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# QLDC Transport Network Monitoring Snapshot

## Summary Report

**QUARTER 2 2025 / 26**

**1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2025**

# Quarter 2 Report Overall Statement

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- ▶ Total cycle counts on Active Travel route counters (new counters added for 2025/26) are 145,715 trips.
- ▶ Total pedestrian counts across the Active Travel route counters (new counters added for 2025/26) are 151,445 trips.
- ▶ Queenstown bus patronage for Q1 & Q2 2025/26 is 1,031,075 trips – representing an increase 5.7% from Q1 and Q2 of 2024/25.
- ▶ Bus reliability in Queenstown was an average of 89.5% across Quarter 2 (no change from Q2 2024/25).
- ▶ Traffic counts continue to increase with particularly noticeable increases at the SH6 between the BP roundabout and Airport, Kawarau Falls Bridge and SH6 south of Peninsula Rd counter sites.

# Number of People on Bikes

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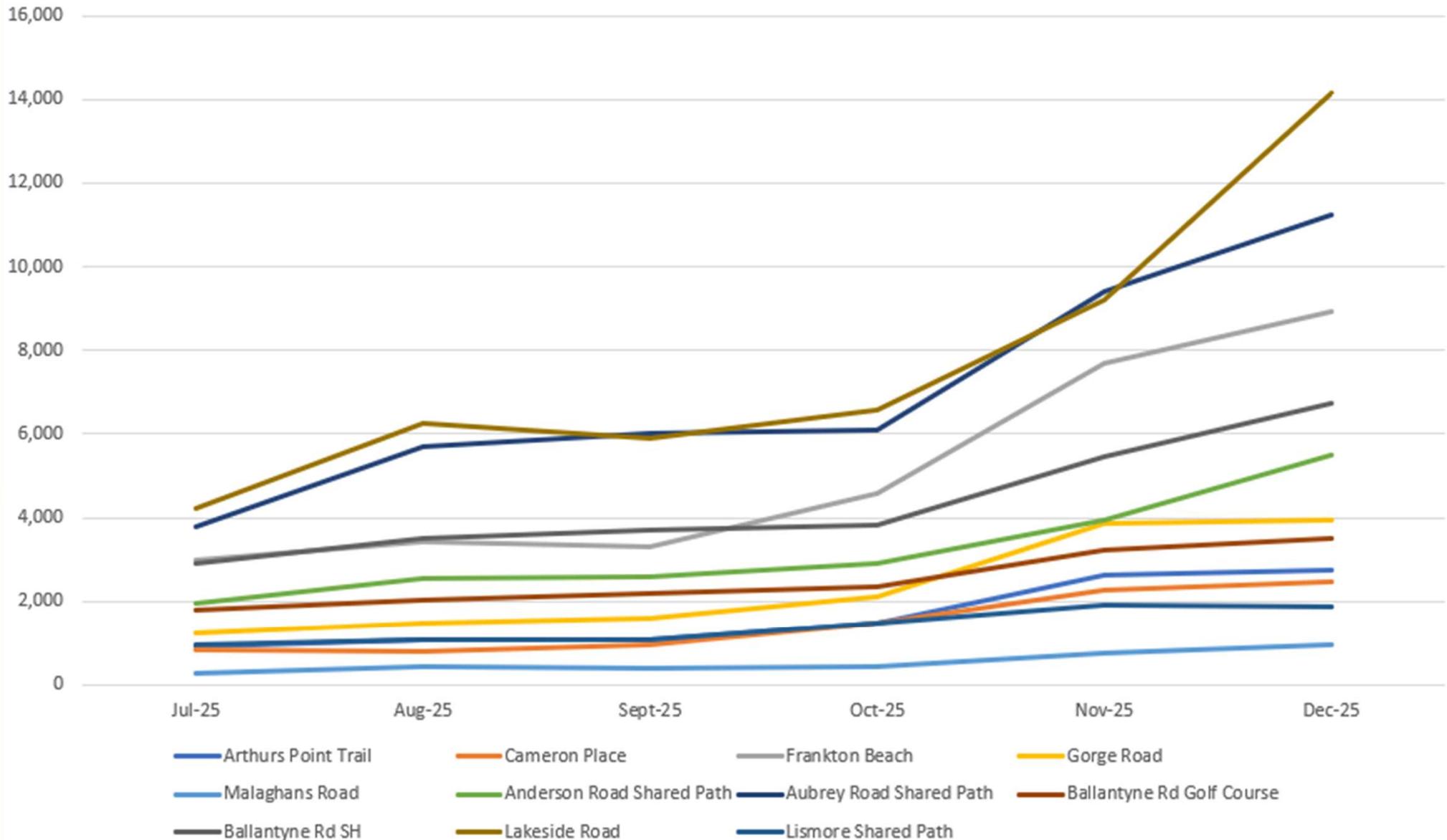
- ▶ New counters have come online for the 2025/26 year of reporting. This means that some total counts are not directly comparable to 2024/25.
- ▶ Queenstown Cycle Counters Q2 total movements
  - ▶ Arthurs Point Trail \* – 6,890
  - ▶ Cameron Place – 6,202 (10% ↑ on Q2 2024/25)
  - ▶ Frankton Beach – 21,197 (3% ↓ on Q2 2024/25)
  - ▶ Gorge Road – 9,910 (12% ↑ on Q2 2024/25)
  - ▶ Malaghans Road – 2,134 (12% ↓ on Q2 2024/25)
- ▶ Wānaka Cycle Counters Q2 total movements
  - ▶ Anderson Road Shared Path \* – 12,361
  - ▶ Aubrey Road Shared Path – 26,746 (1% ↓ on Q2 2024/25)
  - ▶ Ballantyne Rd Golf Course \* - 9,067
  - ▶ Ballantyne Rd SH \* - 16,016
  - ▶ Lakeside Road – 29,935 (5% ↑ on Q2 2024/25)
  - ▶ Lismore Shared Path \* – 5,257
- ▶ **Total Cycle Counts for Q2 2025/26 – 145,715**

\* New counter for 2025/26 reporting

Data sourced from designated Active Travel (Commuter) cycle counters.

# 2025/26 Active Travel Routes Bike Counts

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# Number of People Walking

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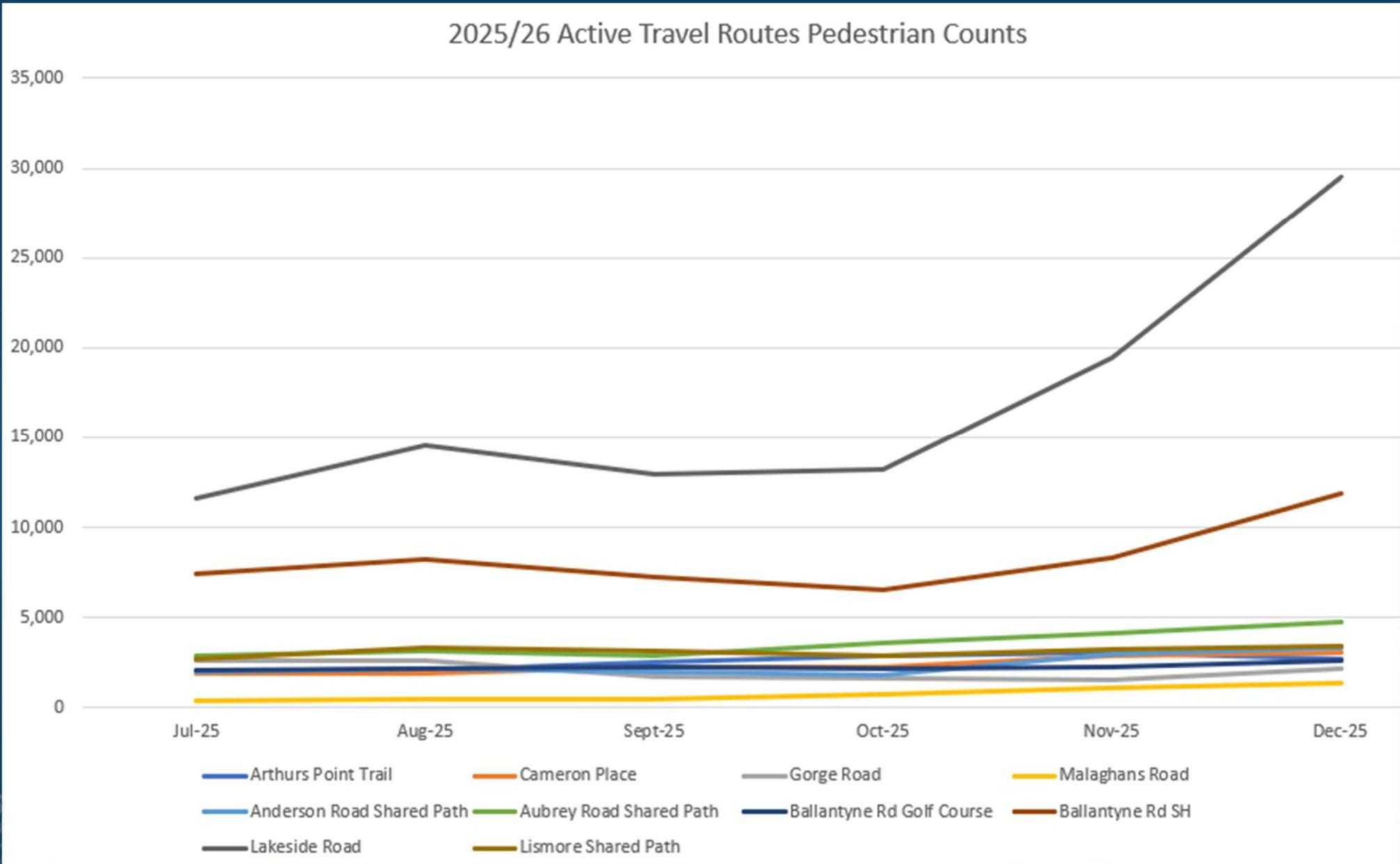
- ▶ New counters have come online for the 2025/26 year of reporting. This means that some total counts are not directly comparable to 2024/25.
- ▶ Queenstown Pedestrian Counters Q1 total movements
  - ▶ Arthurs Point Trail \* – 8,604
  - ▶ Cameron Place – 8,216 (2% ↑ on Q2 2024/25)
  - ▶ Gorge Road – 5,354 (missing data for Q2 2024/25)
  - ▶ Malaghans Road – 3,172 (7% ↑ on Q2 2024/25)
- ▶ Wānaka Pedestrian Counters Q1 total movements
  - ▶ Anderson Road Shared Path \* – 8,095
  - ▶ Aubrey Road Shared Path – 12,506 (15% ↑ on Q2 2024/25)
  - ▶ Ballantyne Rd Golf Course \* - 7,009
  - ▶ Ballantyne Rd SH \* - 26,797
  - ▶ Lakeside Road – 62,096 (8% ↑ on Q2 2024/25)
  - ▶ Lismore Shared Path \* – 9,596
- ▶ **Total Pedestrian Counts for Q2 2025/26 – 151,445**

\* New counter for 2025/26 reporting

Data sourced from designated Active Travel (Commuter) pedestrian and scooter counters.

