

Bus Route Optimization and Scheduling In Hyderabad City Using Arc-Gis in Association with Lumiplan Pvt. Ltd.

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Abstract— Transportation is the movement of people or goods from one place to other place. It is the backbone of each economy. Different modes includes air, water, rail and road. The two important things considered before journey are, the route and the mode to reach the destination. The fleet management, logistics, and networking has got huge importance in this century. So without the above mentioned, the transportation system won't be efficient. Public transportation is one of the most important mode of transportation which is being used by the common people. So proper optimized schedule results in increased dependence on public transportation system, that ultimately reduce the traffic congestion, pollution etc. This project will be focussing on the city bus route system in Hyderabad, includes two pilot routes named route 40 (Secunderabad to Koti) and route 86J (Secunderabad Rathfile to Kesari hanuman Temple). The project is given to the French company in ITS field named LUMIPLAN ITS by the TSRTC (Telangana State Road Transport Corporation)

Index Terms— Arc-GIS, Heures, Public Transportation, Route Optimization, Scheduling, .

I. INTRODUCTION

Transport is important because it enables trade between people, which is essential for the development of civilizations. It's very important to note the importance of the transportation. Modes of transport include air, land (rail and road), water, cable, pipeline and space the field can be divided into infrastructure, vehicles and operations. It is equivalent in the weightage about the mode as well as the route that selected for the travel. Use of public transport has a wide range of effects in environmental pollution. In order to get the people attracted towards the public transport the efficient schedules and passenger comfort should be offered from the authorities.

II. STUDY AREA & OBJECTIVES

TSRTC (Telangana State Road Transport Corporation) for the first time implementing the optimized schedule in their service pattern. So considered the two major routes from where the most of the revenue comes, that is Secunderabad to Koti (Route 40) and Secunderabad Rathfile to Kesari

Hanuman temple (Route 86J). From the runtime analysis of the old pattern it's not actually syncing with the ground reality. They are following the old run time pattern as they made roughly before 10 years. So now also the total run time still remains the same even if the traffic and demand got increased. So the trips will be more with respect to the run time, which cannot be implemented successfully now a days just because of the hike in demand and the speed. So the drivers will be pressurized to complete their task in order to avoid the blackmark in their career. So skipping of the stops and inefficient run time, and the overtime duty (OT) will happen that will ultimately affect the passengers and the revenue to TSRTC. Digitized So the major objectives are given below.

- To find out the candid routes(CR) in the city (route which is beneficial to both passengers and service providers)
- Identify the redundant stops, removing them and allocating new stops efficiently if necessary
- Creating optimized schedule using Lumiplan software (Heures)
- Comparison of the existing and revised schedules in terms of revenue

Digitized study area is given below in Figure 1



Fig.1 Study area

III. CONCEPTS AND METHODS FOR OPTIMIZED SCHEDULING

Optimization doesn't always means to find out the shortest routes with low cost. Every time it will not be the same with a profitable service pattern which is useful for the bus owners and passengers. For optimized scheduling the concepts used are run time analysis and ticketing analysis .By using the run time it's very easy to adjust the frequency of the bus service, and the demand analysis shows the major stops/fare stages

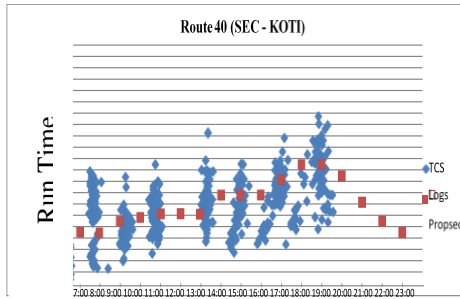
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with high demand. By this its easy to know the passenger boarding and alighting direction at peak and off peak hours.

I. Run time analysis can be done by two ways. By manual field surveys and the GPS logs from the devices attached to bus. With the runtime it's easy to set the frequency of the buses which will fit with ground reality. GPS logs. The GPS LOG graphs for route 40 is given below in Figure 2



Day Hours

Fig.2 GPS log graph for route

II. Demand analysis can be done with the help of the ticketing data from the electronic ticketing machine.

IV. SOFTWARE USED

Heures is the Lumiplan developed software for the optimized scheduling. Tools used for the optimized scheduling are cartography tool, vehicle scheduling tool, crew scheduling tool.

