

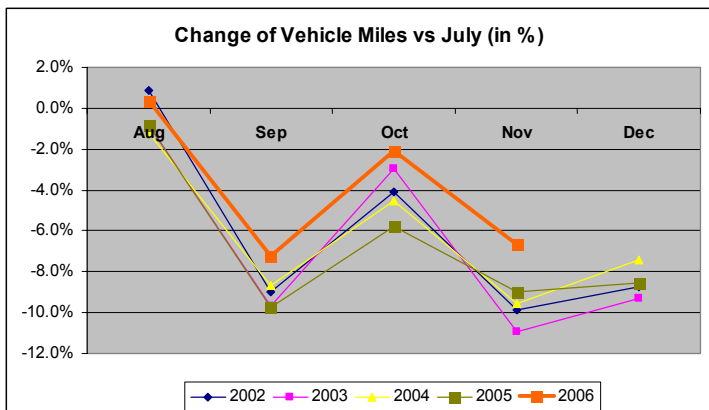
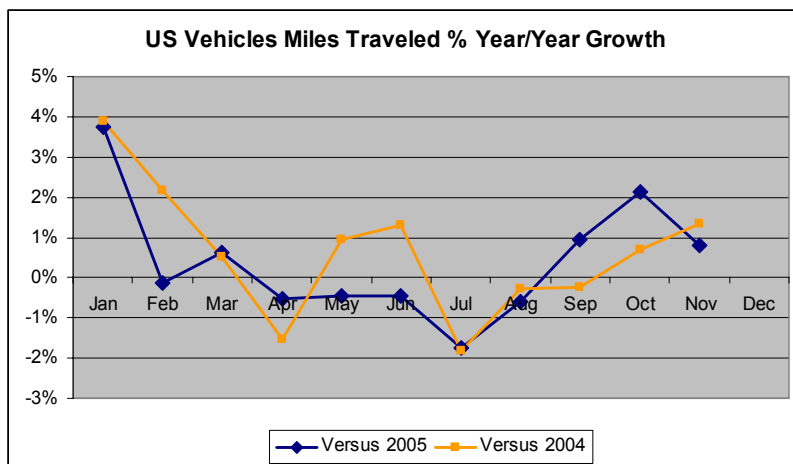
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US TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

The US Department of Transportation released this Monday the traffic volume trends for November 2006.

With an increase of +0.8% versus November 2005 it is the third consecutive month of Yearly Traffic year-on-year increase, and follows a summer that was showing negative growth. The growth in Traffic volume coincides with the strong growth seen in Gasoline and Diesel sales September onwards.

While some of the growth in Diesel sales is due to the wholesale move to lower sulphur, the Traffic Volume Trends is indicating a positive response to the lower flat price.



The same pattern is emerging when comparing the month-on-month changes. When comparing to the July levels, the decline in Vehicles-Miles for September, October and November has been 2% less than the average declines registered in 2002-2005.