# 2025/26 Active Travel Routes Pedestrian Counts

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# Bus Patronage in Queenstown

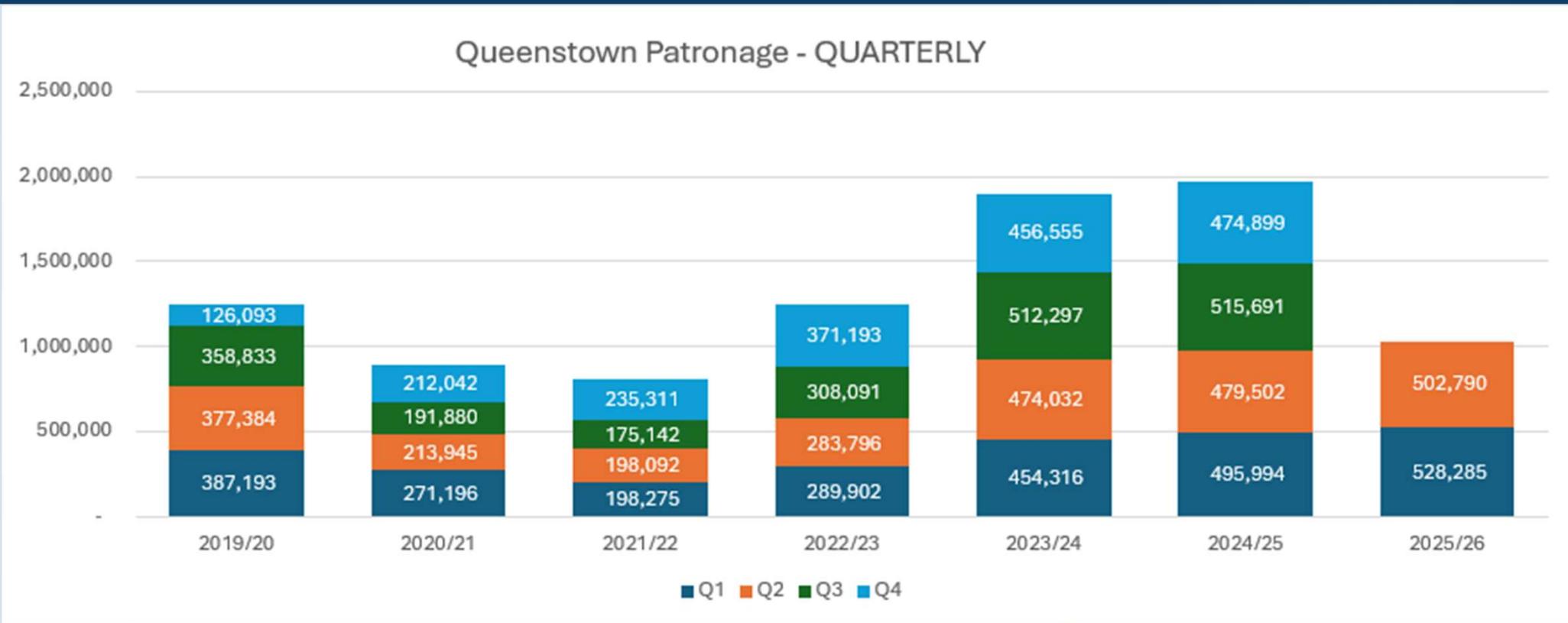
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## Queenstown Bus Service

- ▶ Queenstown bus patronage for Quarter 1 2025/26 was 528,285 representing a 6.5% increase on Q1 2024/25.
- ▶ Bus patronage for Quarter 2 2025/26 was 502,790 representing a 4.9% increase on Q2 2024/25.
- ▶ Combined, in Q1 and Q2 of 2025/26 there have been 1,031,075 trips on the bus network which is a 5.7% growth on Q1 and Q2 of 2024/25.

# YoY Annual PT Orbus Patronage

- ▶ Patronage colour coded by quarter, illustrating quarter-by-quarter patronage gains to date.



- ▶ Data reported by ORC
- ▶ Data is for the public transport Orbus bus network in Queenstown

# Orbus Public Transport Reliability

Over Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 2025/26:

- ▶ Average reliability is 90.0%
- ▶ A total of 755 trips were cancelled with 37,092 trips arriving on time
- ▶ The number of operated trips in this period has increased from 52,102 in 2024/25 to 58,223 in 2025/26
- ▶ Punctuality has increased in this period from an average of 38.2% in 2024/25 to 63.7% in 2025/26
- ▶ Reliability is the number of trips departing on time as a percentage of the total number of scheduled trips
- ▶ Punctuality is the number of trips arriving on time as a percentage of the total number of operated trips
- ▶ Cancellations are the number of cancelled trips as a percentage of the total number of scheduled trips
- ▶ Scheduled trips are the number of trips that are meant to run each month (timetabled trips)
- ▶ Operated trips is the actual number of trips that were run for the month due to cancellations or other reasons.

Summary	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sept-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
Scheduled trips	9,934	9,941	9,615	9,939	9,620	9,929
Operated trips	9,871	9,888	9,551	9,769	9,394	9,750
Depart on Time	8,847	9,057	8,800	9,231	8,555	8,613
Arrive on Time	5,967	6,530	6,212	7,018	5,687	5,678
Reported cancellations	63	53	64	170	226	179
<b>Reliability</b>	<b>89.1%</b>	<b>91.1%</b>	<b>91.5%</b>	<b>92.9%</b>	<b>88.9%</b>	<b>86.7%</b>
<b>Punctuality</b>	<b>60.4%</b>	<b>66.0%</b>	<b>65.0%</b>	<b>71.8%</b>	<b>60.5%</b>	<b>58.2%</b>
<b>Cancellations</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>

# Traffic Count Data

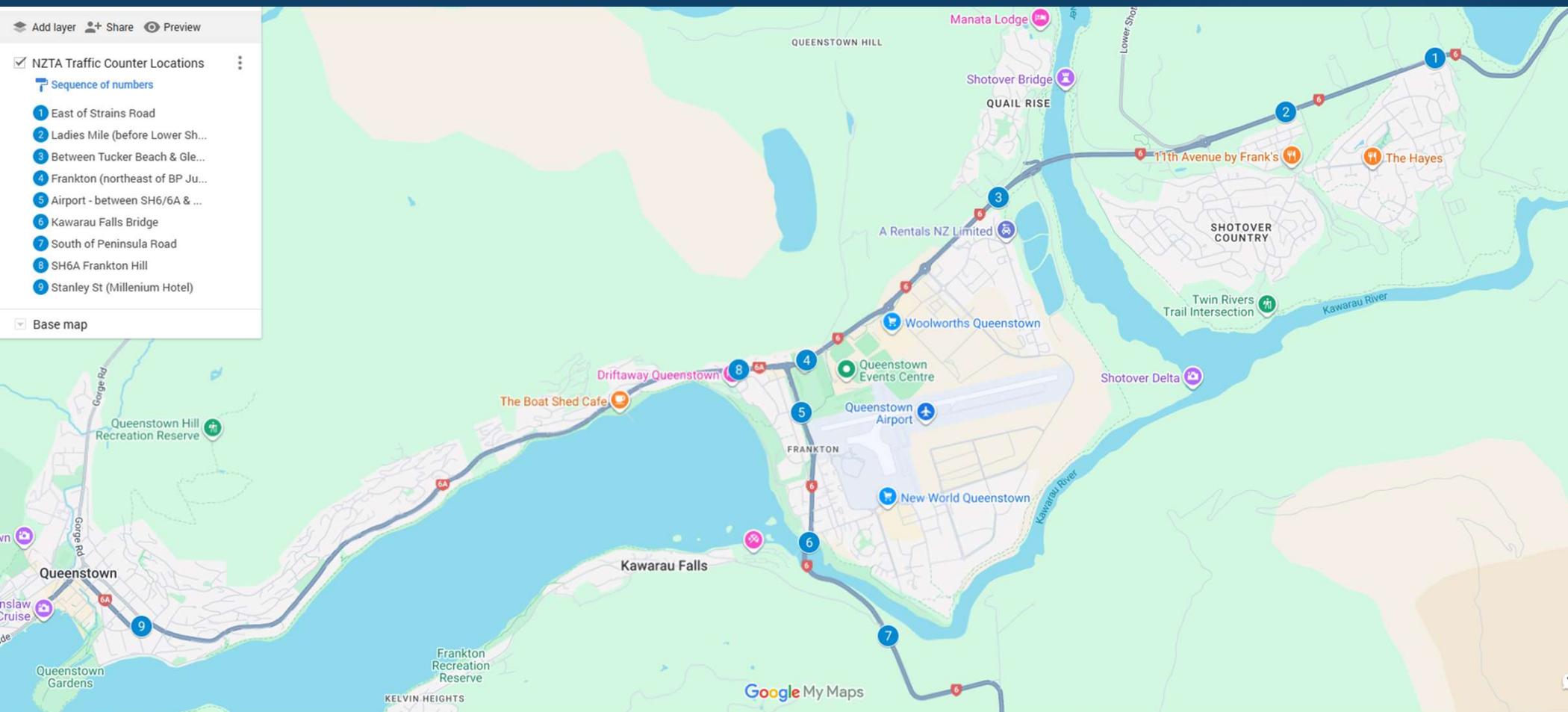
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- ▶ The following slides represent **Total Daily Vehicle Counts for all vehicle types in both directions**
- ▶ Traffic count data recorded by NZTA from 9 sites across the State Highway network in Wakatipu
  - ▶ The header for each graph reflects the location of the counter on SH6 or SH6A
  - ▶ This Quarter 2 report reflects counts through to 31 December 2025
- ▶ Some key noticeable trends:
  - ▶ The Stanley St (SH6A) by Millenium Hotel counter is the only counter to show a substantial drop in traffic recorded - due to the opening of Stage 1 of the Arterial route at the end of January 2025.
    - ▶ In Quarter 2 there was also a slight decrease in traffic counts in comparison to Q2 2024/25 along SH6 north east of the BP roundabout and on Sh6 between the BP roundabout and the airport turnoff
  - ▶ Peak season traffic volumes on Frankton Road are reaching and exceeding the theoretical capacity.
  - ▶ The Southern Corridor counters are showing distinct increases in traffic volumes. Namely:
    - ▶ Kawarau Falls Bridge: For 1 January – 31 December 2025 the average daily traffic count is 21,511 vehicles, which is a 12.4% increase on the same period in 2024 which had an average of 19,142 vehicles per day.
      - ▶ In comparison to the same period in 2019 (pre-Covid19) this is an 81% increase.
    - ▶ SH6 South of Peninsula Road: For 1 January – 31 December the average daily traffic count increased by 15.9% from 15,320 in 2024 to 17,760 in 2025.

