of Stations - 11 Nos.



Awaiting approval from GoI

PHASE – III ALUVA TO ANGMALY WITH AIRPORT LINK

Total Alignment Length - 19.25 Km
 Aluva to Angmaly - 14.25 Km

Airport link - 5 .00 KM

Total No. of Stations - 14 Nos.
 Aluva to Angmaly - 11 Nos.

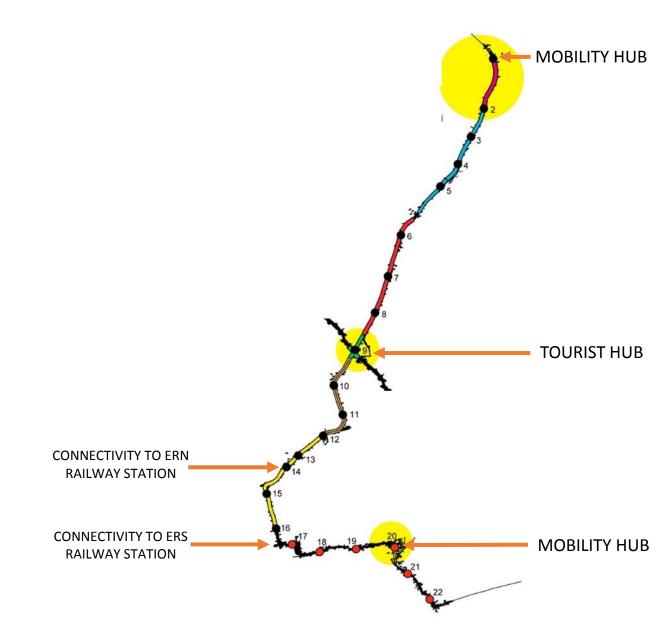
Airport link - 5 Nos.



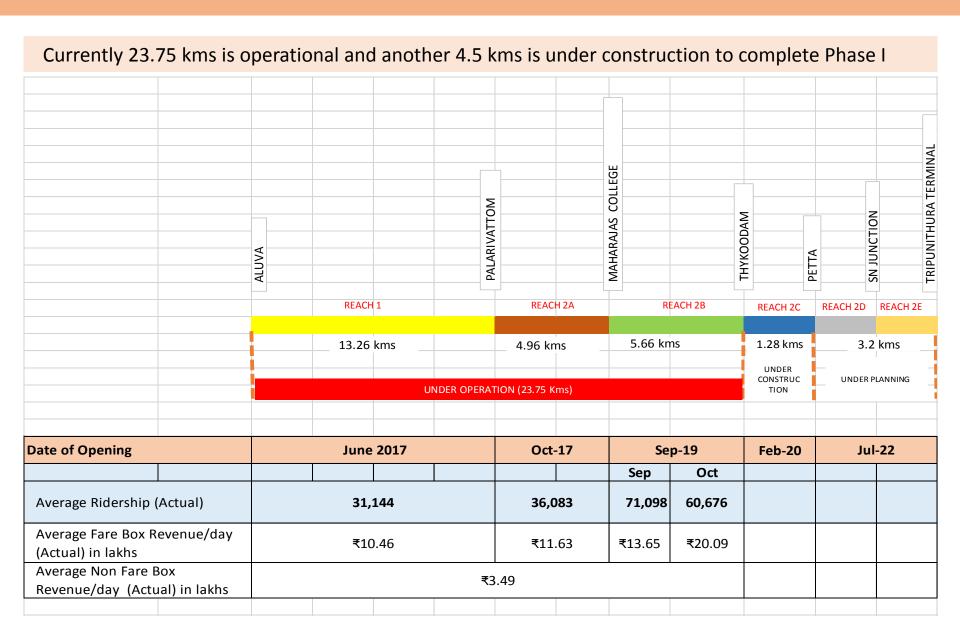
KOCHI METRO STATIONS

LIST OF STATIONS

- 1. Aluva
- 2. Pulinchodu
- 3. Companypady
- 4. Ambatukavu
- 5. Muttom
- 6. Kalamassery
- 7. Cochin University
- 8. Pathadipalam
- 9. Edapally
- 10. Changampuzha park
- 11. Palarivattom
- 12. J L N Stadium
- 13. Kaloor
- 14. Lissie
- 15. M G Road
- 16. Maharaja's college
- 17. Ernakulam South
- 18. Kadavanthra
- 19. Elamkulam
- 20. Vyttila
- 21. Thaikoodam
- 22. Petta



METRO RIDERSHIP SCENERIO – REACH WISE

































1. Initiatives for inducing growth

- Proposals like Metro village and Metro city along the existing and proposed corridors
- Aluva and Tripunithura metro stations as terminal stations facilitating park and ride
- Edapally Metro station as tourist hub

2. Urban Design, Aesthetic improvement and Site Planning Initiatives

- Approximately 30 kms of road with footpaths have been developed by KMRL along the metro corridor with footpaths and cycle tracks
- Cycle tracks at Aluva and Kadavanthra promoting NMT
- Direct Interconnection between LuLu and Chennai Silks to Metro Stations
- 5.6 Acres of land worth 44 Cr is available for mixed use development
- Theming of stations based on themes such as movies ,food etc.

■ Extended timing will help train travellers

Commuters want more Metro hours

The demand for extending operating hours of the Kochi metro has gained pace with the service enjoy-ing increased commuter patronage post opening of the Maharaja's College-

Thykoodam line. The rest of the metro sys-tems such as the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation and 'Namma Metro' (Bangalore) have extended period of services than the Kochi Metro, especially in lines connecting the major railway stations.

