

Metropia Incentive-based Regional Mobility Management

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Metropia

- A metro mobility management system that encourages and rewards positive change in travel behavior
- Utilizes Active TDM strategies to monitor, manage, influence and in the end to better handle vehicle demand
 - Departure time choice / Flex time
 - Route choice
 - Active traffic management (information on incident, work zones, road closures)
 - Alerts Pre-trip and enroute
 - Load balancing / manage roadway capacity





The Metropia Ecosystem Public Private Partnerships to Inspire Cooperation



- **Rewards drivers** for making smarter commuting decisions
 - Plan ahead
 - Shift departure time outside of peak traffic (Flexing)
 - Take an alternative route to avoid congestion
- Rewards points for every trip completed; more points for flexing departure and for taking alternative routes
- Rewards = combination of intrinsic and extrinsic

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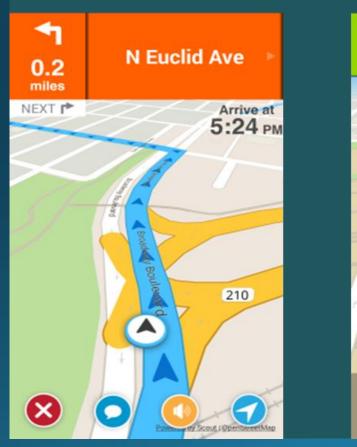


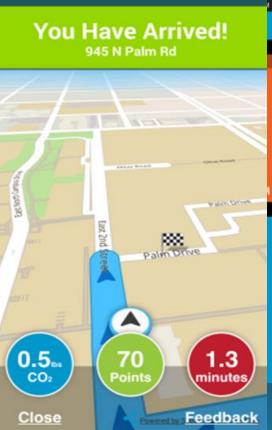
How it works

Features

- Prediction
- Plan ahead
- Behavior shifting
- Incentives
- Powerful routing
- Travel time estimation
- TMC integration

Validate Trip and Earn Rewards





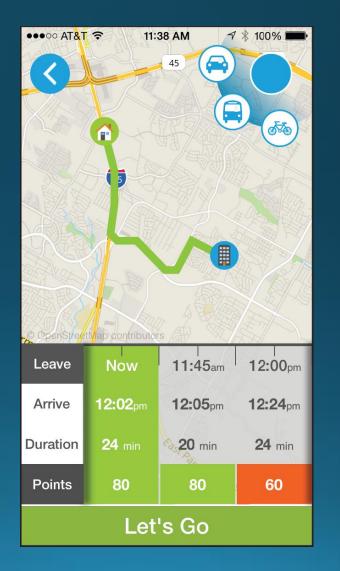
Features

- Plan ahead
- Pre-route messaging
- En-route messagir
- On my way
- Favorites
- Personalized messaging
- Reward tracking