4.1 Cartography tool

With the cartography tools in relation with google maps and the Heures software its very easy to find out the exact path between the origin and destinations. Its fully updated with google Even in the case of bus stops also (redundancy) its very helpful. Figure 3 shows the tool.

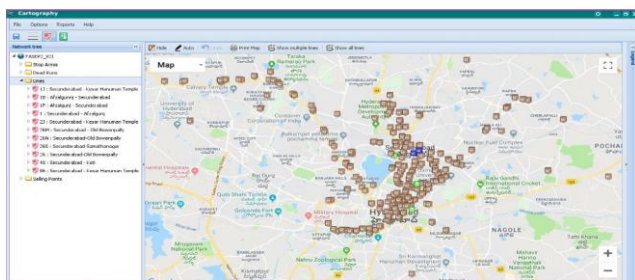


Fig. 3 Cartography tool

4.2 Vehicle scheduling tool

Optimization of routes means travelling between the points with less time and cost, not only that it should be profitable in the passenger's point of view (passengers must not wait more time in bus stops) and in governments point of view (profitable service pattern). Here comes the importance of vehicle scheduling software. Here in this tool the different options are available to check the timings between the two depots including the dead run analysis also considering the fuel efficiency while traveling. So by using this tool we can schedule the peak and off peak bus services properly. Figure 4 shows the vehicle scheduling tool.

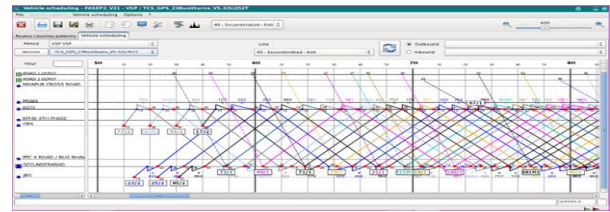


Fig. 4 Vehicle scheduling tool

4.3 Crew scheduling tool

Crew scheduling has not much importance in this project. In Indian aspect there are two

conditions available. One vehicle one crew system and one vehicle two crew system. But the one vehicle one crew system is not common due to the peak demand. So in this tool we are selecting the ne vehicle two crew system. By the optimized schedule of crew and vehicle optimization works. Figure 4 shows the tool

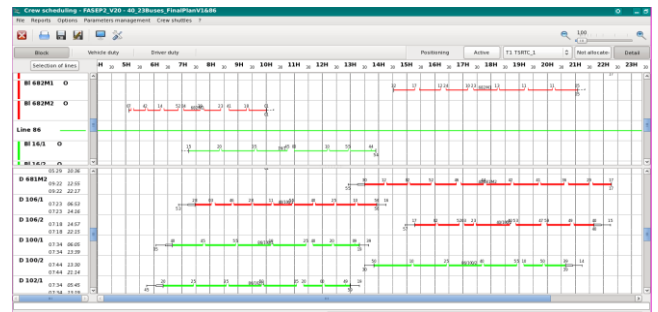


Fig.4 Crew scheduling tool

V. DATA ANALYSIS

Runtime analysis and ticketing analysis are the major two analysis carried out for the optimized scheduling.

5.1 Runtime Analysis

5.1.1 Route 40 runtime analysis

The field performance of the existing schedule on route 40 (Secunderabad to Koti) is given below in figure 5. It includes the waiting time at the major stations Secunderabad and Koti in the route. From the graph it's clear that the waiting time at the peak time is more. That means the schedule should be revised to a optimized one.

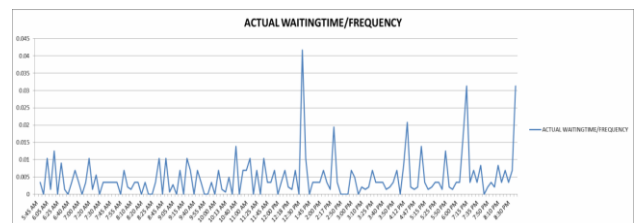


Fig.5 Actual waiting time / frequency

Digitalized the schedules in the planning and scheduling application and analysed the theoretical travel time pattern. In the current planning done manually by TSRTC, travel time patterns were not fitting with the ground reality and also were not coherent. For checking the existing travel time pattern

irregularities, using Heures. The digitized schedule is given below in Figure 6

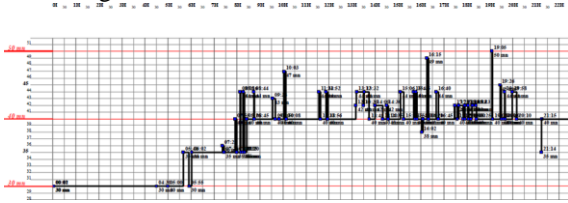


Fig.6 Digitized schedule of TSRTC

5.1.2 Route 86J analysis

Route 86J connects between the Kesari hanuman temple to Secunderabad rathfile. As compared to the route 40 the trip cancellation, irregular run times were less. It is a route where there are multiple journey patterns to be performed by a crew. They are,