The first service in the least b New Delhi railway station to IGI airport starts at 4.45 am while the last service is at 11.15 pm. 'Namma Metro' operates from 5 am to 11 pm while the Kochi Metro services begin at 6 am and the trains such as the Executive

from 4.45 am to 11.15 pm; 'Namma Metro' from 5 am to 11 pm. Kochi Metro timinas are from 6 am to 10 pm

last trip from Thykoodam is at 10 pm.
"After the introduction of
metro, several private city
buses have wound up operations," said Ebenezer
Chullikad of the Greater Cochin Development Watch. "After 8 pm, there are very few city buses. The metro authorities should extend

least by half an hour in the The demand is being made by a large section in the social media handle of the Kochi Metro, saying that the same would be beneficial to those travelling by early

the time of operation at

increased patronage is the commuters travelling in the ong haul trains arrive late or depart in the early morn-ing hours and the metro authorities should give a serious thought of extend ing the operating hours. The frequency of services could be 15 to 30 minutes instead of the usual five to sever minutes," said F Krishnakumar, a member of Zonal Railway Users Consultative Committee.

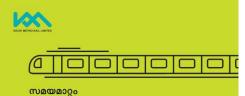
managing director APM non committal. Sources staff instead of double

3. Initiatives to Increase System Capacity

- The operations are currently fulfilled with 16 train sets, with headway of around 7 minutes which can be reduced to a minimum of 3 minutes KMRL currently achieves an average punctuality rate of 99.83%.
- Average ridership 35843 and average earning of Rs 11,45,072 per day till date from ROD.

4. Initiatives to Improve Service Quality

- Feeder Services:- Total 16 E-Autos are running for different locations. Share auto basis also been introduced recently. Average 450 kms per day travelled by passengers as part of the last mile connectivity measures.
- Bicycle sharing services:-Public bicycle sharing schemes are in place for five stations. Hero Cycles have been planned to operate the services shortly at various stations.
- Engagement of Women cooperative society-Kudumbashree for facility management at stations ensuring people's participation
- Association with google for live information on transit availability on google maps
- First metro agency to offer info via apps for free use as open data



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Timings on 10-12 September 2019

To make commuting easier and faster during Onam, we have extended the timings of Metro services on the 10th, 11th and 12th of September 2019. The last train from Aluva / Thykoodam station will leave at 23:00 hours.







5. Pricing and Fare Media Initiatives

- Kochi1 Card outside issuances:- Apart from station issuances KMRL started issuing the Kochi1 cards outside the metro stations to cover the institutions, banks, IT companies and Hospitals
- Discount of Kochi1 Card:- To attract the sales of the Kochi1 cards attractive discounts were given like total issuance fee waver off, book my show etc.
 - Issuance Fee Waver-off: 3 Mar- 3Apr 2019 (12884 cards sold)
 - Book My Show:- 17 Jun 30 Jun 2019 (795 cards sold)
- Introduction of Trip Pass:- After successful introduction of trip pass facility to the passengers, the sales during last year trip passes are 9000 (Jul-2018 to Jun-19) approx.
- Passes for Parking:- Introduced passes like Day Pass, 24 hr pass and monthly for regular commuters using parking facility
- Parking Discounts:- For Kochi1 Card holders discount of 20% have been provided at all Kochi Metro parking locations .100% fees wave off during Onam season









6. Marketing and Education Initiatives

- Promotion in Social Media:- Started influencing the usage and the benefits of Kochi1 card in various social media like Instagram, Twitter and Facebook by the user itself.
- Public Lectures in Housing Societies and Schools
- LCD monitor :- Installed LCD TVs at various locations at stations which is used to provide various information of the fare media and promotes the usage of Kochi1 cards.

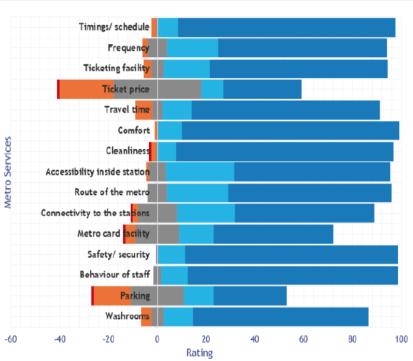
7. Evaluation and performance improvement measures

- Formation of MTA as the authority for traffic and transport under the leadership of KMRL
- Formation of cooperative society for Bus and autos
- KMRL in association with research organizations like CPPR, Rajagiri College of Engineering, SEMS school of Management is conducting surveys for metro and non metro users