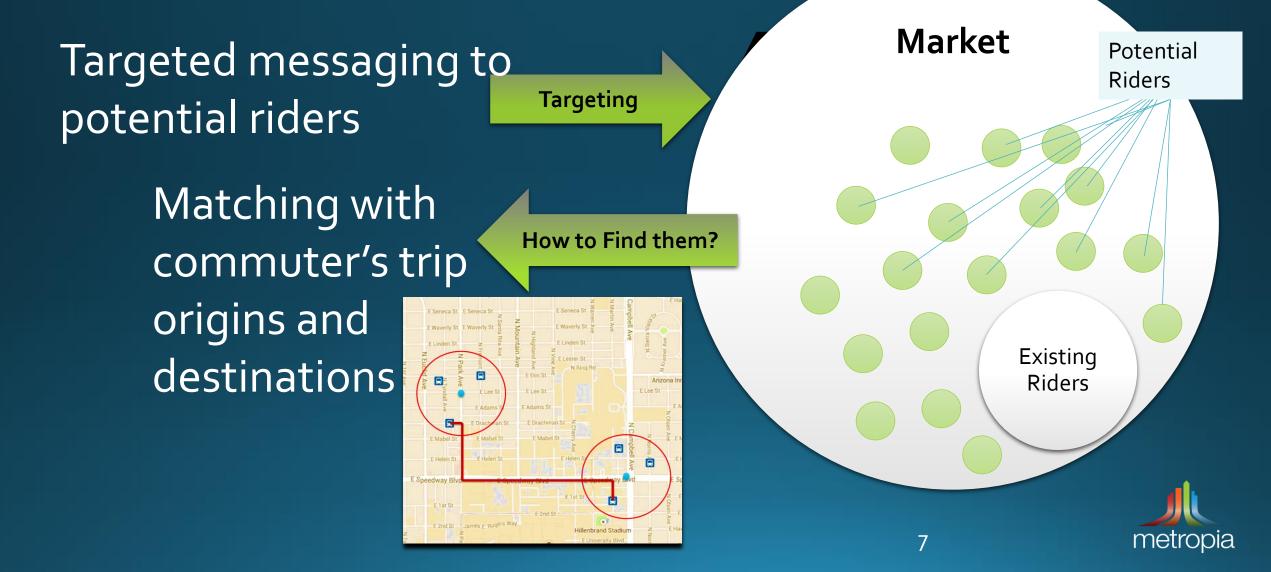
Multi-modal Options are coming soon

- Transit
- Ride-sharing
- Vanpool
- Biking (Bikeshare)





Alternative Mode Lead Generation



Commuter Benefits Program and Flex Time



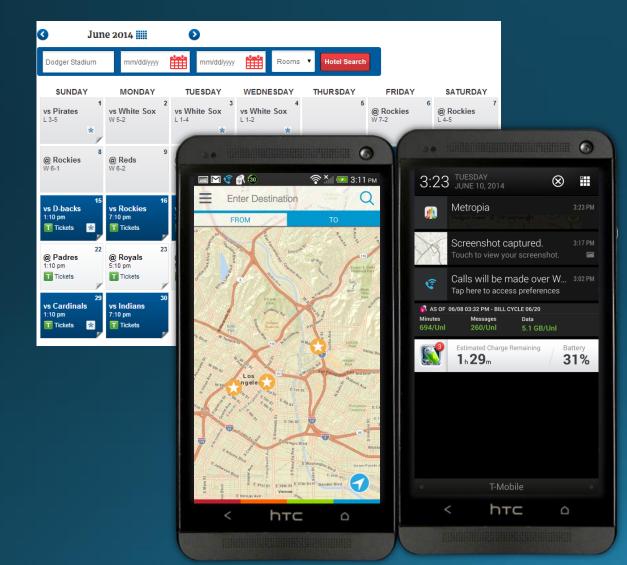


Footnote: TBD

- Employer kit
- Employer-employee specific rewards and promotions
- Employer webbased reporting & dashboard



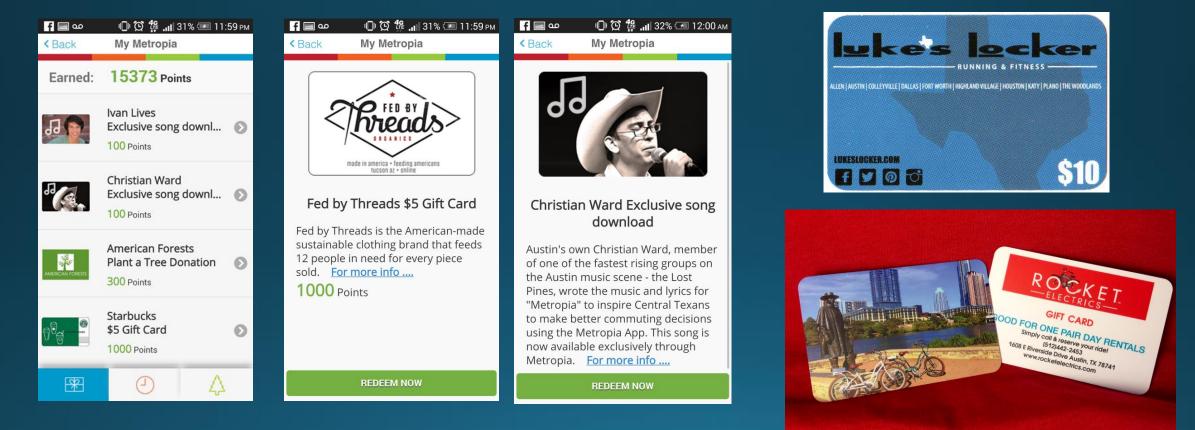
Venue Management Push notifications prior to event & stagger arrival and departure



