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Weekends Experiencing Particularly Light Traffic in China

As we have been discussing in our daily China notes for our subscribers, it is only rush hour traffic that has normalized in China. Collectively, traffic at 8AM in the five cities that we have been reporting on (Shanghai, Beijing, Shenzhen, Guangzhou, and Chengdu) was up on Friday by 4% from 2019's average. Traffic at 8AM in these cities has exceeded 2019's average every weekday since March 18th. As we have also been stressing in our daily notes, however, traffic during the late morning through early afternoon has still not recovered. Collectively, traffic at 12PM in these five cities was down on Friday by 13% from 2019's average. In addition, traffic at 3PM in these cities was down on Friday by 27% from 2019's average. During the time since we first began reporting on non-rush hour weekday traffic, this traffic has remained well below 2019's average.

Overall, it remains only rush hour traffic that has normalized. We believe many Chinese citizens who previously used mass transportation when commuting to work are instead now driving (if driving is an option for them). We anticipate that many other people around the world will also shun mass transportation during the early stages of returning to work in their own countries as well. That is a logical action to take during and after the outbreak of a pandemic. What is evident in China is that non-rush hour traffic has still not recovered. This is a clear sign that China has not yet returned back to normal. As we have also continued to highlight in our work, traffic throughout the weekends in many cities has also not come close to recovering. There has been no time during the weekends recently where traffic has been above 2019's average in the cities we have been monitoring. Average traffic at

5PM in these cities during the weekends has recently been down by as much as 31% from 2019's average.

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