METRO USERS & NON USERS SATISFACTION SURVEY

Based on the primary survey conducted by KMRL

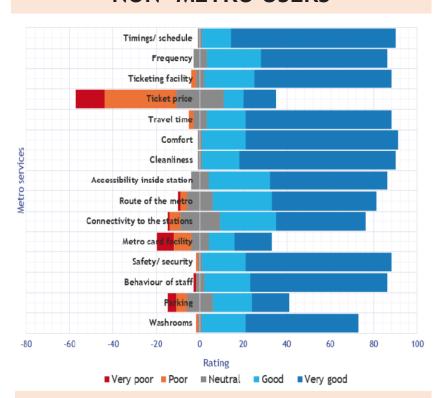




Among the Metro users,

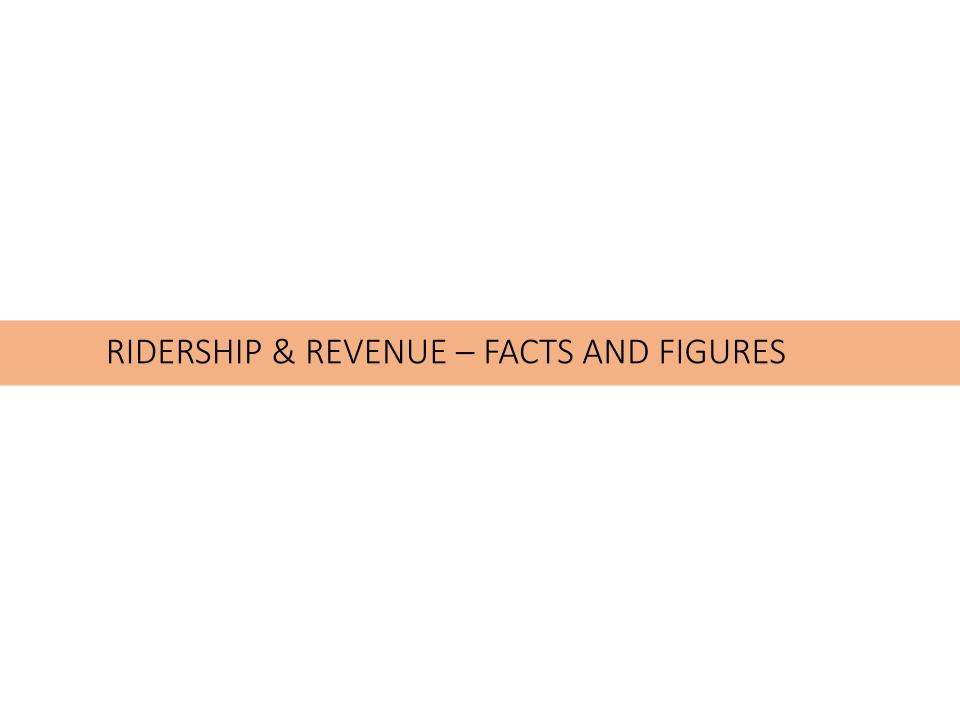
23 per cent of the respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the ticket price being high, whereas 36 per cent were neutral and 41 per cent were satisfied with the price.

NON- METRO USERS



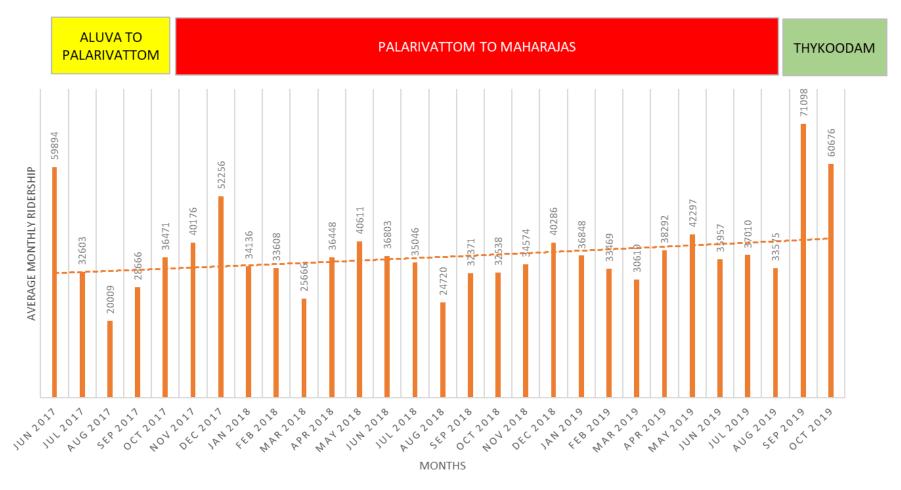
Among the non Metro users,

46 per cent of the respondents were dissatisfied with the ticket price and marked it very poor or poor. This has also emerged as a major reason for not using the metro for daily commuting.



1. AVERAGE MONTHLY RIDERSHIP

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- Two peak months having maximum ridership-May and December
- Opening of Thykoodam stretch made an impact on the average monthly ridership by increasing it by 82 %

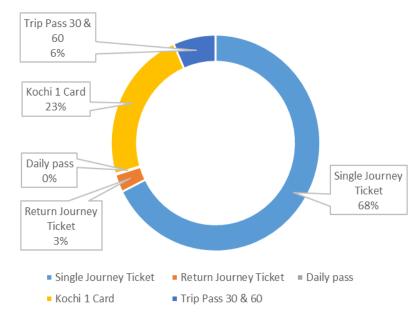
2.ANALYSIS OF METRO TICKET FARE AND SALE

Fare slabs

Fare Basis	Peak	Remarks
F1	Rs. 10	Upto 2 KM
F2	Rs. 20	Between 2 KM and 5 KM
F3	Rs. 30	Between 5 KM and 10 KM
F4	Rs. 40	Between 10 KM and 15 KM
F5	Rs. 55	Between 15 KM and 20 KM
F6	Rs. 65	Between 20 KM and 25 KM

- Fare is based on cost with fixed costs and variable costs. Variable costs include salary, maintenance and electricity. Fixed cost consists of depreciation and interest.
- Based on total passenger KM travelled
- All commuters bear a portion of fixed costs irrespective of distance travelled and variable costs is borne by the commuters based on the distance travelled.
- 6 slabs for fare
- Minimum Fare Rs 10
- Fare per km Rs 2.7