7th Inning Stretch Game



Users Earn Points to Exchange for Rewards





Also earn CO2 and Time Savings and more





Incentivizing through Gamification

• Weekly Stats (via email

Meekly Stats

Hi Jenda Chen here are your weekly stats. Week of 1/23/2015 to 1/29/2015



Total Points Earned 420 points



Total CO2 Savings 8.4 Ibs



Total Time Saved

Total Distance Traveled 67 miles • Weekly Leaderboards



- Coming Soon
 - Brand Ambassador
 - ✓ Badges



Why it works



- Drive alone is generally the largest mode share
- TDM programs have plateaued
- Baby Steps vs Giant Steps for behavior change
- Learn their commuting behaviors (OD; travel times; flex ability) then shifty to other modes

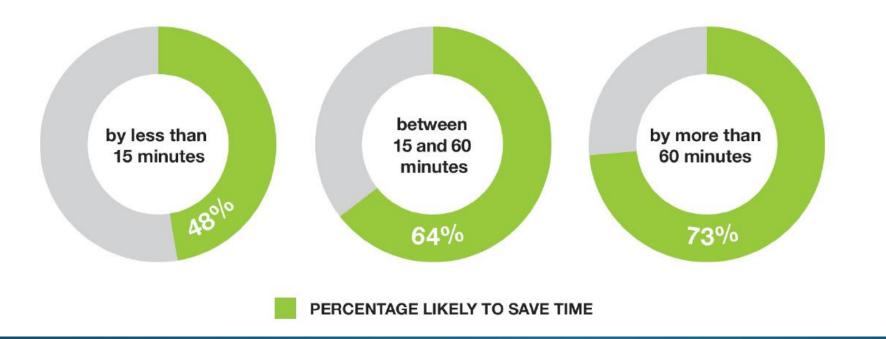


...and city-wide average savings reach as high as 5%



Simple Behavior Change: Baby Steps Shift departure time or route

The more you plan, the more time you save!





Resources—Read More

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The Austin Experience



Background and Timeline

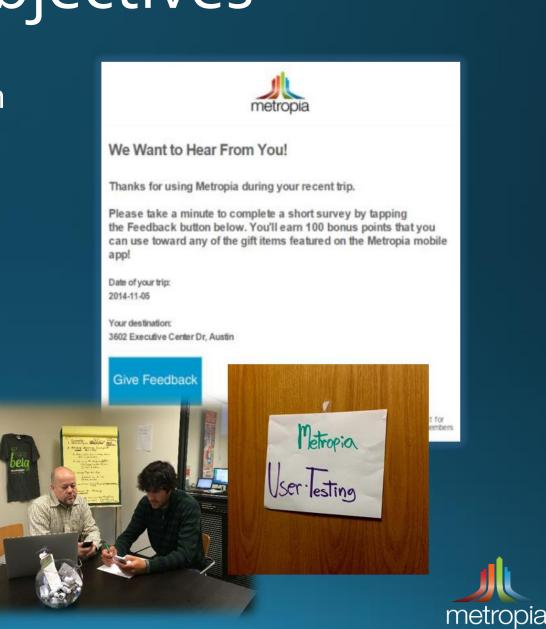
- Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Sponsor)
 - MoPac Improvement Project (managed lanes/express lanes)
 - Improve mobility in region
 - Make better use of existing capacity
- Timeline