# NZTA Traffic Counter Locations

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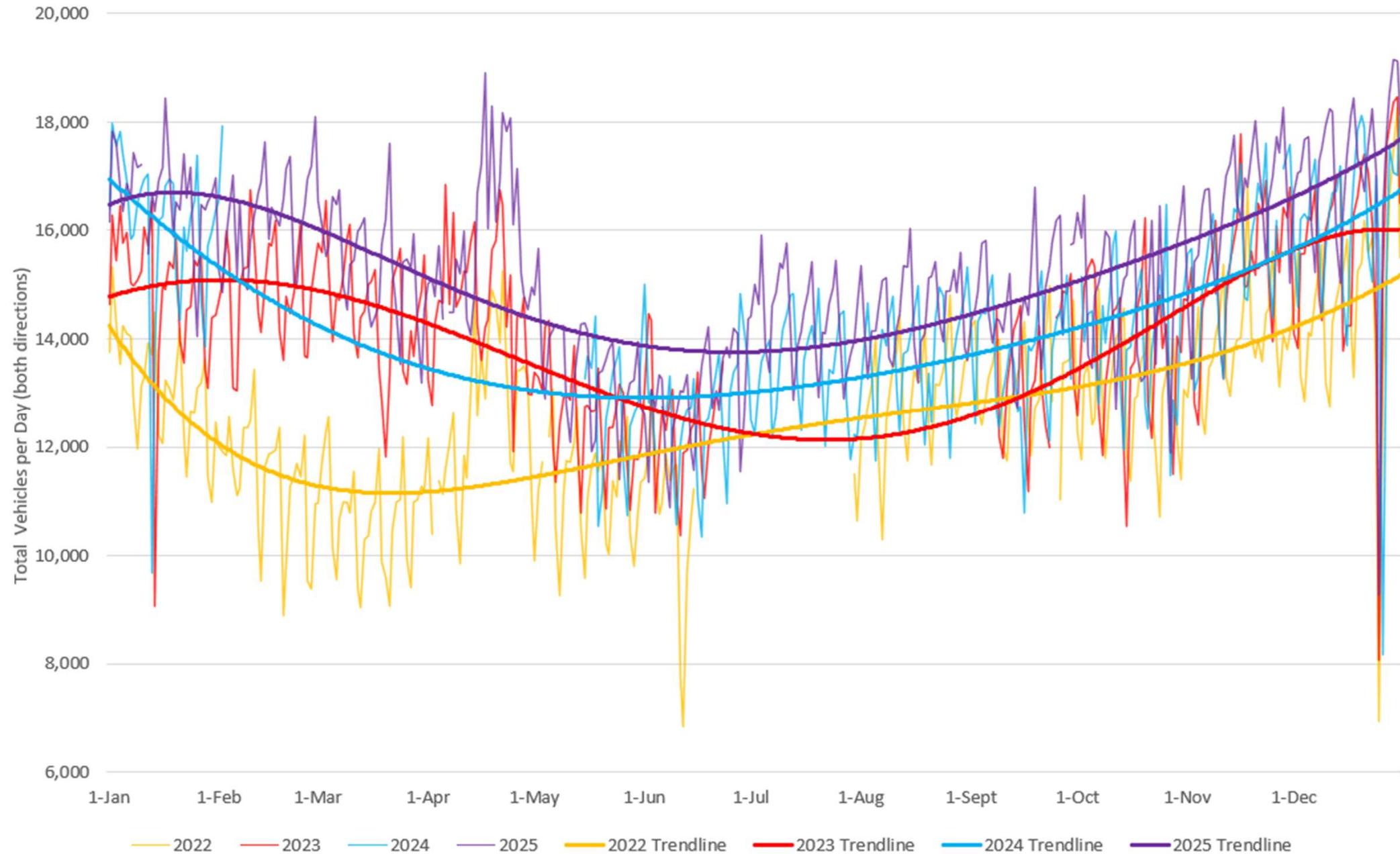
▶ The below map shows the location of the 9 NZTA traffic counters located in the Whakatipu basin



# SH6 - East of Strains Rd

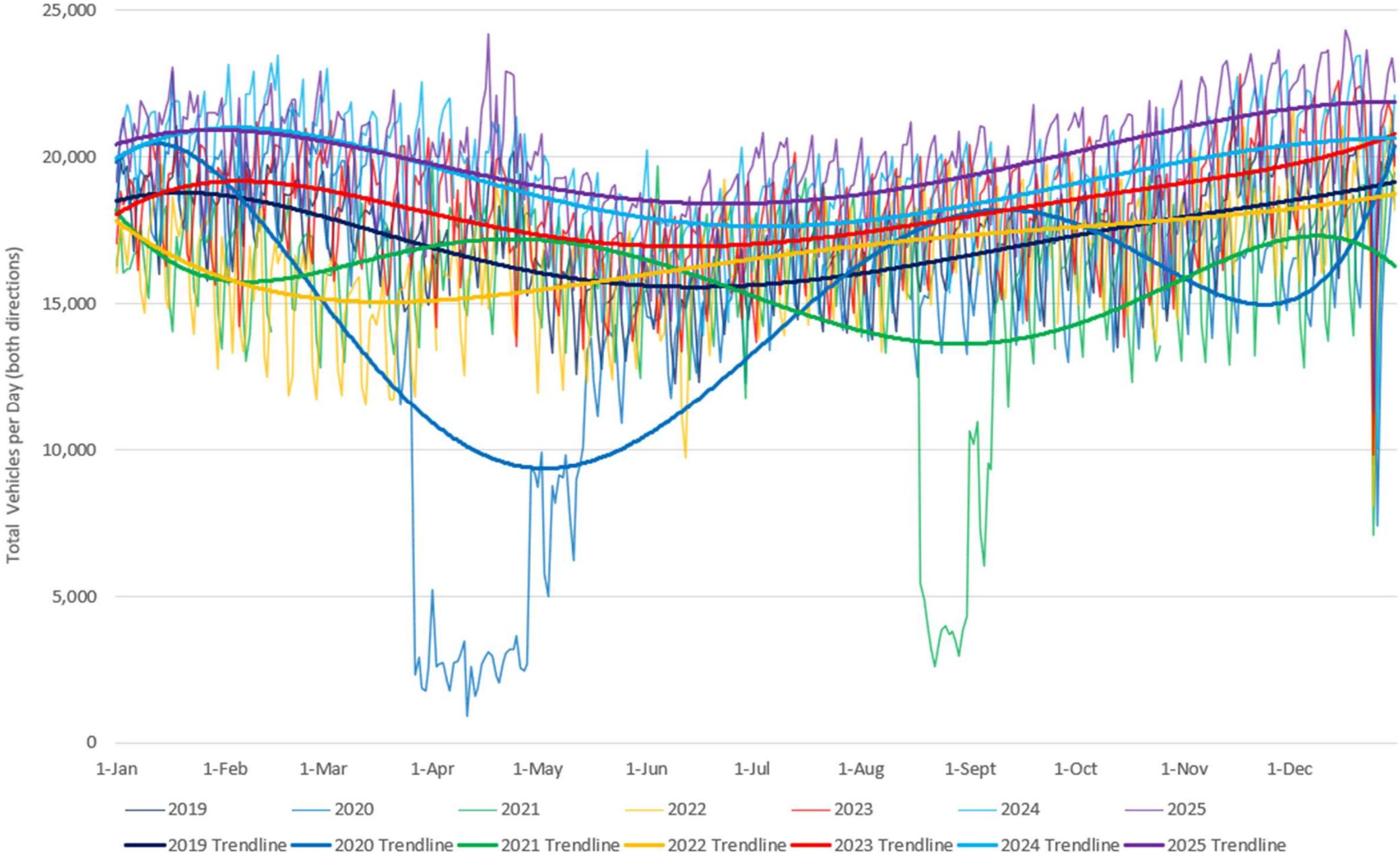
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00600988 (East of Strains Road)