Single journey ticket constitute 68%

COMPARISON WITH OTHER MODES

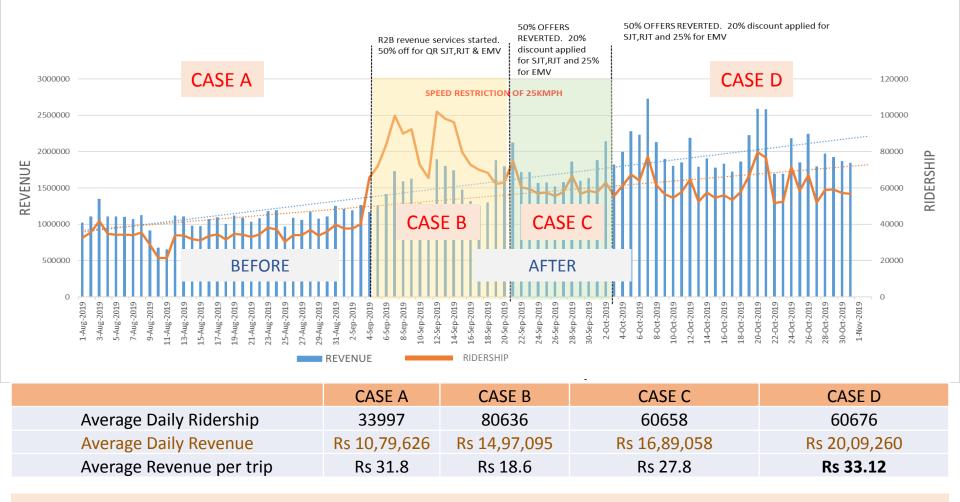
MODE	INSTITUTION	FLEET	FARE SETTING
Auto Rickshaw	JDI (Joint Declaration of Intend) signed to form as a single body and 10,000 autos under 6 unions of total 18,360 autos	18,367	Minimum Fare Rs 20 for 1.25 Km, with Rs 8 per Km after minimum fare.
Ferry System	Kerala State Water Transport Department (KSWTD) – 5 divisions	6	Fare/Km is 50 Paisa and Access Fee of Rs2 Minimum Fare distance -4Km & stage distance -2Km
Private Bus	•Private Bus Operators Association(PBOA) •1000 Private Buses 7 Unions	1137	 Fare per Km is 70 paisa & Access Fee of Rs4.5 Minimum fare distance - 5Km and stage distance -2.5Km
KURTC	Kerala Urban Road Transport Corporation (KURTC)	48 A/C 5 Non- A/C	 Fare per Km is 85paisa per Km for Non-A/C service and Access Fee is Rs6 Fare per Km : Rs 120 paisa per Km for A/C service and Access Fee is Rs14
KSRTC	Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC	139	 Fare per Km: Rs 70 paisa per Km & Access Fee is Rs 4.5 Min.Fare for 5 Kms & stage distance of 2.5Kms

- Metro is competing with Bus system having a minimum fare of Rs 8 and Rs 0.70 paisa /km
- Overlapping routes with Metro
- Route rationalization of buses should be prioritized

SOURCE: Integrated Transit System for Kochi –Dennis Jose

3. ANALYSIS OF RIDERSHIP Vs REVENUE

BEFORE AND AFTER OPENING OF THYKOODAM STRETCH



FINDINGS: Comparing CASE B & C ,CASE C with 20% discount for Monthly Ticket, Return Ticket and 25% discount for Kochi 1 Card gives 50 % more per trip revenue

4. STATION WISE RIDERSHIP- BEFORE R2B

On 31st August 2019, Saturday

	Exit																					
Entry	Aluva	Pulinchodu	Companypady	Ambattukavu	Muttom	Kalamassery	Cochin University	Pathadipalam	Edapally	Changampuzha Park	Palarivatom	JLN Stadium	Kaloor	Lissie	M.G Road		Ernakula m south	Kadavanthra	Elamkula m	Vytila	Thykkoodam	Grand Total
Aluva	58	43	69	51	53	217	139	124	1514	172	353	227	393	511	789	1543	C	0	0	(0	6256
Pulinchodu	38	14	14	2	6	18	11	9	135	17	30	21	53	44	90	123	C	0	0	(0	625
Companypady	51	13	19	18	11	22	19	18	153	14	26	10	41	31	47	126	C	0	0	(0	619
Ambattukavu	24	0	11	13	16	10	12	4	91	6	18	7	19	19	34	39	C	0	0	(0	323
Muttom	60	6	15	18	143	36	13	7	95	11	19	12	21	27	27	76	C	0	0	(0	586
Kalamassery	282	43	44	11	27	19	63	24	537	96	129	83	189	111	288	439	C	0	0	(0	2385
Cochin University	205	12	21	12	10	48	23	22	493	59	102	50	169	221	308	557	C	0	0	(0	2312
Pathadipalam	141	12	20	4	8	20	29	18	184	37	38	31	66	105	114	187	C	0	0	(0	1014
Edapally	1601	110	112	72	81	420	396	131	93	247	260	409	556	545	938	1706	C	0	0	(0	7677
Changampuzha Park	225	10	13	16	13	58	42	26	258	71	52	37	71	78	165	371	1	0	0	(0	1507
Palarivatom	379	18	25	15	14	79	78	32	352	54	56	15	61	122	206	295	C	0	0	(0	1801
JLN Stadium	354	27	18	9	14	59		45			16			51	155		C	0	0	(0	
Kaloor	493	37	30	20	17	175	175	62	649	68	74	32	25	19	83	207	C	0	0	(0 0	2166
Lissie	637	39	37	15	26	135	156	53	569	101	105	50	35	77	57	109	C	0	0	(0 0	2201
M.G Road	768	94	48	26	15	240	258	86	936	136	194	128	84	71	103	75	C	0	0	(0	3262
Maharajas College	1677	83	99	53	76	413	372	138	1761	286	282	207	208	90	45	153	C		0	(0	5945
Ernakulam south	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0		-	C		0	(0	0
Kadavanthra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C	0	0	(0 0	0
Elamkulam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C	0	0	(0	. 0
Vytila	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C	0	0	(0	0
Thykkoodam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C	0	0	(0	0
Grand Total	6993	561	595	355	530	1969	1857	799	8330	1410	1754	1345	2016	2122	3449	6323	C	0	0	(0	40411