- Secunderabad Rethifile – Kesar Hanuman temple
- Secunderabad Rethifile – Afzalgunj
- Secunderabad Rethifile – Koti

GPS log graph of route 86J is given below in figure 7

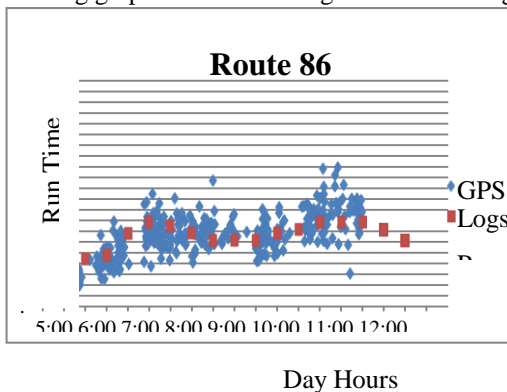


Fig.7 GPS log graph for Route 86J

5.2 Ticketing Analysis

Ticketing analysis is also the another important part in optimization. TSRTC is equipped with ETMs (Electronic ticketing machines) for issuing tickets for the passengers. These ticketing data is stored in the central database which can be accessed only by TSRTC. The Ticketing dump from MSRD1, MSRD2 & KCG was received for the month of



April 2018 for the analysis. So the analysis includes the following things. From the MSRD1 and MSRD2 depots .It is easy to get the whole ticketing data of the route 40U and 40D, similarly from the KCG depot the ticketing data of 86J is collected. The data used for the analysis purpose is demand from the stops. Here in TSRTC the demand or the ticketing is set with respect to the fare stages. There are two or three stops maximum in between the fare stages in both the routes (40

and 86J) .So the concept taken into consideration in the demand analysis is, from each fare stage the boarding and alighting data of the preceding stops are summed up in order to make sure that no passenger entered the vehicle is skipped from count. Given below figure 8 shows example for the collected data.

est_adults	est_child	est_adultfare	est_childfare	est_ammou	ETD_APP	ETD_BRIDC	est_m	est_gesa	est_pi	est_pripa	est_ca	est_pi	est_pi
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	07:11:44	5	8.05	0	1061
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	07:11:55	10	8.05	0	1061
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	07:12:06	20	7.99	0	1061
2	1	100	5	20	0	0	0	01-04-2018	07:13:27	45	8.05	0	1061
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	07:17:04	60	7.98	0	1061
2	0	100	0	20	0	0	0	01-04-2018	07:17:30	75	7.98	0	1061
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	07:18:24	95	8.05	0	1061
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	07:18:40	105	7.99	0	1061
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	07:19:49	125	7.95	0	1061
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	07:21:24	150	8.05	0	1061
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	07:21:59	140	7.98	0	1061
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	07:23:38	150	8.05	0	1061
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	07:25:36	160	8.05	0	1061
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	07:25:57	170	7.97	0	1061
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	07:28:36	180	7.97	0	1061
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	07:32:01	190	8.04	0	1061
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	07:32:12	200	7.97	0	1061
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	07:32:15	210	7.98	0	1061
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	07:32:30	220	7.98	0	1061
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	07:32:51	250	8	0	1061
2	0	100	0	20	0	0	0	01-04-2018	07:31:04	270	7.96	0	1061
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	07:36:38	275	8.03	0	1061
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	09:25:42	20	7.98	0	1061
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	09:25:51	20	7.94	0	1061
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	09:28:52	25	7.98	0	1061
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	09:29:06	45	7.94	0	1061
1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	01-04-2018	09:41:01	50	7.96	0	1061

Fig. 8 Collected data sample

From the ticketing analysis the exact peak time can be calculated. With respect to that the scheduling is being done. The ticketing analysis will give the following details.

- Peak time (both morning and evening peak in different directions)
- The stops with more demand.
- Boarding and alighting data in each directions.