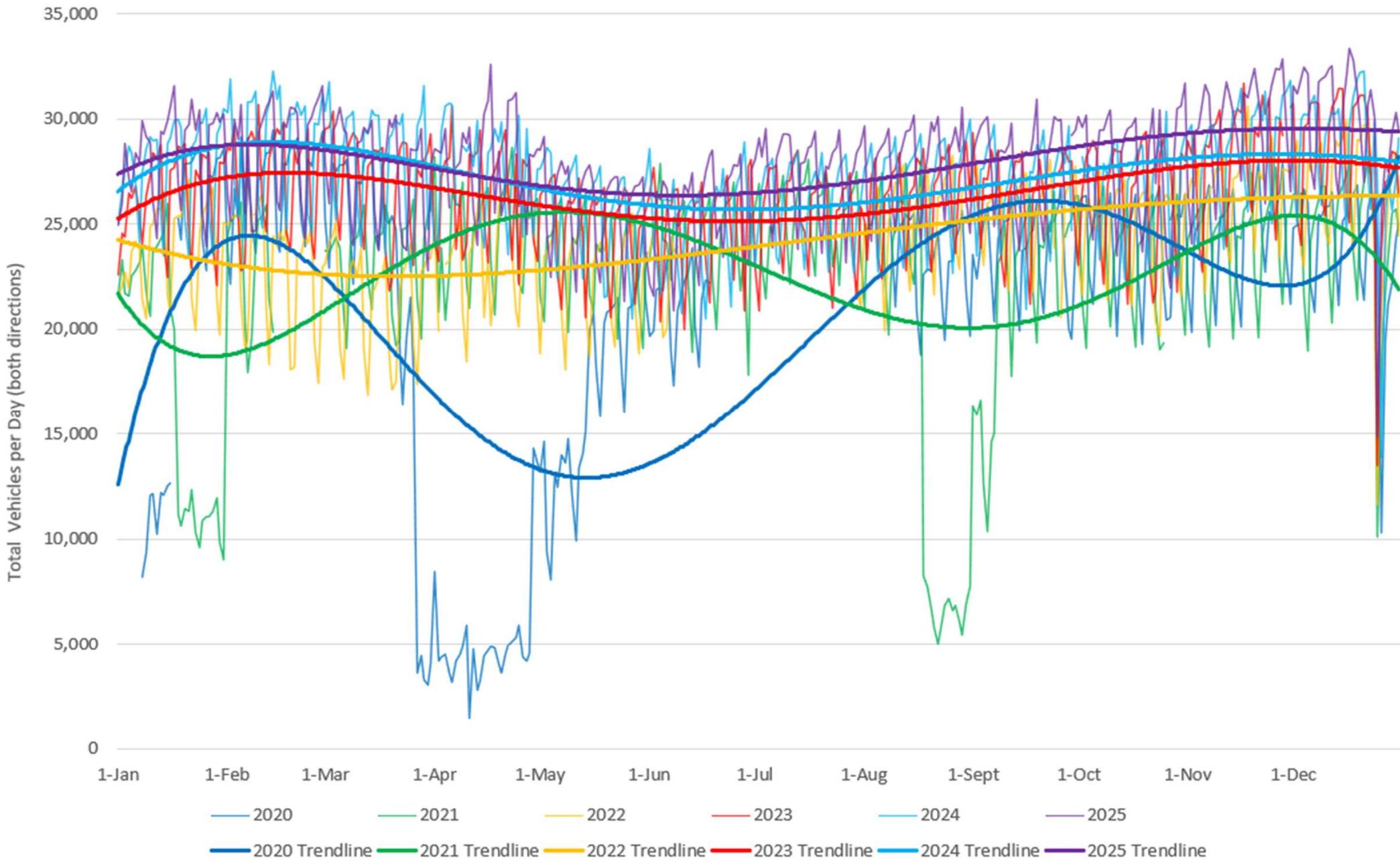


# SH6 – Ladies Mile (East of Lower Shotover Rd)

00600991 Shotover before Lower Shotover Rd (Ladies Mile)

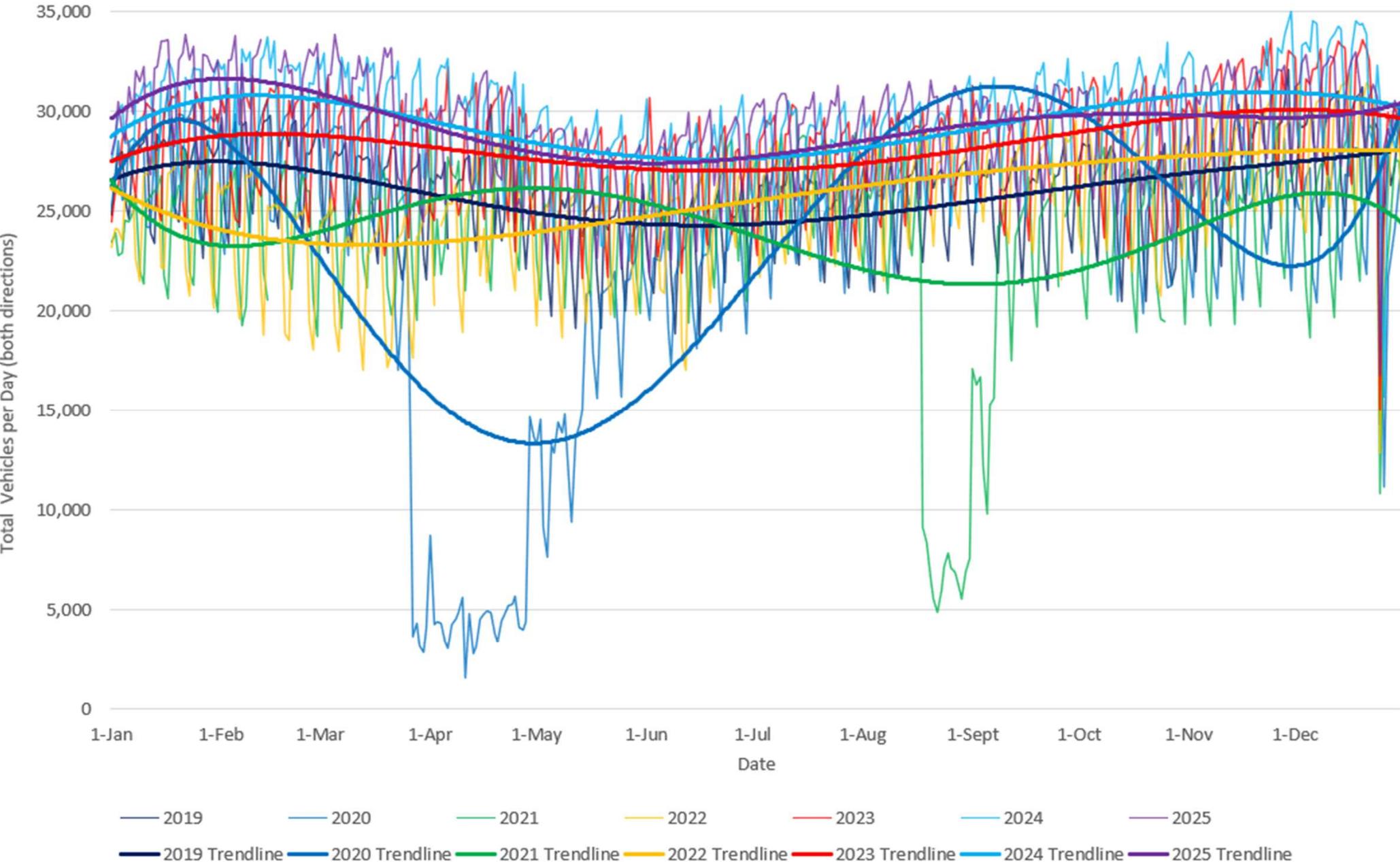


00600993 between Tucker Beach & Glenda Dr



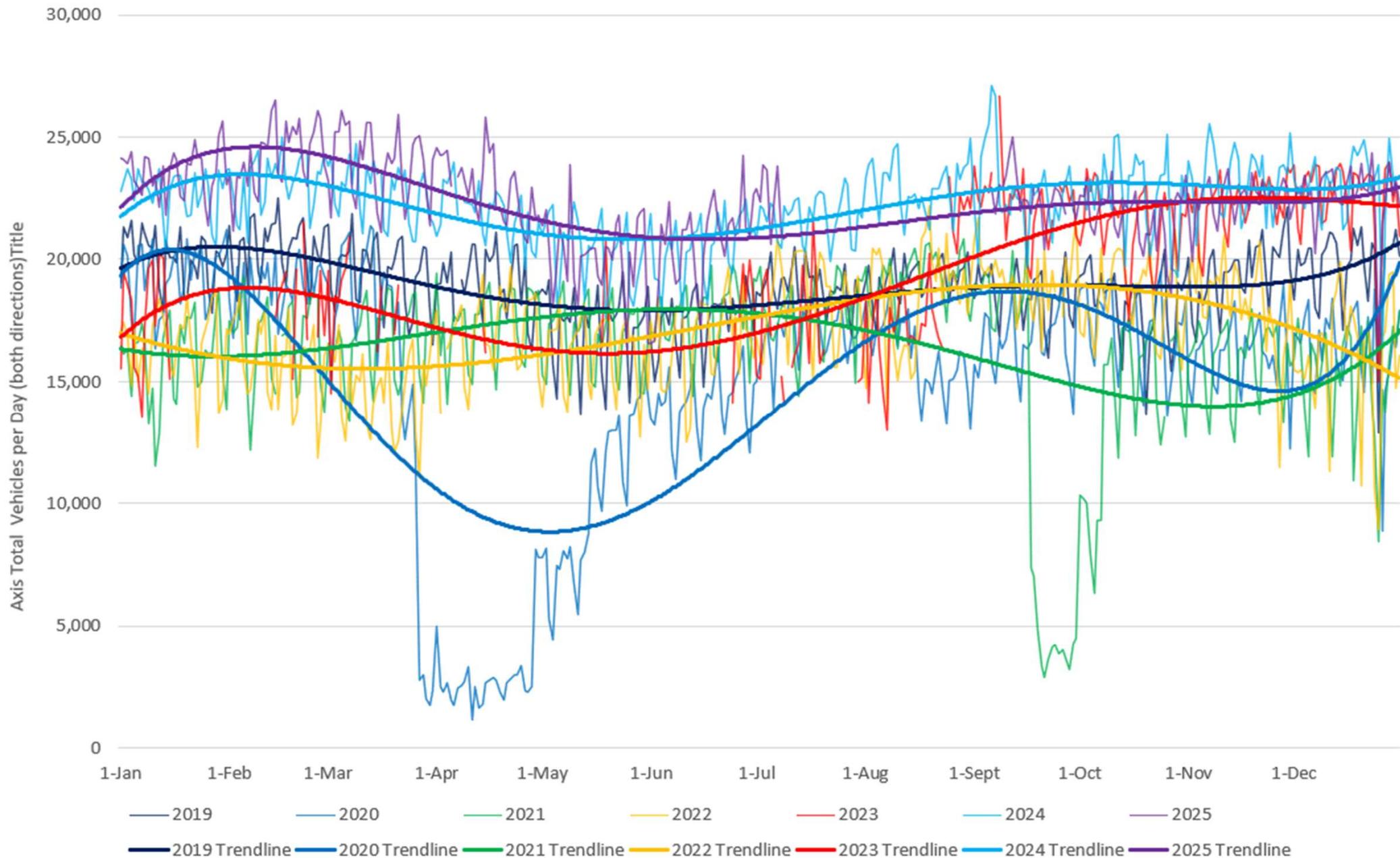
# SH6 – Frankton, North East of SH6 / 6A Junction

