



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Transportation  
**LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING & REGULATORY BOARD**  
East Avenue, Quezon City

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**BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 069**  
**Series of 2019**

**WHEREAS**, on 19 June 2017, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) issued Department Order No. 2017-011 (Re: Omnibus Guidelines on the Planning and Identification of Public Road Transportation Services and Franchise Issuance) adopting the rules and procedures for the issuance of franchises for public transport routes and services;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 5(a) of Executive Order No. 202, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) shall have the power "to prescribe and regulate routes of service, economically viable capacities and zones or areas of operation of public land transportation services provided by motorized vehicles;

**WHEREAS**, on the basis of the recommendation by the DOTr Road Planning Office after conducting validation surveys, then Undersecretary Orbos wrote a letter to Chairman Delgra authorizing the opening of routes for application of new CPC under the PUVMP Initial Implementation. Consequently, Board Resolution No. 057 Series of 2018 was issued by the LTFRB opening new/developmental routes and additional authorized units for the existing route of Butuan City to Talacogon, as an immediate measure to compensate the lack of public transport services and for the improvement of the public transport situation all over CARAGA Region;

**WHEREAS**, on 25 August 2018, Bachelor Express, Inc. thru its Vice President Atty. Collin Derk Y. Isidto wrote a Letter Manifestation regarding Board Resolution No. 057 Series of 2018 addressed to the LTFRB Chairman, Atty. Martin B. Delgra contending among others that the information or data which became the basis for determining the number of authorized units for the route Butuan City, Agusan Del Norte – Talacogon, Agusan Del Sur appears to be erroneous, considering that Bachelor Express, Inc. has two (2) existing franchises for the route having a combined number of authorized units of thirty nine (39), and the presence of said thirty nine (39) units is more than enough to service the need of the riding public, and thus, to include the subject route open for application of new CPC is unnecessary anymore;

**WHEREAS**, a perusal of the records to this office will show that the two (2) existing CPCs currently enjoyed Bachelor Express, Inc. traverses the route of Butuan City - Surigao City - Tandag City - Mangangoy - Talacogon & vice versa, which will usually take a commuter approximately 12hours travel time from Butuan City to Talacogon, and the route of Butuan City – Surigao City – Talacogon (to Tandag City) which will take a commuter approximately 9.5hours travel time from Butuan City to Talacogon;

**WHEREAS**, there is only one (1) authorized unit that is currently plying or servicing the route of Butuan City directly to Talacogon, and by reason of the existing demand such would be insufficient to cater the needs of the commuting public;

**WHEREAS**, taking the direct route which will entail a travel time of only more than 2hours is more ideal than the existing routes being serviced by Bachelor Express, Inc., which would take long hours of travel, adding to it the turn-around time and the interval between buses that is usually far longer;

**NOW THEREFORE**, premises considered, the finding that the Manifestation of Bachelor Express, Inc. is to be bereft of factual basis, the Board hereby resolves to uphold the efficacy of Board Resolution No. 057 Series of 2018, particularly the opening of new CPCs for the additional units on the route of Butuan City to Talacogon. Accordingly, the LTFRB-RFRO No. 13 is directed to accept the application of Davao Metro Shuttle Corp. and proceed with the process of issuing CPC for the route Butuan City to Talacogon.

**APPROVED AND SIGNED** by the undersigned Chairman and Board Members, this 15th day of April 2019 at Quezon City, Philippines.

  
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Chairman

  
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Board Member/O.I.C- OED

  
**GEN. ANTONIO N. GARDIOLA, JR. (Ret.)**  
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