5.2.1 Route 40 – Ticket analysis

By the ticketing analysis its easy to get the demand from each stops/fare stages, and the passenger boarding and alighting direction ,the trend of travelling at various time, maximum passenger/hour, average passenger per hour, peak and non peak times etc. Knowing the peak time is important ,to cross check with the frequency of the bus services. The ticketing analysis (maximum pax per hour) and the mapping using Arc-GIS for the route 40 and 86 is given below in figure 9,10,11 and 12

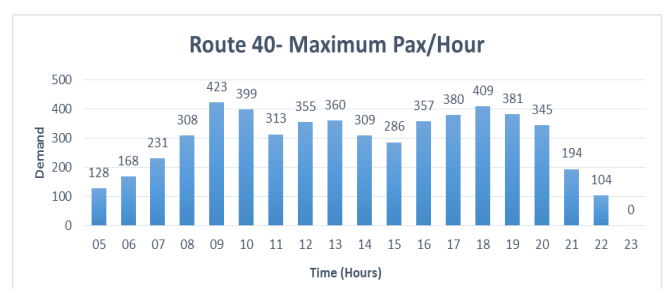


Fig. 9 Ticketing analysis(maximum pax per hour) of route 40

Fig. 10 Demand mapping of route 40 using Arc-GIS

From the analysis for route 40 the morning peak time is from 8.30-11.30 am and the evening peak is from 4.30-7.30.pm.

5.2.2 Route 86J ticketing analysis

The ticketing analysis (maximum pax.per hour) of route 86J and the demand mapping is given below in figure 11 and 12

rationalizing at Koti for 22 BUSES (Route 40)

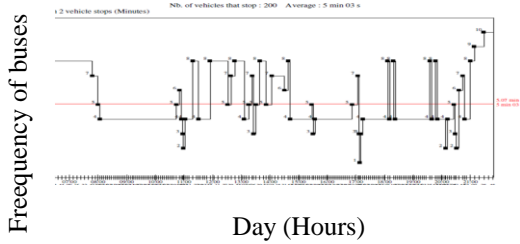


Fig.18 Theoretical frequencies for passengers after rationalizing at Secunderabad for 22 BUSES (Route 40)

The realtime revised bus schedule for the route 40 is given below in fig.19

Fig.19 Vehicle Schedule Report after rationalizing for 22 Buses (Route 40)

The comparison report of the new schedule and the existing one is given below in Fig.20

	FASEP2_V5 VSP Scenario3_22Bus_V1.0(f)	FASEP2_V5 VSP Existing_23Bus_V1.0	Difference
Usable kilometres	4071.551	4175.678	-104.127
Dead mileage	234.750	241.126	-6.376
Total kilometres	4306.301	4416.804	-110.503
Commercial time	266:36	271:58	-5:22
Deadmileage times	11:20	12:00	-0:40
Driving time	277:56	283:58	-6:02
Buffer time	44:51	53:58	-9:07
Total work time	322:47	337:56	-15:09
Buffer/Driving percentage	16.14	19.00	-2.87
Buffer/Work time percentage	13.89	15.97	-2.07
Average speed of blocks	13.34 km/h	13.07 km/h	+0.27 km/h
Line speed	13.07 km/h	12.81 km/h	+0.26 km/h

Commercial = Duration of trips + Loading time
Deadmileage = Deadmileage duration + Turning back time
Buffer = Buffer time

Fig.20 Comparison report – Line 40 (22 BUSES) Verses Line 40(23 Buses)

6.1.3 Scenario 3: Tried to generate a simulation for 21 buses to see if the average frequency can be still maintained the same as with 23 buses (from two depots). Fig.21 and 22 shows the theoretical frequencies for passengers.

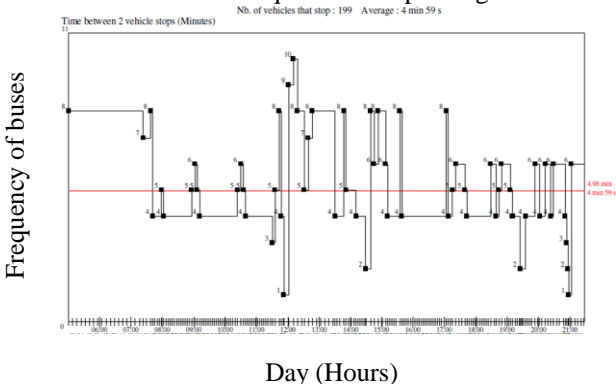


Fig.21 Theoretical frequencies for passengers after rationalizing at Koti for 21 BUSES