00600994 Frankton - Nth east of Junction



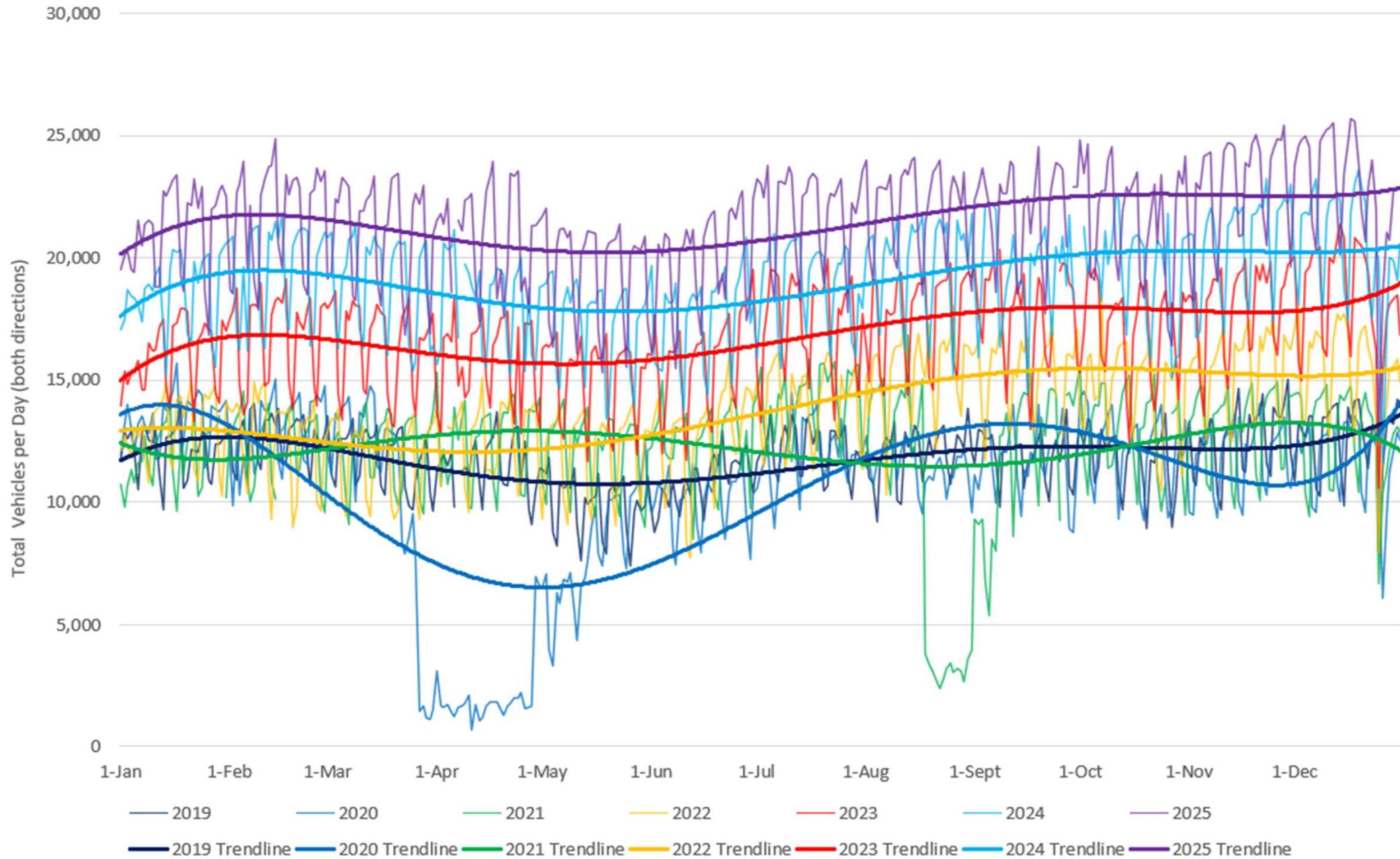
# SH6 – Airport, Between SH6 / 6A & Airport

00600996 Airport - between SH6/6A & Airport



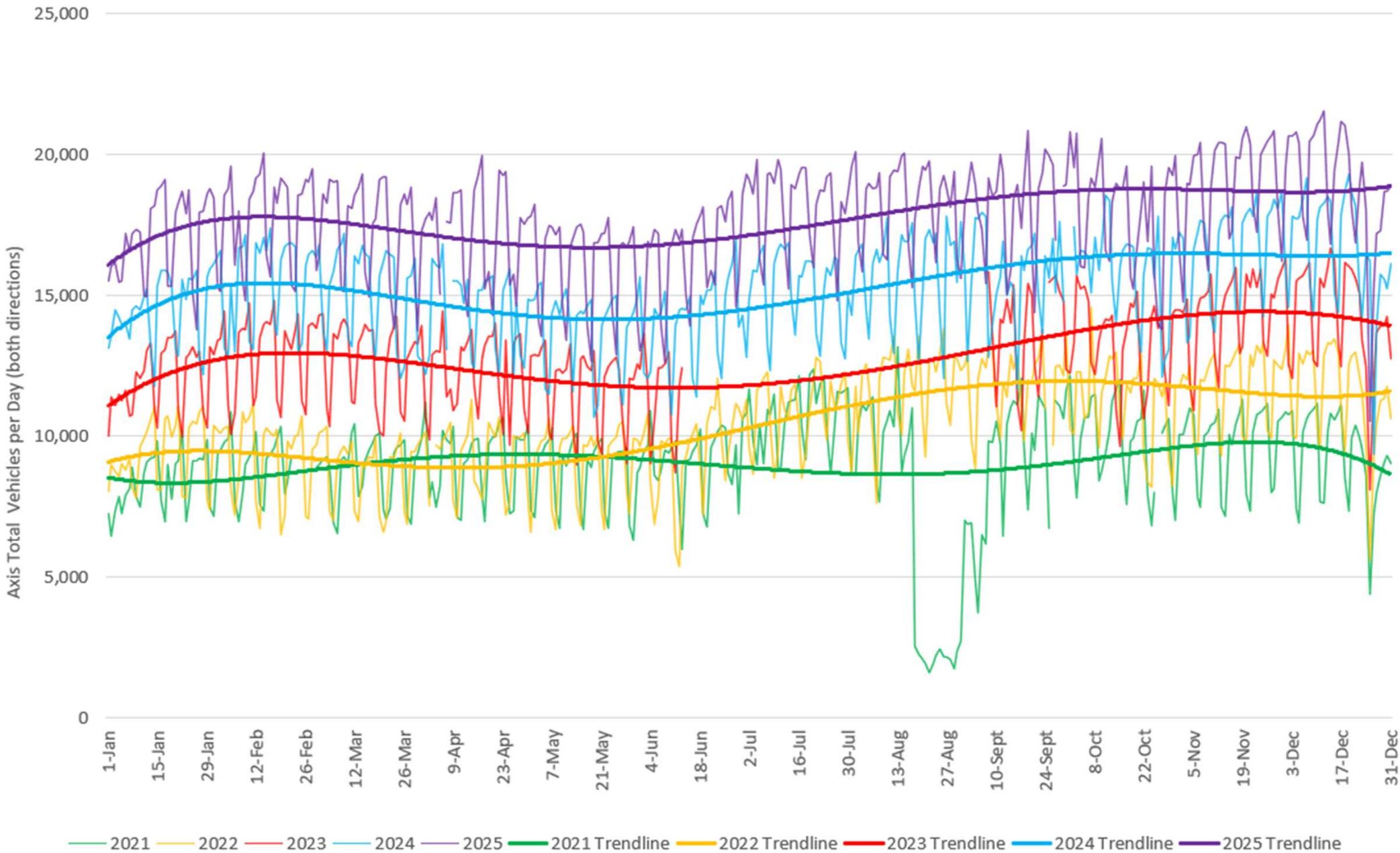
# SH6– Kawarau Falls Bridge

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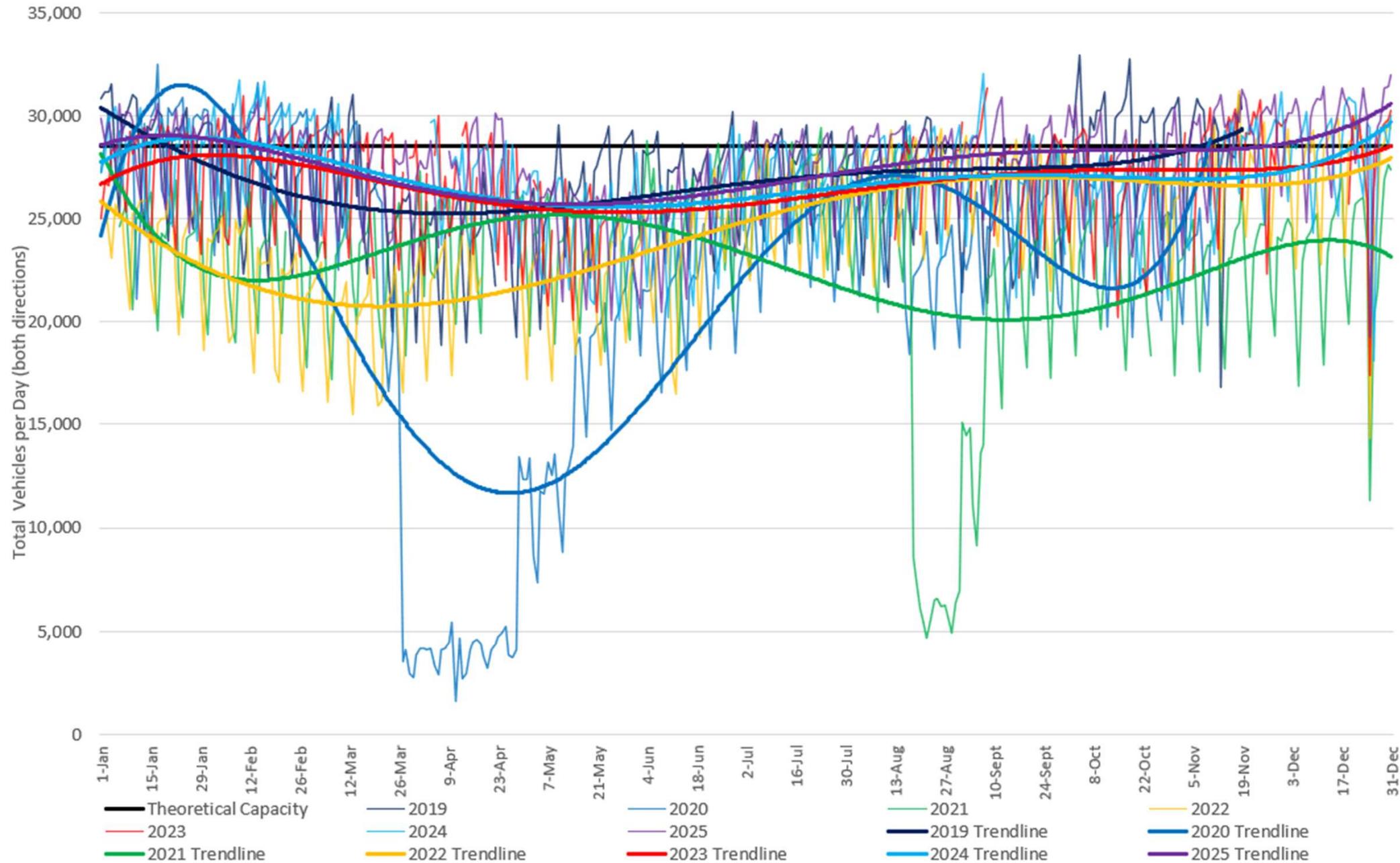
# SH6 – South of Peninsula Rd

