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<https://faculti.net/the-impact-of-ride-hailing-services-on-congestion/>

This video discusses the growing popularity and impact of ride-hailing services like Uber and Ola globally. Over the past decade, these services have become the standard for taxis, prompting questions about their economic effects, employment opportunities, and potential negative consequences such as pollution and traffic congestion.

A key focus is on the congestion caused by ride-hailing services. The analysis examines the impact of a driver strike in India, where Uber and Ola services were temporarily halted, leading to a 10-14% reduction in congestion. This video finding indicates that ride-hailing services contribute to increased traffic congestion, especially during peak hours.

This video outlines mechanisms by which ride-hailing services exacerbate congestion, including "deadheading," where drivers drive without passengers while seeking fares, and the effect on route choices. When ride-hailing services are unavailable, lesser-used, smaller routes become more attractive due to reduced congestion, suggesting that these services could, paradoxically, lead to less efficient travel routes.

Furthermore, when ride-hailing services are available, they may deter citizens from using public transport options, shifting them back to these alternatives when ride-hailing is not an option. The discussion emphasizes the complexity of assessing their impact on urban transportation and offers insights into possible policy considerations to mitigate congestion caused by ride-hailing services.