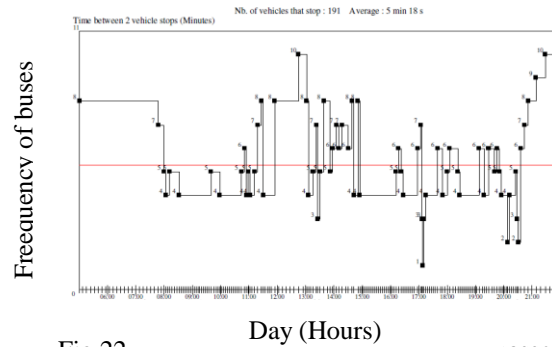


Fig.22 Theoretical frequencies for passengers after rationalizing at Koti for 21 BUSES
The comparison report of line 40 (21 buses versus 23 buses) is given below in figure 23

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	COMMERCIAL	DEADMILEAGE	DRIVING	BUFFER	TOTAL	Block	O	N	X	C	S	R	VALIDITIES		
	Duration	Distance	Duration	Duration	Distance	Duration	%	%	%	%	%	%			
1(1)-40	0:15	90:50	0:12	0:20	6:06	18.3	8:53	96:80	164	10:41	12.8	0.18			
2(1)-40	0:24	101:54	0:15	0:20	6:16	18.5	6:44	107:54	167	0:36	9.7	0.14			
3(1)-40	0:37	90:50	0:12	0:20	6:06	18.5	5:55	96:60	164	0:41	12.9	0.18			
4(1)-40	0:15	101:54	0:12	0:20	6:16	18.5	6:35	107:54	163	0:45	11.7	0.18			
5(1)-40	0:17	105:58	0:11	0:15	5:44	21.8	6:30	106:02	163	0:45	12.9	0.18			
6(1)-40	0:19	101:54	0:12	0:20	6:16	18.5	6:30	103:05	157	0:45	9.9	0.21			
7(1)-40	0:19	105:58	0:13	0:15	5:44	21.8	6:25	106:02	163	0:50	13.0	0.18			
8(1)-40	0:16	101:54	0:12	0:20	6:16	18.5	6:20	103:05	157	0:49	13.2	0.18			
9(1)-40	0:14	178:75	0:12	0:20	9:30	18.6	12:14	188:00	154	1:50	31.2	0.24			
10(1)-40	0:16	101:54	0:12	0:20	6:16	18.5	6:25	103:05	158	0:45	11.7	0.21			
11(1)-40	0:19	178:75	0:13	0:20	9:30	18.6	12:29	188:00	153	2:02	16.9	0.14			
12(1)-40	0:19	178:75	0:13	0:20	9:30	18.6	12:59	188:00	149	1:44	14.8	0.12			
13(1)-40	0:19	178:75	0:13	0:20	9:30	18.6	13:29	188:00	153	2:02	16.9	0.14			
14(1)-40	0:16	178:75	0:13	0:20	9:30	18.6	12:56	188:00	151	1:59	16.9	0.14			
15(1)-40	0:24	178:75	0:13	0:20	9:30	18.6	12:54	188:00	150	1:55	17.9	0.13			
16(1)-40	0:19	178:75	0:13	0:20	9:30	18.6	12:23	188:00	151	2:02	16.9	0.14			
17(1)-40	0:14	193:11	0:13	0:20	10:05	20.1	12:24	203:80	164	1:36	16.9	0.13			
18(1)-40	0:22	193:11	0:13	0:20	10:05	20.1	12:24	203:80	164	1:36	16.9	0.13			
19(1)-40	0:13	193:11	0:13	0:20	10:05	20.1	12:13	203:26	165	1:53	15.7	0.13			
20(1)-40	0:19	178:75	0:13	0:20	12:17	24.3	12:29	190:07	157	1:55	17.9	0.13			
21(1)-40	0:19	178:75	0:13	0:20	9:30	18.6	12:29	188:00	153	2:02	16.9	0.14			
22(1)-40	0:19	178:75	0:13	0:20	12:17	24.3	12:50	190:07	157	1:30	11.0	0.10			
23(1)-40	0:19	178:75	0:13	0:20	12:17	24.3	12:50	190:07	157	1:30	11.0	0.10			
D001(1)-40	0:04	101:40	0:14	0:15	6:01	24.0	6:18	96:14	152	0:36	9.5	0.14			
D002(1)-40	0:04	101:40	0:14	0:15	6:01	24.0	6:18	96:14	152	0:36	9.5	0.14			
D003(1)-40	0:03	90:32	0:14	0:15	6:01	24.0	6:18	96:14	152	0:36	9.5	0.14			
D004(1)-40	0:03	101:40	0:14	0:15	6:01	24.0	6:18	96:14	152	0:36	9.5	0.14			
D005(1)-40	0:02	100:29	0:14	0:15	5:21	15.7	7:07	104:20	140	0:40	9.7	0.14			
D006(1)-40	0:04	100:29	0:14	0:15	5:21	15.7	7:07	104:20	140	0:40	9.7	0.14			
TOTAL	6:06	4306.301	18:57	1:36	182:01	153	7:01	188:20	142	10:36	9.9	0.14			
REP	266:36	4071.551	18:57	1:28	234:750	28.7	277:56	4306.301	183	44:81	16.7	0.14	322:47		
TOTAL	266:36	4071.551	18:57	1:28	234:750	28.7	277:56	4306.301	183	44:81	16.7	0.14	322:47		