00600999 South of Peninsula Rd



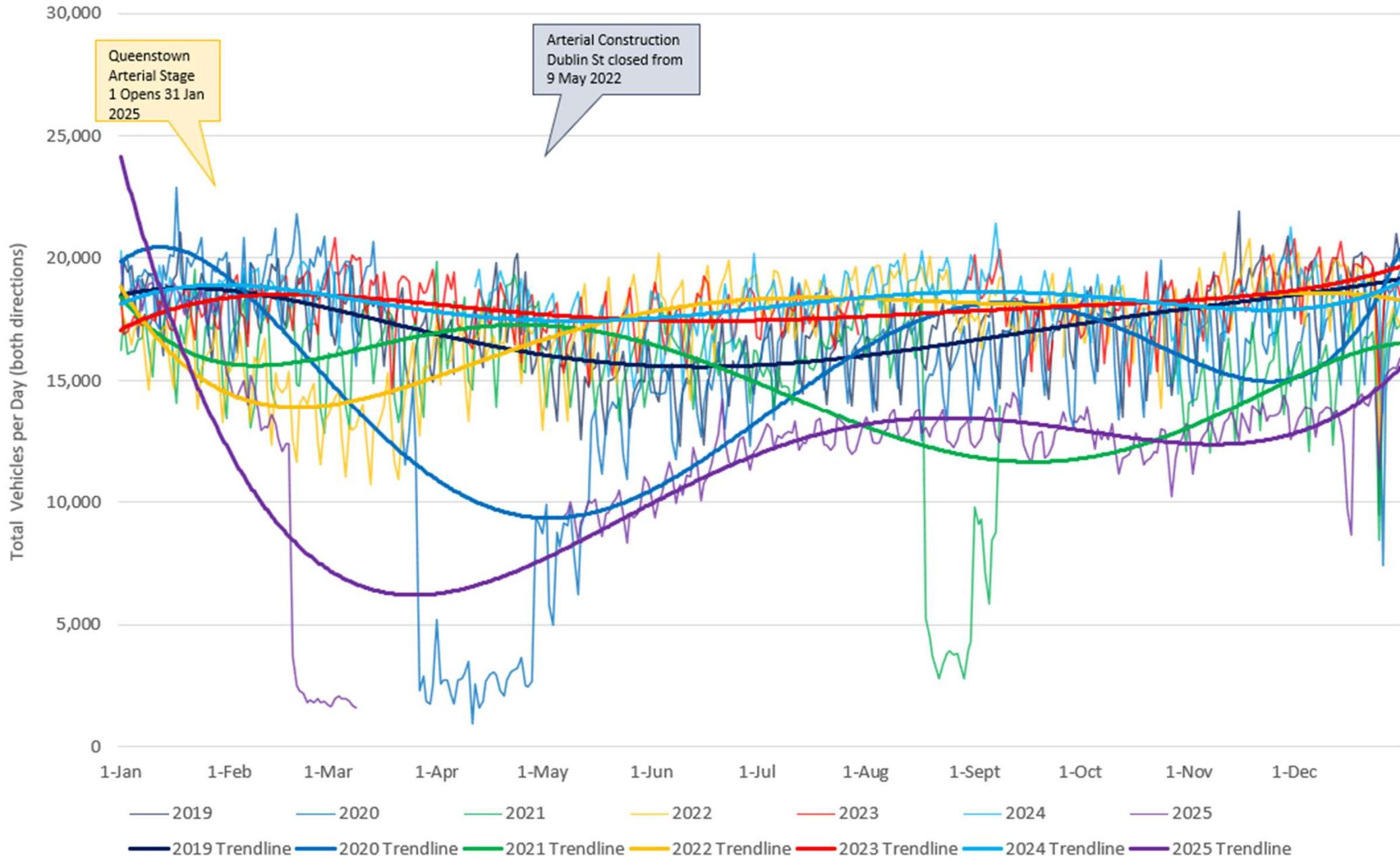
# SH6A – Frankton Road

SH6A Frankton Hill



# SH6A - Stanley St by Millenium Hotel

06A00006 (Stanley St - Millenium Hotel)



# Travel time data

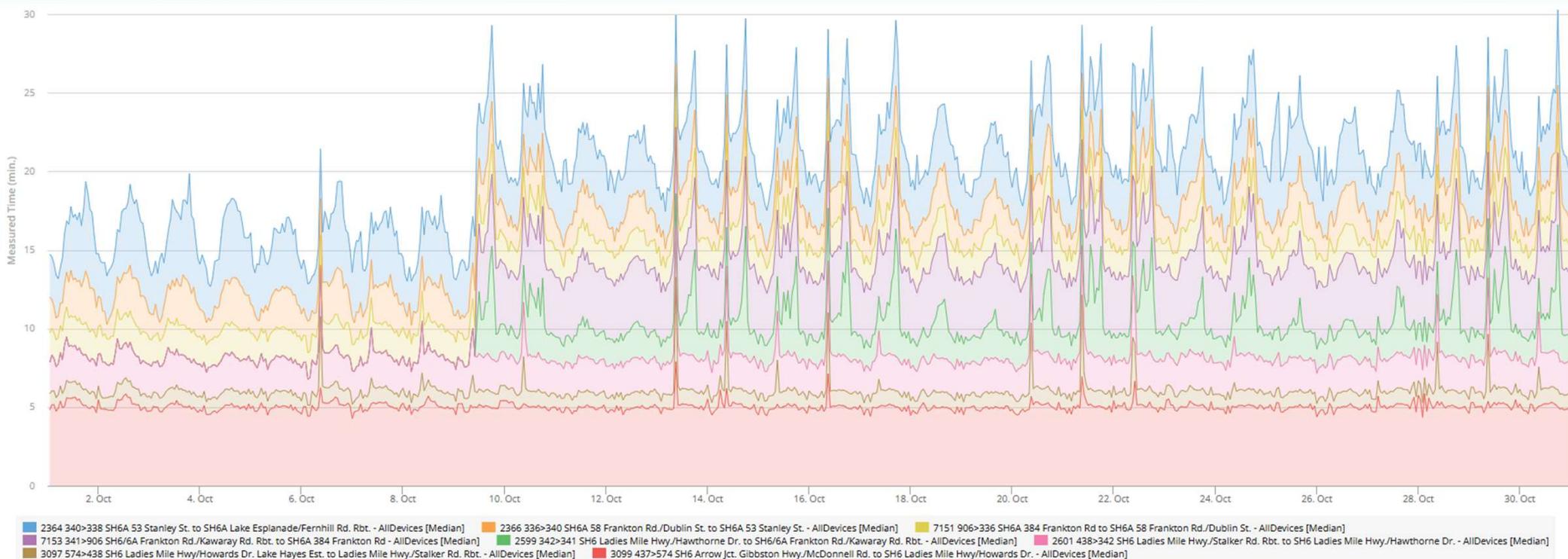
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- ▶ The graphs on the next 6 slides highlight the variability in travel time into and out of Queenstown via SH6 and SH6A Frankton Road for each month of the quarter
- ▶ Data is measured through Bluetooth software using Bliptrack
- ▶ Data reflects average hourly travel time for each segment making up the route
  - ▶ Reflects morning and afternoon peak traffic movements
  - ▶ Shows that travel time eastbound from Queenstown is typically longer than travel time into Queenstown whilst also having more variability and higher peak travel times

# Travel time towards Queenstown - October

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- ▶ Travel time from Arrow Junction to One Mile roundabout (SH6 & SH6A Westbound)
- ▶ The first week of the month has lower travel times which coincides with school holidays
- ▶ Following school term commencing, there are typically two peak travel times per weekday occurring between 8am – 9am and 5pm – 6pm



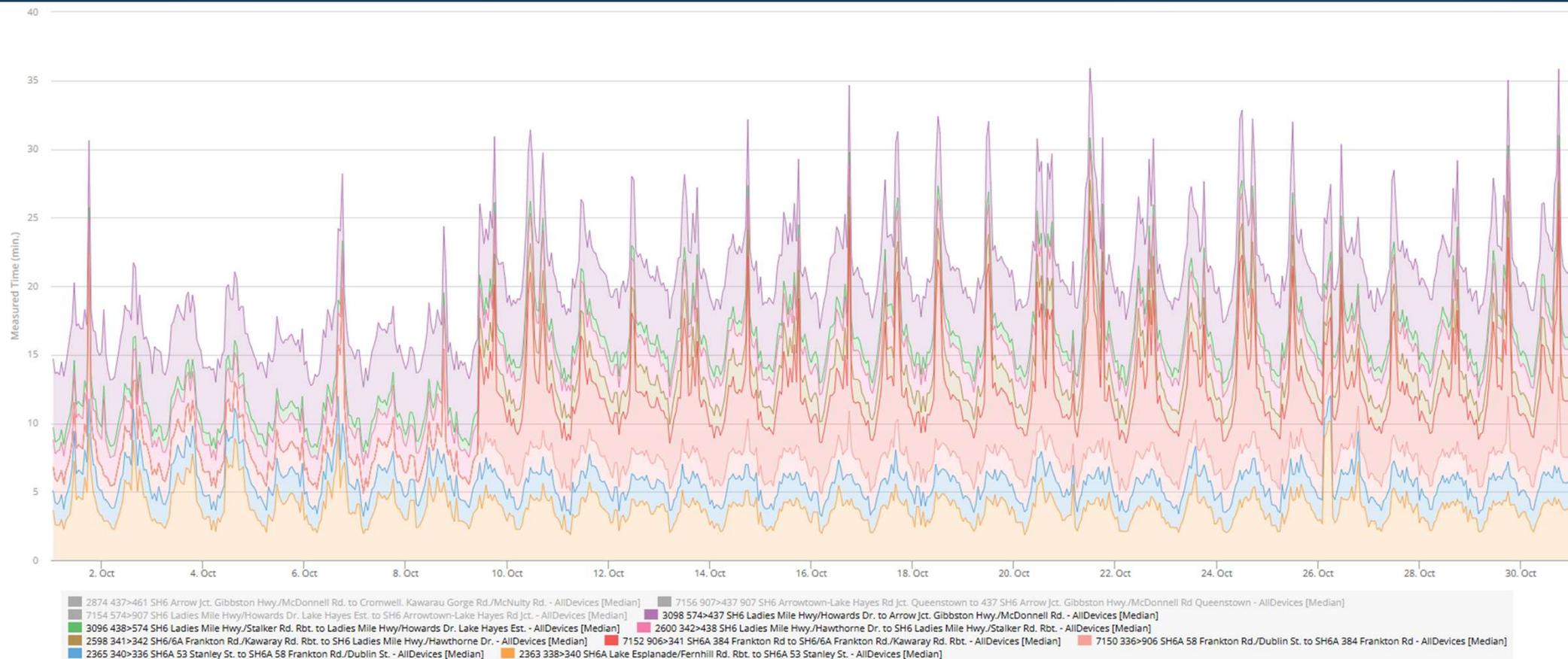
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▶ Travel time from One Mile roundabout to Arrow Junction (SH6 & SH6A Eastbound)