- Among the stations Aluva, Edapally and Maharajas College having highest footfall (48% of the total)
- Edapally which is the busiest station alone have 18% of the total footfall
- Ridership from Aluva to Maharaja's College station which are the end stations caters to 4% (1600 pax) of the total
- Pulinchodu, Companypady, Ambattukavu, Muttom and Pathadipalam has footfall less than 2% each

STATION WISE RIDERSHIP- AFTER R2B

DISCOU	NT: 50	0% off															On 1	6 th Sept	embe	r 20)19 , M	londay
	Exit																					
Entry	Aluva	Pulinchodu	Companypady	Ambattukavu	Muttom	Kalamassery	ochin Iniversity	Pathadipalam	Edapally	Changampuzha Park	Palarivatom	JLN Stadium	Kaloor	Lissie			Ernakulam south	Kadavanthra	Elamkulam	Vytila	Thykkoodam	Grand Total
Aluva	178	74	92	5			416	168	1483	280	589	416	624	877	1034	1774	442	481	196	570	416	10584
Pulinchodu	57	35	14	ı	7 12	35	27	12	146	23	37	34	72	69	104	141	37	56	8	32	15	973
Companypady	53	13	29	1	1 29	36	33	13	124	26	49		_	47	86	88	25	29	14	25	26	835
Ambattukavu	55	-	8	4		2 31	21	6	65	12	19		_	41	33	37	22	2 5	4	41	9	509
Muttom	98		26			56	32	13	118				_	49	46	103	28		18		_	1044
Kalamassery	282		43		_	-	83	43	401	108			_	194	255	391	153	120	38	169	102	2994
Cochin University	270	19	30	1	9 29	55	41	29	349	53	124	112	137	203	252	429	190	163	29	132	96	2761
Pathadipalam	169	-	11	:	3 8	45	32	67¥	159		50		_	79	130	142	6	16%	17	44	39	1255
Edapally	1619	111	112	6	103	372	421	151	102	265	308	381	592	714	903	1238	598	428	164	390	429	9465
Changampuzha Park	312	16	25		9 20	103	61	18	279		64	42	88	135	185	309	183	126	29	115	110	2313
Palarivatom	530		49			122	104	52	373	70	71		_	141	220	265	192	155	53	123	130	2850
JLN Stadium	474		20		-		95	52	438		29	+	_	87	215	338	162	106	54	139		2754
Kaloor	618		48			142	110	65	587				_	64	107	208	199		_			3054
Lissie	1087	-	47		_		353	91	803				_	113	114	215	244			288		4735
M.G Road	969	-	52				180	113	898				_	85	253	85	77		_	359		4662
Maharajas College	1706		85				355	130	1189	273	270		_	17 0	47	130	6′	117	79			6655
Emakulam south	476		20	2	1 20		288	59	666	149	314		_	371	154	71	92	104	74	539	462	4647
Kadavanthra	503		29	9	9 15	122	136	170	/ 510		155	106	113	138	172	129	80	64	31	221	272	3039
Elamkulam	238		12	-	3 15		34		() 226		52			51	96	117	58					1385
Vytila	416	-	17	1	3 17		114	42	306					163	249	332	300		35	266	104	3097
Thykkoodam	476	14	33	3	35	124	85	45	557	123	179	156	208	298	443	602	477	209	53	65	47	4237

FINDINGS:

Grand Total

 After the opening of R2B section also Aluva, Edapally and Maharajas College have highest footfall (37% of the total)

2575 3249 4089

1159 4331

- Edapally and Aluva having maximum footfall
- Ridership from Aluva to Maharaja's College station which are the end stations caters only 1% of the total
- Vytilla and Ernakulam South being the interchanges have 5% and 6% footfall respectively