	FASEP2_V5 VSP Scenario3_21Bus_V1.0(f)	FASEP2_V5 VSP Existing_23Bus_V1.0	Difference
Usable kilometres	3892.766	4175.678	-282.912
Dead mileage	125.445	241.126	-115.681
Total kilometres	4118.211	4416.804	-298.593
Commercial time	254:44	271:58	-17:14
Deadmileage times	10:50	12:00	-1:10
Driving time	265:34	283:58	-18:24
Buffer time	42:52	53:58	-11:06
Total work time	308:26	337:56	-29:30
Buffer/Driving percentage	16.14	19.00	-2.86
Buffer/Work time percentage	13.90	15.97	-2.07
Average speed of blocks	13.35 km/h	13.07 km/h	+0.28 km/h
Line speed	13.08 km/h	12.81 km/h	+0.27 km/h

Commercial = Duration of trips + Loading time
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Line 40	FASEP2_V5 VSP Scenario3_21Bus_V1.0(f)				FASEP2_V5 VSP Existing_23Bus_V1.0				Difference
	nb	km	ab	%	nb	km	ab	%	
Sec-CBS - SECUNDERABAD - CBS	015	1479	1	0.14	1	1634	0	0.00	+0.000
Koti-MORE - Koti - MORE	046	6908	4	10.50	4	6112	0	0.00	-0.000
SEC-JRS - SECUNDERABAD - JRS	015	4296	2	4.02	3	6420	3	6.42	-2.400
Koti-CBS - Koti - CBS	046	1479	2	2.82	2	2402	0	0.00	-0.000
MDFPH-KPHB - RTC X ROAD / BUS BHAVALA	055	1991	1	20.97	1	20.97	0	0.00	-0.000
SEC-MORE - SEC X ROAD / BUS BHAVALA	015	804	1	2.77	1	2.77	0	0.00	-0.000
SEC - Koti - SECUNDERABAD	240	815	190	195.00	205	240.25	-10	-10.00	-10.000
MORE-Koti - MORE - Koti	046	1479	4	6.48	5	10.50	-1	-2.02	-2.020
JRS-SEC - JRS - SECUNDERABAD	0298	615	2	4.08	3	6.08	-1	-2.00	-2.000
JRS-Koti - JRS - Koti	1243	1479	4	4.02	4	4.02	0	0.00	-0.000
KPHB - Koti - KPHB (THPHASE - Koti	1895	243	2	27.28	1	27.28	1	14.56	+14.560
MDFPH - Koti - MDTAPKA CROSS ROAD - Koti	005	144	0	0.00	1	23.79	1	23.79	+23.790
SEC - SECUNDERABAD - Koti	015	348	166	189.16	200	197.60	-14	-134.02	-134.020
SEC-MORE - SECUNDERABAD - RTC X Rd -	015	366	1	13.08	1	4.58	-1	-6.50	-6.500
SEC - RTC - SECUNDERABAD - RTC X ROAD -	015	366	1	392.56	431	477.62	-1	-285.21	-285.210
TOTAL	403	3092.56	431	477.62	431	477.62	0	0.00	0.000

Fig.23 Comparison report – Line 40(23 BUSES) Verses Line 40(21 Buses)