▶ Weekday evening peaks are substantially higher than the morning peaks

▶ Weekend days show noticeable peak travel times between 11am – 12pm



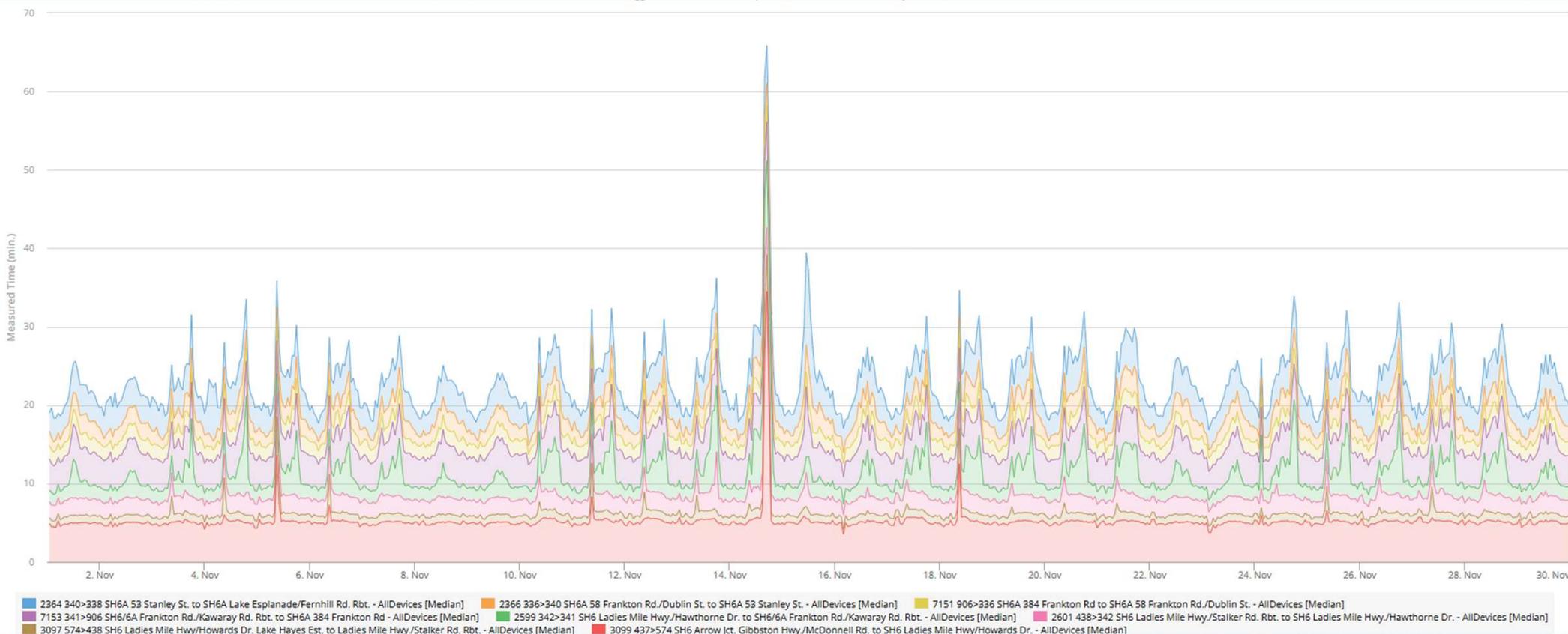
# Travel time towards Queenstown – November

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▶ Travel time from Arrow Junction to One Mile roundabout (SH6 & SH6A Westbound)

▶ Below graph shows morning and afternoon peak traffic weekdays, however weekday peak travel times are only slightly more defined than weekend peak travel times

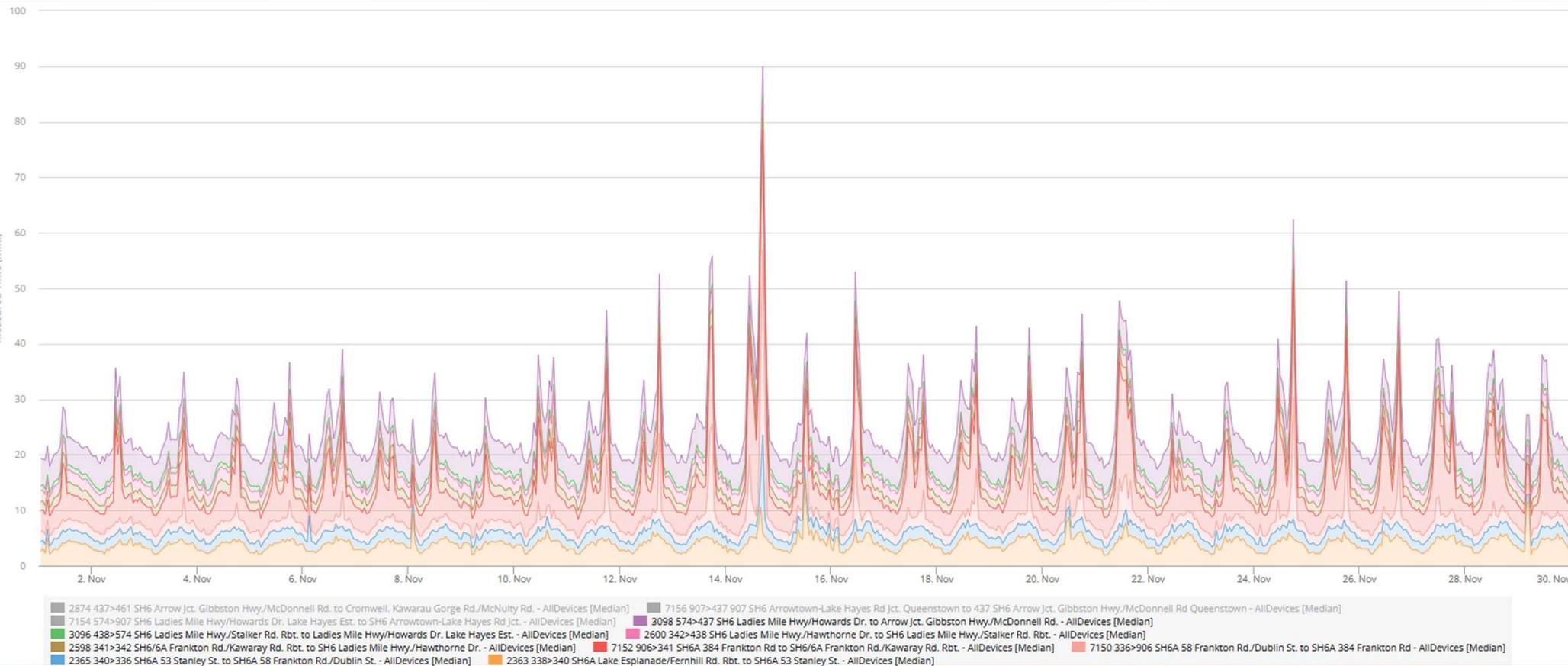
▶ Weekday and weekend peaks are relatively consistent across the month



# Travel time from Queenstown - November

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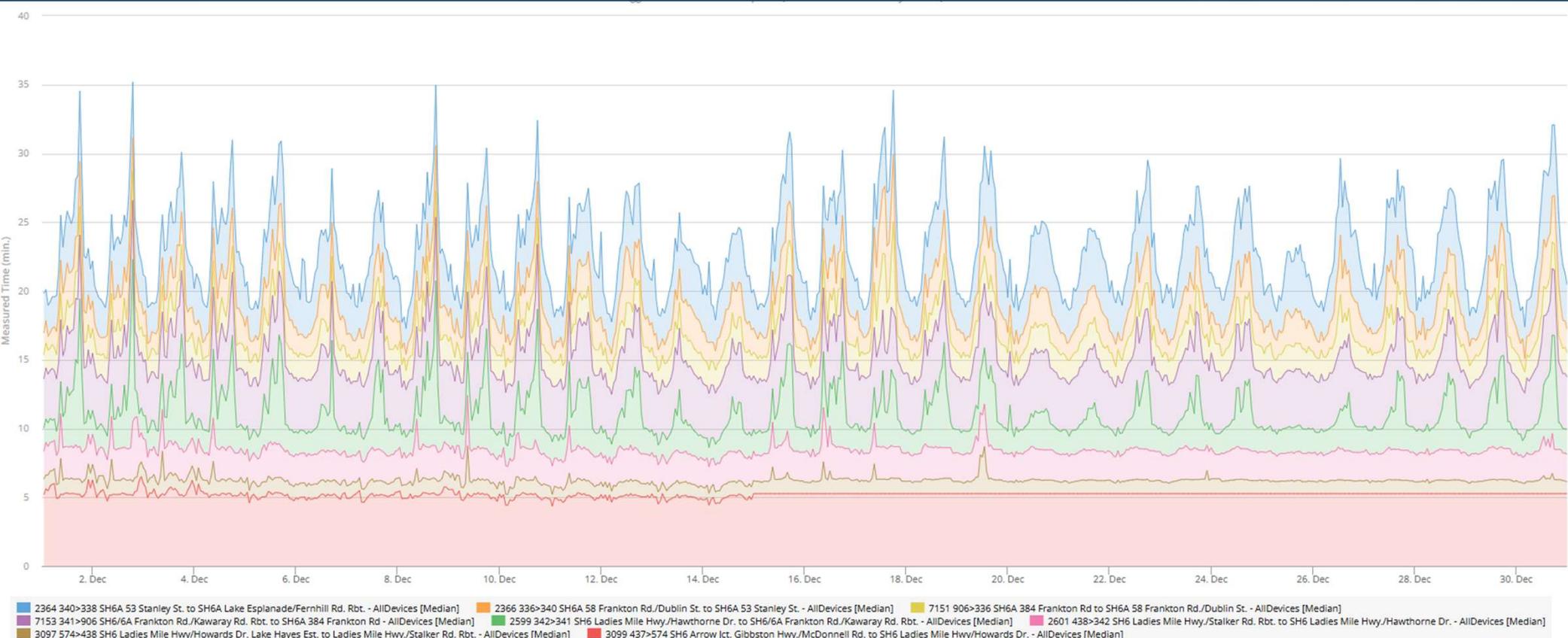
- ▶ Travel time from One Mile roundabout to Arrow Junction (SH6 & SH6A Eastbound)
- ▶ Travel times east from Queenstown were over 40mins for the entire length of this route on 15 occasions throughout the month (no occurrence of this in October), and this delay is typically due to extended travel times on Frankton Rd
- ▶ Weekday evening peaks are typically slightly higher than morning rush hour
- ▶ Weekends show that travel times is usually longest in the mornings