STATION WISE RIDERSHIP- AFTER R2B

DISCOUNT: 20% discount applied for SJT,RJT and 25% for EMV

On 23rd September 2019, Monday

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Aluva	222	57	87	55	117	290	284	143	1253	282	483	296	499	804	907	1509	388	458	126	410	330	9000
Pulinchodu	40	82	17		14	26	11	8	131	22	40	23	50) 47	106	143	30	36	7	23	28	888
Companypady	55	16	93	23	3 14	. 22	28	10	87	31	32	25	48	3 55	73	91	19	20	4	29	10	785
Ambattukavu	41	7	16	80	23	7	21	5	43	9	11	12	12	2 32	25	48	11	10	3	19	7	442
Muttom	99	9	14	18	230	69	39	13	104	15	26	18	29	35	50	85	23	18	6	17	19	936
Kalamassery	315	32	33	6	53	114	76	40	315	84	133	83	160	166	270	324	129	135	30	120	94	2712
Cochin University	293	17	36	24	27	65	~ 105	0/ 45	286	61	87	72	166	202	263	375	148	127	4 📂	109	85	2648
Pathadipalam	148	4	15	7	7 8	24	. 43	0 88	119	26	37	33	57	7 96	118	141	58	54	13	707	33	1185
Edapally	1178	86	73	45	96	301	314	118	275	178	257	280	477	667	763	1000	482	332	109	282	269	7582
Changampuzha Park	297	15	30	5	5 17	70	46	18	231	124	67	47	78	126	149	258	159	103	27	100	91	2058
Palarivatom	451	27	33	15	5 23	111	72	35	287	53	156	26	86	113	160	240	141	92	37	103	107	2368
JLN Stadium	365	29	29	16	16	86	78	43	351	53	20	94	40	98	160	302	148	89	45	92	86	2240
Kaloor	469	32	37	11	37	172	153	57	517	80	72	52	128	3 45	87	192	151	102	45	179	113	2731
Lissie	910	44	47	31	40	157	184	98	662	143	159	70	40	125	74	117	225	130	59	297	251	3863
MG Road	753	82	54	26	30	220	197	102	778	123	173	133	82	92	305	61	70	127	68	321	319	4116
Maharajas College	1445	90	73	36	5 75	342	315	99	1050	241	246	225	_157	7 103	47	191	48	81	70	376	395	5705
Ernakulam south	397	17	28	6	3 21	201	199	52	545	153	260	145	260	326	159	72	128	110	74	389	368	3910
Kadavanthra	429	30	26	7	13	141	129	47	365	101	125	103	69	129	143	122	78	134	~ ~ 1 7	7 161	202	2562
Elamkulam	166	10	5	3	3 10	37	1	15	195	32	35	30	35	5 62	103	77	56	12	h	88	65	1222
Vytila	295	6	19	14	13	144	81	41	187	72	81	71	129	144	201	225	202	97	36	331	23	2412
Thykkoodam	345	35	15	7	23	119	75	47	345	109	136	81	127	7 301	387	388	391	158	44	46	191	3370
Grand Total	8713	727	780	439	900	2718	2470	1124	8126	1992	2636	1919	2729	3768	4550	5961	3085	2425	1038	3549	3086	62735

- 5 new stations are adding 25k to 30k (40 to 50 %) more ridership to the network
- Aluva, Edapally and Maharajas College continue to have highest footfall (36% of the total)

STATION WISE RIDERSHIP- AFTER R2B

DISCOUNT: 20% discount applied for SJT,RJT and 25% for EMV

On 20th October 2019, Sunday

	Exit																					
Entry	Aluva	Pulinchodu	Companypady	Ambattukavu	Muttom	Kalamassery	Cochin University	Pathadipalam	Edapally	Changampuzha Park	Palarivatom	JLN Stadium	Kaloor	Lissie	M.G Road	Maharajas College	Ernakulam south	Kadavanthra	Elamkulam	Vytila	Thykkoodam	Grand Total
Aluva	32	1 42	2 47	4-	4 4	176	148	71	243	1 133	232	2759	257	399	533	933	370	225	125	417	338	10050
Pulinchodu	4	3 115	5 14		7 :	2 26	9	7	18	4 15	19	324	19	25	39	73	22	12	4	14	29	1002
Companypady	y 4	1 15	102	1-	4 10	0 6	12	5	17	3 11	9	119	27	21	22	49	23	13	5	41	15	733
Ambattukavu	4	1 4	1 12	10-	4 10	22	14	4	9	2 3	11	99	10	12	22	9	15	8	2	9	18	521
Muttom	9	4 5	5 11	1:	1 19	1 46	7	3	12	4 12	19	174	5	20	15	38	32	11	4	25	15	865
Kalamassery	17	0 25	5 6	2	1 3-	1 116	47	67	50	9 32	63	581	61	108	142	203	124	51	1 /	0/100	53	2493
Cochin Univer	rs 14	4 7	7 17	2	0 1	1 24	117	6/	/ 0 44	9 39	56	548	70	113	158	148	108	52	7.4	/ O ₅	40	2229
Pathadipalam	10	7 11	1 7	· .	В :	2 9	23	99	19	5 11	27	169	24	39	61	81	36	31	10	43	26	1019
Edapally	239	3 173	153	8	1 10	467	418	150	45	2 275	333	3380	665	806	927	1449	812	560	269	540	792	15200
Changampuz	h 18	5 7	7 8	3	6 :	2 33	28	9	30	5 129	33	227	23	53	111	117	96	50	24	93	77	1616
Palarivatom	26	2 10	9	10	6 !	65	63	22	47	2 23	141	253	32	59	111	113	88	44	16	54	69	1931
JLN Stadium	212	4 249	147	10-	4 14	507	501	156	217	1 164	181	530	175	868	337	575	909	275	215	517	592	11441
Kaloor	36	1 15	15	i :	7 1	1 78	53	30	76	0 25	43	363	134	26	94	140	141	57	31	152	140	2679
Lissie	57	5 21	17	2	4 2	7 183	151	47	122	5 52	129	1441	38	221	69	99	144	72	35	191	146	4907
M.G Road	43	1 27	7 28	1:	3	123	93	39	111	1 76	110	367	69	51	304	35	78	68	41	230	257	3556
Maharajas Co	80	9 26	26	2	1 2	7 179	129	56	161	8 82	153	634	105	60	20	198	58	36	27	317	428	_5009
Ernakulam so	1 34	0 8	3 8	1	1 !	143	86	29	99	1 89	158	1158	207	194	81	44	162	48	36	320	299	4421
Kadavanthra	21	5 13	3 6	10) 10	50	69	29	68	0 53	47	366	41	47	64	35	49	140	7	84	96	2111
Elamkulam	16	3 6	8	3	5 4	1 26	18	1 🖳	31	2 19	20	225	22	30	66	55	45	8	/ 0	36	25	1251
Vytila	34	8 12	17	10	6 10	96	78	_L _	/ 0 53	4 47	70	526	96	140	164	197	252	81	19	310	26	3073
Thykkoodam	38	9 19	13	10	6 1	95	47	47	99	9 97	94	698	139	174	333	427	384	67	22	52	175	4305
Grand Total	955	810	671	559	702	2470	2111	883	1578	7 1387	1948	14941	2219	3466	3673	5018	3948	1909	1078	3620	3656	80412