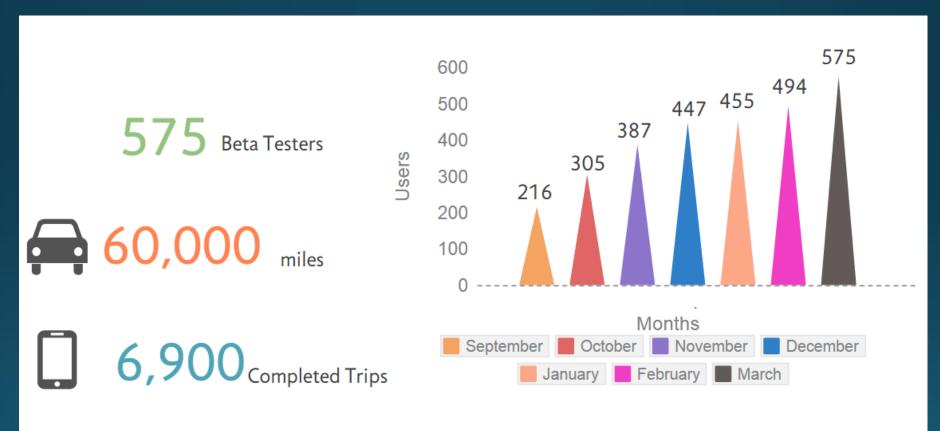
Goals and Objectives

- Beta Goal: 400 users; 24-25% retention
- Actual: 575 users; 35-36% retention
- Objectives
 - Network Optimization (3 months)
 - Feedback on UI/UX
 - Baseline on behaviors
 - Lessons for full launch



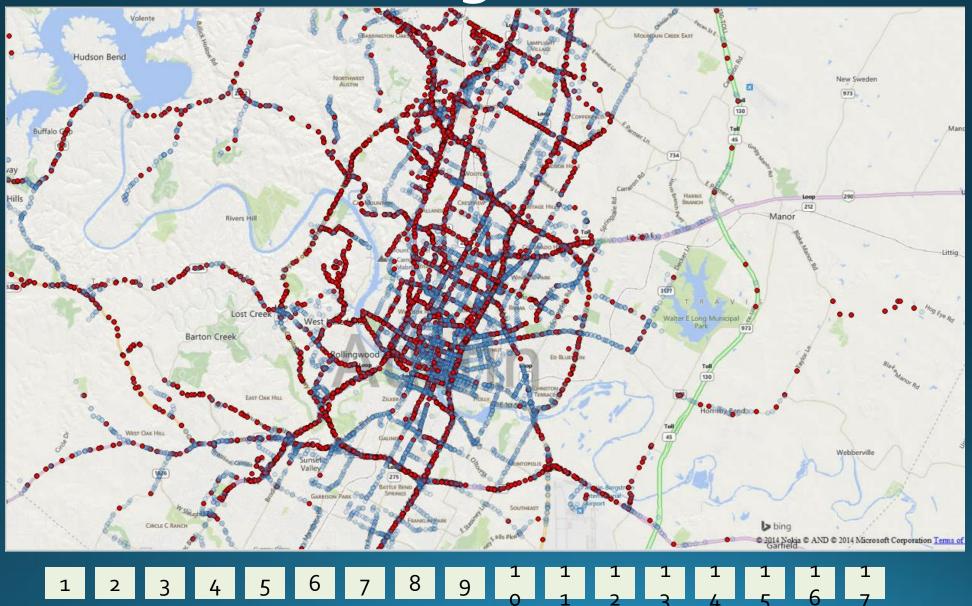
Steady Growth of Users and Data

• Easily met Beta goal with very little PR and Marketing. Initial Launch & Press coverage resulted in nearly half our users.





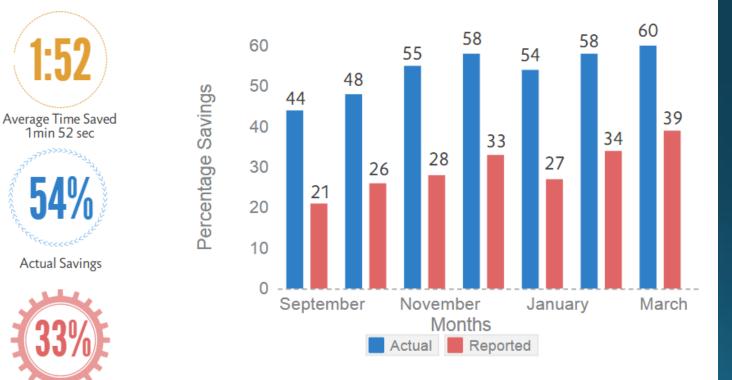
Data Coverage (Week 1-16)





Overall Travel Time Savings

• Most underestimate their perceived travel time savings; over time this starts to change.



