



ABSTRACT

Every one born to travel and all have to play the role as commuters in the society. It is essential to travel in the present economical life cycle for various needs. Each one of the commuter/traveller is having different travel behaviour or travel patterns according to their behaviour of the life cycle. These travel behaviours are getting differ with the changing relationship of the factors like income, age, gender, trip purpose, travel distance, travel mode, travelling attitudes, residential locations etc. It is better to studying the commuter travel behaviour for transport infrastructure planning and forecasting for future development in transport sector.

The research reviews, how the bus commuters behave in transit points in Colombo Metropolitan Area by using several parameters like access mode, age, gender, travel origin and travel destination etc. Bus commuters are facing many problems in transit points due to the lack of access modes, heavy waiting time (time wasting) in transit points, lack of a reliable and regular transport service and security problems.

To revile out these problems, the research was conducted within the Colombo Metropolitan Area, by separating the Colombo Metropolitan Area into 3 main zones as City Limits, Colombo Peripheral Areas and Colombo Suburban Areas. The study was limited to the passengers in age between 20-50 years only.

The research findings was; the most passengers (53%) were accessing the transit point by buses. 69% of the interviewed passengers are men and 31% are women. 33% of passengers' travel origin and the travel destination was their home places and 32% was their working places. Travel destination of interviewed passengers in Colombo Metropolitan Area was having the same figures as the travel origin. Passengers are having both permanent and temporal trips within their daily life. Home based work trips are permanent and non-home based trips are temporal. According to the findings, there are 65% of passengers having home based work trips and 35% of non-home based