# Travel time towards Queenstown - December

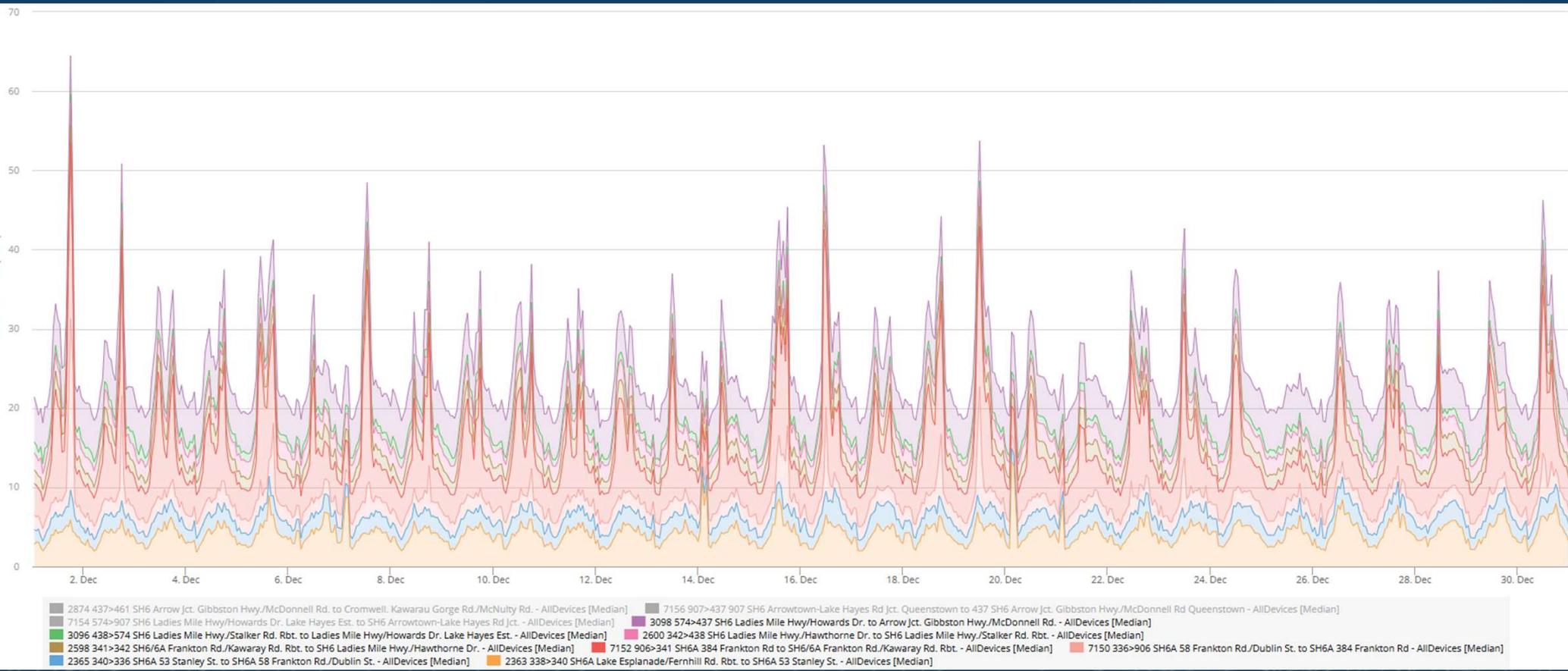
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- ▶ Travel time from Arrow Junction to One Mile roundabout (SH6 & SH6A Westbound)
- ▶ December has consistent morning and evening peak travel times with slight decreases on weekends and Christmas Day
- ▶ Following the start of the school holidays in mid December, travel times see less peaks



# Travel time from Queenstown - December

- ▶ Travel time from One Mile roundabout to Arrow Junction (SH6 & SH6A Eastbound)
- ▶ In December there were near daily evening peak travel times with 9 occasions of reaching over 40 minutes
- ▶ Like the west bound journeys, this is typically due to delays along Frankton Rd



# Public EV Chargers

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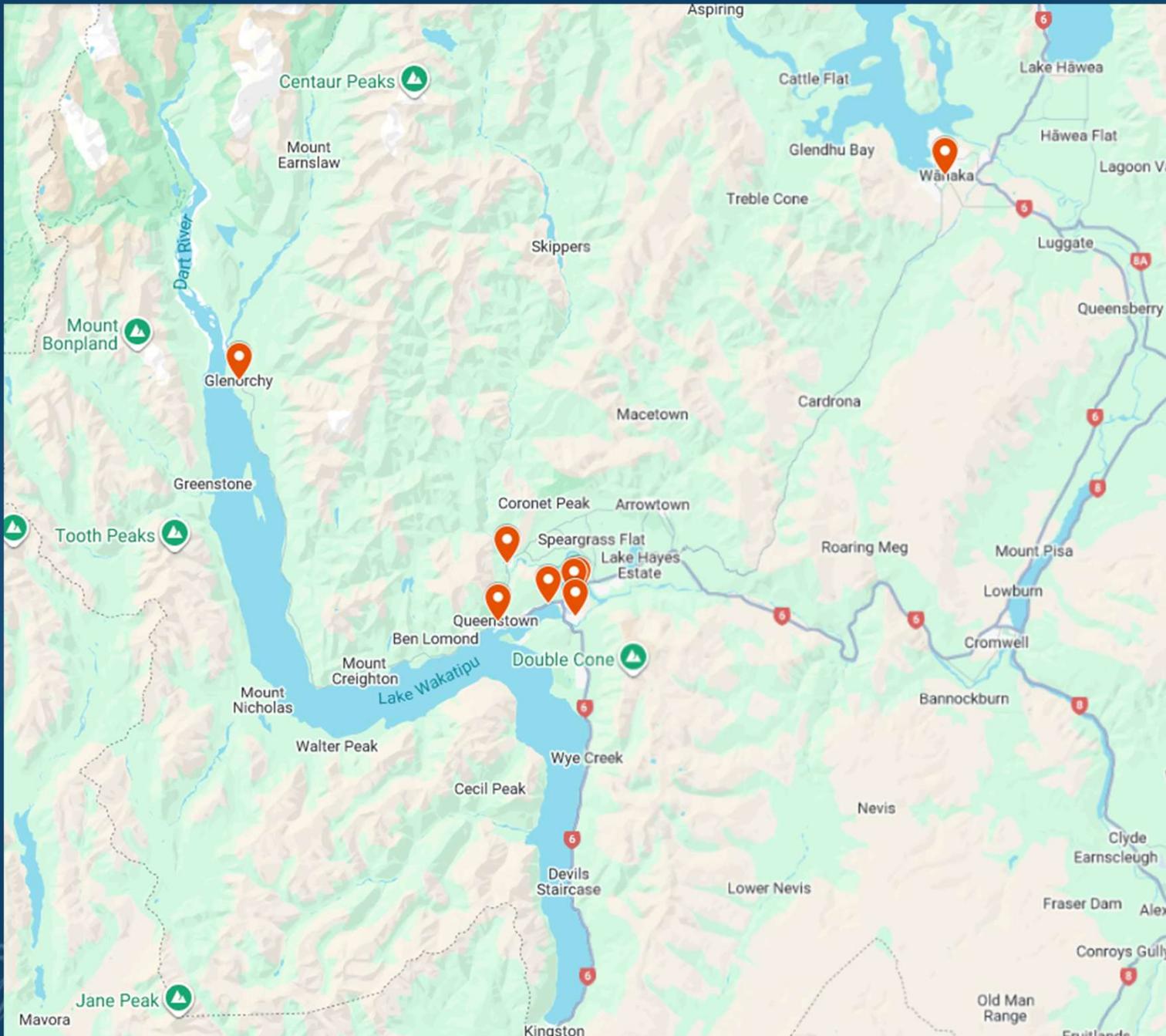
- ▶ There are currently 19 public EV chargers in the district
- ▶ These are distributed across 8 locations, as shown in the below table

Year in Operation	Location	Number of Chargers	Total number of new chargers per year
2018	42 Ardmore St, Wanaka	1	1
2019	45 Mull St, Glenorchy	1	3
	9 Athol St, Queenstown	2	
2023	3 Arthurs Point Road, Queenstown	2	2
2024	302 Hawthorne Drive, Frankton	2	8
	19 Grant Road, Frankton	6	
Not recorded	11 Golden Elm Lane, Frankton	4	5
	846 Frankton Road, Queenstown	1	
<b>Total to date</b>			<b>19</b>

- ▶ Tesla Destination Chargers are excluded from list of Public EV Chargers
- ▶ Data sourced from EECA Public EV Charger Dashboard

# Public EV Chargers - locations

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► Data sourced from EECA Public EV Charger Dashboard

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