Integrated Ticketing in the UK



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The UK -

Rail - over 20 passenger rail operators (franchises)

Bus - 5 principal groups (70% of market) 100's of smaller operators

OUTSIDE LONDON – deregulated

Through Ticketing – operator's decision



PLUSBUS A convenient & value for money integrated ticketing product

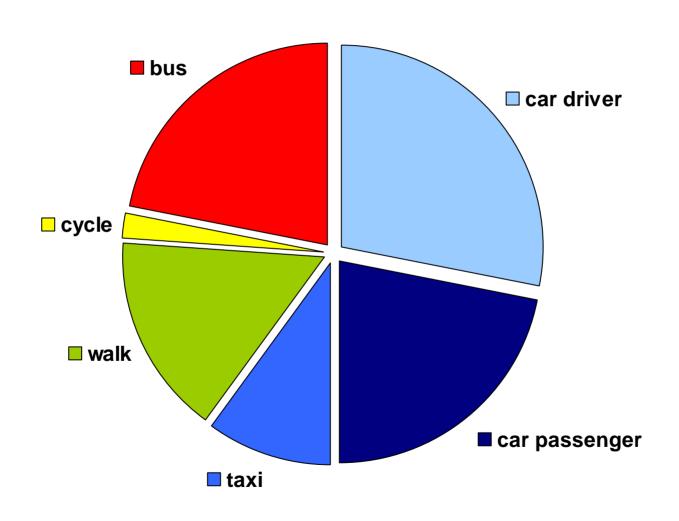




the issues

- 40% increase in rail use in Britain in last 10 years
- further growth in rail use planned
- station car parks at capacity, so using price to manage demand
- car park extensions expensive & long lead time
- Britain's main bus & train operators keen to offer customers integrated ticketing
- green transport agenda becoming ever more important

how do customers get to the station?



Journey Solutions

- commercial partnership behind PLUSBUS
- establish 1999 by Britain's six largest bus & train operating Groups
- jointly funded by operators and trade associations
- identified need for nation-wide integrated ticketing product
- competition legislation in Britain a significant barrier
- all towns & cities with population over 80K included



what are customers looking for ?

- ease of ticket purchase and of use
- convenience travel by bus anywhere around town, any time
- value for money reduced price bus travel, cheaper than station car parking or taxi travel



PLUSBUS customer offer

- add bus travel to train ticket single; day return; period return tickets & season tickets for 7-days, 1-month, 3-months, year
- one easy transaction, buy at station, or telephone
- unlimited bus travel around urban area of town at start, finish, or both ends of train journey
- all bus operators participate
- exclusive, discount price travel from just £1 a day



PLUSBUS zone map



PLUSBUS information poster



PLUSBUS marketing

First national marketing campaign

- 750K promotional leaflets distributed at 900 stations
- 400 promotional posters on display at stations
- display stands at main London terminals
- articles inside customer magazines
- new promotional website



PLUSBUS achievements

- established integrated train & bus ticketing across whole of Britain
- available to 195 towns & cities nationwide
- Britain only country in Europe to achieved this by partnership of private, commercial companies
- uses existing ticketing technology
- 47% increase in ticket sales year-on-year



PLUSBUS objectives 2007

- complete national coverage
- establish new sales channels: online & self-service machines at stations
- greater commercial focus: set specific sales targets to monitor success



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