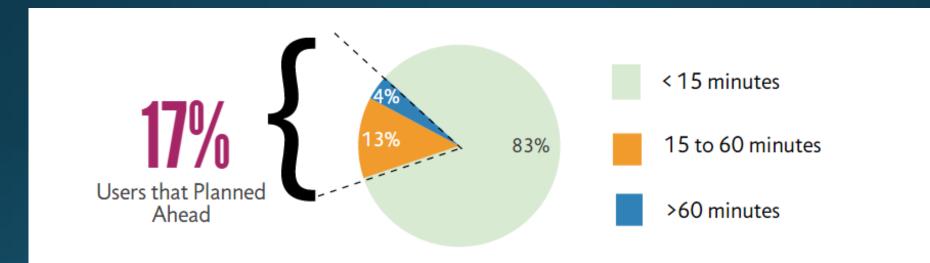
Time Savings are calculated by comparing the Metropia route traveled with the actual time duration of the trip to a benchmark route under the same time and traffic conditions.



Reported/Perceived Savings

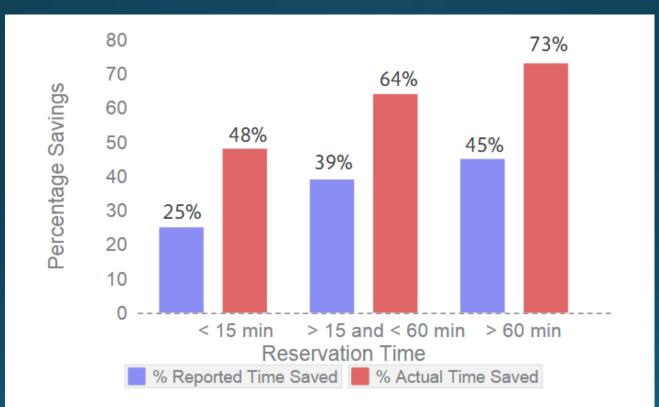
Planning Ahead = Increases Travel Time Savings

• Majority used Metropia without planning ahead; points to need for "plan ahead" messaging





Planning Head = Increases Likeliness to Save Time



People are saving time by changing their departure times!



Overall CO₂ Savings

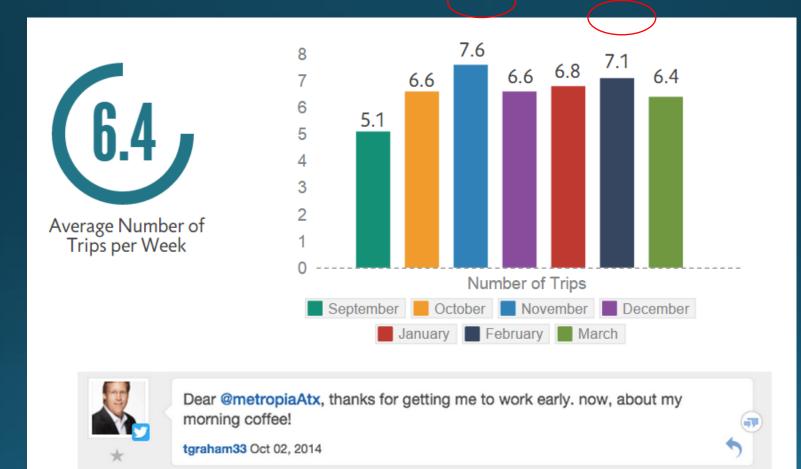


CO2 savings are calculated for each trip a user makes. This calculation is based on the known relation of CO2 savings to the amount of travel time saved. As a Metropia user spends less time in congestion, the user saves time, thus reducing CO2 emissions.



