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The following information is provided pursuant to section 28 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*.

FOI reference: 22-009

Information to be published	Status
1. Access application	Published
2. Decision notice and schedule	Published
3. Documents	n/a
4. Additional information identified	n/a
5. Fees	n/a
6. Processing time (in working days)	20 days
7. Decision made by Ombudsman	n/a
8. Additional information identified by Ombudsman	n/a
9. Decision made by ACAT	n/a
10. Additional information identified by ACAT	n/a

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Public transport information provided in previous annual reports
Date: Monday, 24 January 2022 9:45:20 AM

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Dear TCCS Freedom of Information

Please provide the following information for 2020-21, that is not included in the 2020-21 TCCS Annual Report, but has been provided previously:

* Number of journeys by public transport (Journey numbers were included in Transport Canberra's Quarterly Data Reports. The TCCS 2020 Annual Report made several references to "*a 7.7% increase in passenger journeys.*")

* Greenhouse gas emissions (e.g. TCCS Annual Report 2017-18, *Table 29: Sustainable Development Performance: Current and Previous Financial Year*; ACTION bus greenhouse emissions were published from 2010-11 to 2014-15)

* total bus kilometres travelled (provided in annual reports from 2010-11 to 2016-17)

Thank you

[REDACTED]

Mr [REDACTED]

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Request - Reference 22-009

I refer to your application for access to government information received by Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) on 24 January 2022 under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act). It is my understanding that you are seeking access to the following government information:

"Please provide the following information for 2020-21, that is not included in the 2020-21 TCCS Annual Report, but has been provided previously:

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- 3) total bus kilometres travelled (provided in annual reports from 2010-11 to 2016-17)"*

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General under section 18 of the FOI Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the FOI Act.

Timeframes

A decision is due on this application by 22 February 2022.

Decision on access

Following the receipt of your application, enquiries were made to the relevant business unit to identify information relevant to your request.

In relation to parts 1 and 2 of your application, I have been advised that the information is publicly available:

- Part 1 – The number of journeys by public transport is available on the [ACT Government Open Data Portal](#).
- Part 2 – The requested information is reported in the [2020-2021 Annual Report](#) on page 78.

In accordance with the FOI Act, I have decided to refuse to deal with parts 1 and 2 of your application as the information is already available to you (see section 45(f)).

In relation to part 3 of your request, no relevant documentation was identified. However, information relevant to your request was collated in response to your application. I have considered the public interest in disclosing this information and have decided to provide you with full access. The requested statistic is as follows:

- The total number of bus kilometres travelled in the 2020-2021 financial year was 31,709,990.

The reasons for my decision are explained further below under the heading 'statement of reasons'.

Statement of reasons

In making my decision on disclosing government information, I must identify all relevant factors in the Schedule of the FOI Act and determine, on balance, where the public interest lies. In reaching my access decision, I have taken the following into account:

Factors favouring disclosure in the public interest (Schedule 2, Section 2.1)

- Schedule 2.1(a)(i) - promote open discussion of public affairs and enhance the government's accountability;
- Schedule 2.2(a)(ii) - contribute to positive and informed debate on important issues or matters of public interest;
- Schedule 2.2(a)(ii) - inform the community of the government's operations, including the policies, guidelines and codes of conduct followed by the government in its dealings with members of the community.

Factors favouring non-disclosure (Schedule 2, Section 2.2)

- No factors favouring non-disclosure were identified.

In consideration of the above factors, I find it in the public interest to disclose the statistical information relating to part 3 of this access application.

Fees

In accordance with the FOI Act, fees are applicable where information being provided to an applicant exceeds 50 pages. In this instance, no fee is applicable as the information being disclosed to you is within the fee-free threshold.

Online publishing – disclosure log

Under section 28 of the Act, TCCS maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application, my decision and documents

will be published in the TCCS disclosure log between 3 – 10 business days from the date of this decision.

Your personal contact details will not be published. You may view the TCCS' disclosure log at <https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/about-us/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log>.

Ombudsman review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek an Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in TCCS' disclosure log or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision, you may write to the Ombudsman at:
The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601
Via email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82 on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision.

Further information may be obtained from ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Level 4, 1 Moore Street
GPO Box 370
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
www.acat.act.gov.au

If you have any queries concerning the directorate's processing of your request, or would like further information, please contact the TCCS FOI team on (02) 6207 2987 or email to tccs.foi@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Kristine Scheul
Information Officer

22 February 2022