FINDINGS:

• Even after the increase in speed to 80Kmph the proportionate addition of footfall from stations almost remain same with a variation of 2 to 3 %

5. KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Key financial indicators of Kochi Metro operations for the period 1st August 2019 - 31 Aug 2019 are as below:

1st April 20	19 - 31 Aug	2019		No of Da	ys	31	Total KM	l	18.22			
		Rs. in lakh	s	1	Rs. in lakh	s		Rs. in laki	hs		Rs	
Particulars	For the	For the period -1st August 19 - 31st Aug 19 Budget Actual Prev year			aily Avera	ge		Per KM		Р	er Passen	ger
	Budget	Actual	Prev year	Budget	Actual	Prev year	Budget	Actual	Prev year	Budget	Actual	Prev year
Ridership/day				40000	37475	34680	2195	2057	1903			
REVENUE												
Fare Box	434	372	341	14	12	11	23	20	19	1065	984	998
Non Fare Box	775	372	310	25	12	10	42	20	81	1896	991	852
Total	1209	744	651	39	24	21	65	41	35	2961	1975	1849
Operating Expense	1333	713	744	43	23	24	72	39	40	3273	1874	2114
Operating Cash Profit/Loss	-124	31	-93	-4	1	-3	-7	2	-5	-313	101	-265
Interest	775	744	589	25	24	19	42	40	32	1916	1950	1699
Total Cash Profit/Loss	-899	-713	-682	-29	-23	-22	-49	-38	-37	-223	-185	-196

- For the period from 1st April 2019 to 31st Aug 2019 KMRL is showing operational profit meaning it is able to meet OPEX from its revenue
- Non fare box revenue contributes almost 50% to revenue
- On an average Rs 23 to 25 lakh/day is required to meet the OPEX

KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Key financial indicators of Kochi Metro operations for the period 1st Sep 2019 to 30th Sep 2019 are as below:

01 Sep 2019 -30th Sep 2	2019			No of Days		30	Total KM	23.75
	Rs. in	lakhs	Rs.	in lakhs	Rs. in	lakhs	Amoun	t in Rs
Particulars	For the per 2019 -30th	iod -01 Sep 1 Sep 2019	Daily	/ Average	Per	KM	Per Pas	senger
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Ridership/day			40000	69148	1684	2911		
REVENUE								
Fare Box	426	464	14.2	15.5	17.9	19.5	1065	671
Non Fare Box	758	403	25.3	13.4	31.9	17.0	1895	583
Total	1184	867	39.5	28.9	49.9	36.5	2960	1254
Operating Expense	1309	886	43.6	29.5	55.1	37.3	3273	9369
Operating Cash Profit/Loss	-125	-19	-4.2	-0.6	-5.3	-0.8	-313	-27
Interest	720	720	24	24	30.3	30.3	1800	1041
Total Cash Profit/Loss	-845	-739	-28	-25	-35.6	-31.1	-2113	-1069

- For September it is under Operational loss
- Operational expenditure increased by 25 to 30 % due to addition of 5 stations

KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Key financial indicators of Kochi Metro operations for the period 1st October 2019 to 31st Oct 2019 are as below:

01 Oct 2019 -31st Oct 20	19			No of Days		31	Total KM	23.75
	Rs. in	lakhs	Rs.	in lakhs	Rs. in	lakhs	Amoun	t in Rs
Particulars	For the per 2019 -31st		Daily	/ Average	Per	км	Per Pass	senger
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Ridership/day			40000	69148	1684	2911		
REVENUE								
Fare Box	426	624	13.7	20.1	17.9	26.3	1065	1027
Non Fare Box	758	402	24.5	13.0	31.9	16.9	1895	662
Total	1184	1026	38.2	33.1	49.9	43.2	2960	1689
Operating Expense	1309	1083	42.2	34.9	55.1	45.6	3273	9369
Operating Cash Profit/Loss	-125	-57	-4.03	-1.84	-5.3	-2.4	-313	-94
Interest for loans	766	1056	24.7	34.1	32.3	44.5	1915	1738
Total Cash Profit/Loss	-845	-777	-27	-25	-35.6	-32.7	-2113	-1279