6.2 Route 86J – Scheduling
2 scenarios were produced using the runtimes

6.2.1 Scenario 1: Number of buses as 14 and total number of trips as 187. Based on that the vehicle frequency the arrangement of buses at different times are given below in fig. 24

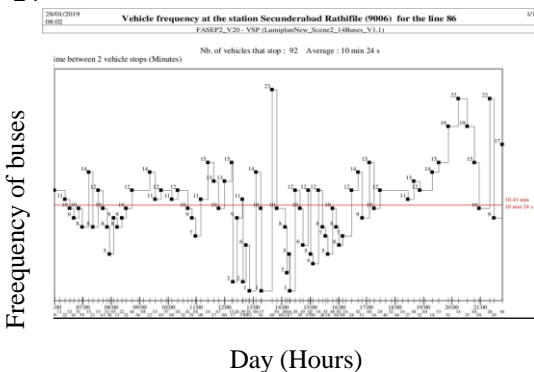


Fig.24 Theoretical frequencies for passengers after rationalizing at Koti for 21 BUSES

rationalizing at Secunderabad for 14 BUSES (Route 86)

Based on the frequency arrangement the vehicle scheduling is revised. Fig.25 shows the revised schedule

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COMMERCIAL Duration Distance	DRAUMILEAGE Duration Distance	DRIVING Duration Distance	REFUER Duration Distance	TOTAL Block	WARNINGS					VALIDITIES		
					O	T	N	X	C		S	R
5:51 90.900 15.0 0:20	5:51 90.900 15.0 0:20	5:51 90.900 15.0 0:20	5:51 90.900 15.0 0:20	5:51 90.900 15.0 0:20								100-42

Fig.25 Vehicle Schedule Report after rationalizing for 14 Buses (Route 86)

6.2.1 Scenario 2: (No. of buses: 15, No. of trips: 201) The figure 26 given below shows the revised schedule with the new number of bus (15 bus).

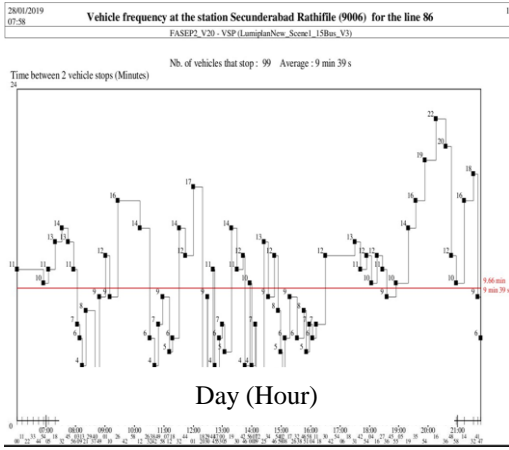


Fig.26 Theoretical frequencies for passengers after rationalizing at SECUNDRABAD for 15 BUSES (Route 86)

The revised schedule based on the above graph is given below in figure 27

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COMMERCIAL Duration Distance	DRAUMILEAGE Duration Distance	DRIVING Duration Distance	REFUER Duration Distance	TOTAL Block	WARNINGS					VALIDITIES		
					O	T	N	X	C		S	R
5:51 90.900 15.0 0:20	5:51 90.900 15.0 0:20	5:51 90.900 15.0 0:20	5:51 90.900 15.0 0:20	5:51 90.900 15.0 0:20								100-42

Fig.27 Vehicle Schedule Report after rationalizing for 15 Buses (Route 86J)

The monitoring of the existing schedule and the proposed are going on.

VII. Conclusions

- Route 40 is implemented (scenario 1 is approved by the TSRTC) and the financial benefits are monitoring.
- Lumiplan proposed 2 possible pans in the route 86J,

but due to some road construction and renovation works are going on in that particular route all the buses are not following the real time schedule and routes. So waiting for the construction works to be finished for the implementation for the scenario 2.

- Rearrangement of trips in the morning shift
- Curtailment of trips to Toli Mazjid - As trip to Toli Mazjid has negligible or no load, the trips were curtailed to 4 trips from 6 trips which are provided in the peak hours.
- Re- Engineering of trips in the afternoon - According to the study, evening peak has more traffic congestion than the morning peak resulting in cancellation of trips due to insufficient run times. Hence most of the trips are shortened to Afzalgunj and Ramnagar gundu considering both passenger load and cancellations.

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