Average Number of Trips Per User

• Average Trips per week increased after major App UI/UX improvements



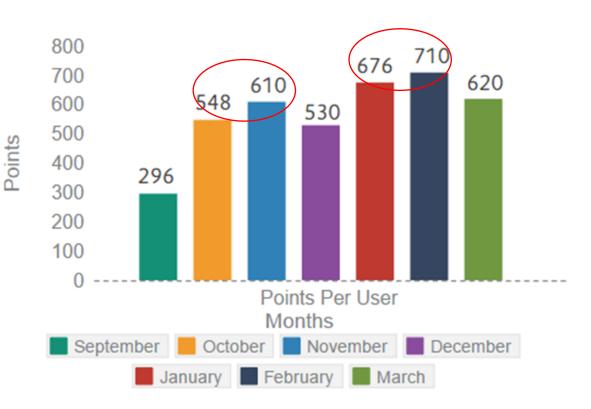


Total Points Awarded & Avg Points per User

 Average Points/User also increased after App UI/UX improvements & new features



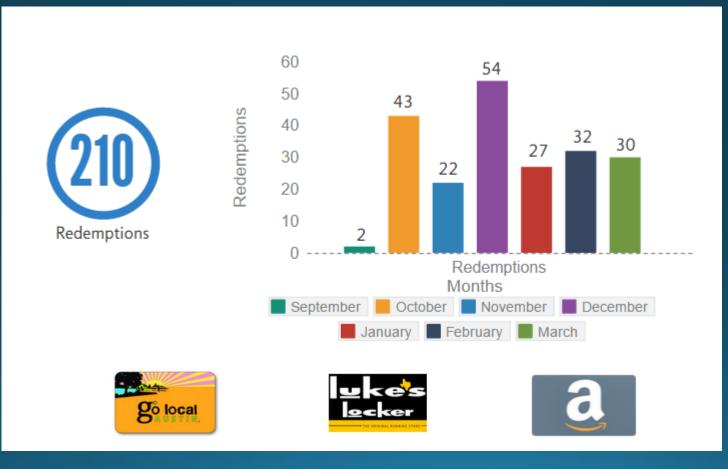
Total Points Awarded in Austin





Austin Incentive Redemption Behavior

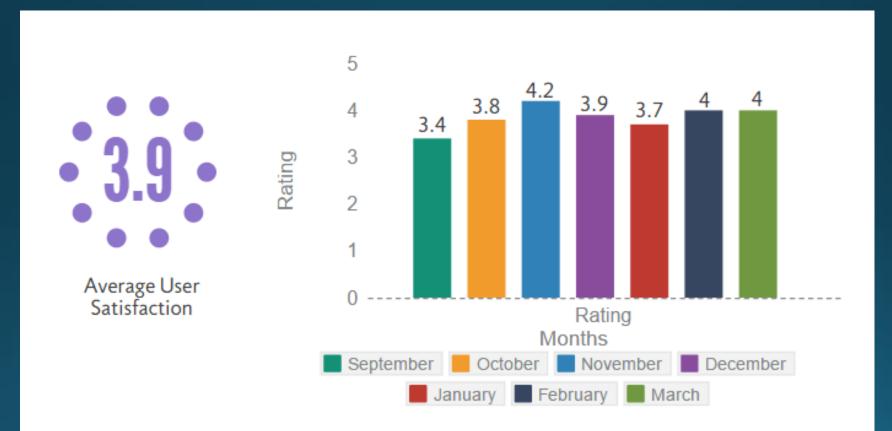
- Redemptions are highest around December holidays
- Less than one half redeem for merchant rewards





Average user Satisfaction Ratings

• Satisfaction levels also increase as users become familiar with the App and after new versions are released with features and usability updates.





Our Brand Ambassadors



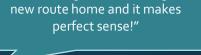
My hat is off to your app!

https://vimeo.com/126622314



"I was impressed to arrive the exact minute the app thought I would" Kelley G.





"I never thought about taking this









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