

Métro service disruptions

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A few figures for 2012

> 412.6 million passenger rides in 2012, a 1.9% increase over 2011

- 1.3 million passenger rides per average weekday, of which 40% were by métro, 31% by bus and 29% by both modes of transportation
- In 2012, the métro system provided 895,000 passenger rides per average weekday:
 - > 78.2 million kilometres travelled
 - Reliability: 97.6% of customers arrive on time





- In the last week, our customers were subjected to six extended breakdowns in métro service: one of them resulted in a service interruption throughout the entire metro system for nearly one hour
- Since the métro's new operating systems were put into service (14 months ago), seven major service disruptions have occurred



Questions we must ask ourselves

> Are all of these service disruptions related?

- > What is wrong with the computer systems?
- Is there a general trend toward less reliability?
- What are we doing to reduce the number of breakdowns?



Service disruptions – May 21–28, 2013

MAY	DURATION (MINUTES) RUSH HOUR	LINE	REASON (No connection between disruptions)
Tuesday - 21	53	All 4 lines	Remote transmission failure
Wednesday - 22	47	Orange	Someone on the tracks
Thursday - 23	28	Blue	MR-73 train breakdown
Thursday - 23	28	Orange	MR-73 train breakdown
Monday - 27	65	Orange	Intervention by emergency services
Tuesday - 28	26	Green	MR-63 train breakdown

Even if these disruptions only represent 1% of weekly operating hours, they still had a considerable impact on transit users.









Reliability of equipment over time





The new operating system software (CC)





Operating system deployment dates

- Operating system software partly deployed for inauguration of métro extension to Laval in 2006
- Gradual deployment of operating system throughout remainder of métro network from September 2011 to March 2012
- Investment of \$174 M: a necessary change
 - It represents less than 1% of the métro's replacement value, estimated at some \$20 B



Métro operating systems in numbers

Over 100 servers

- 2 000 linked radios
- > 2 000 surveillance cameras
- > 95 computers
- > 800 automated systems



Métro operating systems in numbers

> 12.8 million data inputs in system

> 105,000 control signals

> 100 interfaces

- Over 40 software programs and applications
- Several million lines of programming code
- In all, some 15,000 components



Corrective measures

- June 2012: Router card failure in remote transmission network
 - Replacement of card the next day
- July 2012, March and April 2013: Overloaded computer servers:
 - Temporary solution applied in October 2012
 - Software update installed April 7, 2013



Corrective measures

- November and December 2012: overload of alarms processing server
 - Establishment of a new architecture for processing protocols
 Data solution purchased and applied on March 17, 2013
- May 21, 2013: software malfunction in remote transmission network server installed in 2006
 - Router rebooted
 - Update provided by manufacturer now being tested



Steps taken to remedy the situation

- Action plan to boost stability and make operating system software more robust
 - Objectives of plan:
 - Reduce the number of failures outages / breakdowns
 - Reduce the duration of failures
 - Reduce the scale of failures
 - Development work kept to a minimum:
 - Technical support team focused on action plan
 - > Who is carrying out this work?
 - A joint Alstom-STM team
 - Plan guided by high profile international expert



Steps taken to remedy the situation

Situation monitored by Board of Directors' information technology sub-committee along with independent experts







Is there a downward trend in métro reliability?



STM trend over time

Service disruptions (5 min and more) per million km

First 4 months of year - 2003-2013





STM trend over time

Longer (20 min +) service disruptions per million km

First 4 months of year - 2003-2013





Types of service disruptions (in a typical year)

Systems and equipment: 7% Rolling Stock: 25%

Mischief and ill passengers: 51%



Metros in Asia:

- Bangkok
- Beijing
- Delhi
- Guangzhou
- Hong Kong
- > Shanghai
- Singapore
- > Sydney
- > Taipei

Metros in Europe:

- Barcelona
- Berlin
- Brussels
- Lisbon
- London
- Madrid
- Milan
- Moscow
- Naples
- Newcastle
- Paris

Metros in America:

- Mexico
- Montréal
- New York
- Rio de Janeiro
- Santiago
- Sao Paulo
- Toronto



Number of service disruptions per million km

- Metros in Asia: 7.3
- Metros in Europe: 38.8
- Metros in America: 22.6
- > Global average: 24.7



Number of service disruptions per million km

Montréal:

First 4 months of 2012: 17.6
First 4 months of 2013: 12.5
2012: 13.2

> Global average: 24.7



Number of service disruptions (5 min and more) per year for metros travelling an equal distance:

- > Asia: 567
- > Europe: 3031
- > America: 1763
- > Global average: 1928
- > Montréal: 1029, or 47% less than global average







What is STM doing to reduce the number of breakdowns?



Systems, equipment and infrastructure:

Action plan to boost stability and make the computer systems' components more robust

Continuous improvement of maintenance programs

On-going Réno-Systèmes and Réno-Infrastructures programs

Accelerated replacement of assets



Rolling Stock:

- Replacement of older cars by new AZUR métro cars
- Continuous improvement of maintenance programs
- > On-going investment in métro car reliability
 - Major maintenance program for doors on MR-73 cars
 - Overhaul of motors



Average age of metro car fleets around the world





Mischief and ill passengers:

- > Assistance concept
- Objects on tracks
- > Yellow textured edge tiles
- > Operational improvements in new AZUR métro cars







Mischief and ill passengers:

- Connecting with customers on train platforms
- Audio signal for door closing
- Protective covers on emergency brake handles
- > Awareness campaigns among transit users







Customer information:

Automated information originating from control centre systems

- Issue information more quickly
- Advise users of disruptions lasting more than 10 minutes (earlier than 20 minutes +)

> Add cause and duration of disruption to information

- Provide complete information on all communication platforms telephone, web, mobile apps, sms and email alerts, Twitter.
- Issue same information through external outlets as inside métro
- Ensure a fast and reliable source of information



Customer information:

- Following on Twitter
 - Create a Twitter feed for each métro line
 - Post additional information about service disruptions lasting more than 10 minutes, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week
 - Concentrate information on Twitter (withdrawal from Facebook)





Conclusions

- STM regrets customers were negatively impacted by a string of system failures and service disruptions
- The main issue is boosting stability and making computer systems' components more robust
- There is no downward trend in métro reliability