- Average Fare box Collection increased to Rs 20 lakh/day
- For October also it is under operational loss
- Operational expenditure increased by 50%

6.DEMAND ELASTICITY ON FARE- MACRO ANALYSIS

IMPACT OF FARE ON RIDERSHIP

Under arc elasticity model, the demand after the price increase (D2) compared to previous demand (D1) is given by:

 $D2 = D1 \times (F2/F1)^{b}$

Where D2 = Demand after the price increase or decrease

D1 = Demand prior to price change

F1 = Fare before fare change

F2 = Revised fare

^b = Elasticity

		D1	D2	F1	F2	þ
CASE	COMPARING CASE B and CASE D	80636	60755	0.5	0.8	-0.60

Using the data obtained by comparing CASE B and CASE C scenarios and solving for b the level of fare elasticity has been measured and found to be -0.60. In an ideal scenario developed markets show riders' response to fare changes are in general **inelastic and is around -0.18.**

Based on the hypothetical scenario

		D1	D2	F1	F2	þ
CASE 2	COMPARING CASE B and CASE D	80636	60755	0.17	0.8	-0.18

In a hypothetical situation,83% reduction in fare from the existing will ensure the maximum ridership

DEMAND ELASTICITY ON FARE- MICRO ANALYSIS

COMPARING THE TIME PERIOD CASE B (with 50% discount) & CASE C (with 20% discount for Monthly Ticket, Return Ticket and 25% discount for Kochi 1 Card)

FARE STAGE	METRO STATIONS IN FARE STAGES	FARE BEFORE	FARE NOW	PASSENGERS BEFORE	PASSENGERS NOW	% change in passengers	% change in fare	% CHANGE IN PASSENGERS / % CHANGE IN FARE
1	ALUVA , PULINCHODU	5	8	11405	9440	-21%	38%	-0.56
2	COMPANYPADY,AMBATTUKAVU, MUTTOM	10	16	2193	2119	-3%	38%	-0.09
3	KALAMASSERY, COCHIN UNIVERSITY,PATHADIPALAM	15	24	7202	6312	-14%	38%	-0.38
4	EDAPALLY, CHANGAMPUZHA ,PALARIVATTOM ,JLN STADIUM	20	32	17676	14673	-20%	38%	-0.55
5	KALOOR,LISSIE,MG ROAD,MAHARAJAS,ERNAKULA M SOUTH	25	40	23261	20093	-16%	38%	-0.42
6	KADAVANTHRA,ELAMKULAM,VY TILLA,THAIKOODAM,PETTA	30	48	12111	10098	-20%	38%	-0.53

- FARE STAGE 2 is rather less affected by change in ticket rate as the footfall is very less
- FARE STAGE 1,4 & 6 are the worst affected

7. DEMAND ELASTICITY ON RUNNING KM- MACRO ANALYSIS

IMPACT OF NETWORK LENGTH ON RIDERSHIP

Here using arc elasticity model, the demand after the network increase (D2) is compared to previous demand (D1) and is given by:

$$D2 = D1 \times (L2/L1)^{b}$$

Where D2 = Demand after the network increase

D1 = Demand prior to network change

L1 = Total running km before network increase

L2 = Total running km after network increase

b = Elasticity

Using the data obtained by comparing CASE A and CASE C scenarios and solving for ^þ the level of demand elasticity on running Kms has been measured and found to be 0.80

		D1	D2	L1	L2	þ
CASE 1	COMPARING CASE A and CASE C	33997	60755	3575	6214	1.05

Analysis shows that 1% increase in running Kms will add 1.05% increase in ridership (640 pax/running Km)

A ROAD MAP FOR STRATEGIES

SCENARIO 1:

CURRENT SCENERIO

Operating with less or no reduction/offers in ticket rates

DISADVANTAGES:

- -Below Average ridership
- -Less Non Fare box revenue due to lack of demand
- -Under utilized system capacity
- -Over burden on buses and will affect quality of services

SCENARIO 2:

OPEX FROM REVENUE

Operational cost of Rs 30-35 lakh achieved from Fare box and Non Fare box revenue in 50:50 ratio as per the existing Fare will be such that it is just sufficient to meet the 50 % of OPEX

ADVANTAGES:

-Average ridership ensured

DISADVANTAGES:

-Non Fare box revenue may not be achieved as budgeted due to lack of demand

SCENARIO 3:

MAXIMISING RIDERSHIP

KMRL operating at 80% reduced fare from existing with operational loss funded by Govt or an international organization grant or through non fare box revenue

ADVANTAGES:

- -Maximum ridership
- -Maximum economic benefits to the public by reducing traffic jams, accidents and pollution
- -Because of maximum ridership there will be heavy demand for Retail spaces and property development initiatives

DISADVANTAGES:

-May lead to the decline in the Level/quality of Service as the system is utilized to its maximum capacity

SUGGESTIONS & WAY FORWARD

- More passengers in the system means more opportunities for revenue:
 either through Fare box or through Non Fare box
- Conscious effort is needed to convert the existing single journey ticket travelers to Kochi 1 Card which will ultimately reduce the operational expenditure
- Metro travelers using mobility hubs for transfer can be charged less and
 Leisure travelers especially travelling to Edapally can be charged more
- Non-peak hour concession between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m to facilitate shifting from personalized vehicles
- Densification of areas near to less performing stations should be looked into
- As Non fare box revenue have a major role in maintaining the operational profit, effort to stabilize the same with clear targets should be taken up

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