



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

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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
**NUMBER 2020- 057**

**Subject : REMOVAL OF FEES OF AFCS CARDS CHARGED TO  
COMMUTERS APART FROM FARE LOAD**

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**WHEREAS**, in several issuances and press statements, the Department of Transportation and this Board has pushed the shift to cashless transaction for Public Land Transportation Services as part of the health measures to minimize, if not, avoid human interaction to reduce the risk of exposure to the COVID-19 virus;

**WHEREAS**, recently, the Consortium operating in the EDSA Busway route has implemented the mandatory use of its Automated Fare Collection System (AFCS) starting 01 October 2020 whereby cashless fare collection with the use of its Beep Cards for commuters;

**WHEREAS**, upon said implementation, it was found out that commuters are compelled to pay a certain fee for the purchase of the card alone (exclusive of the fare load);

**WHEREAS**, prompted by reports and complaints, the Department of Transportation released a press statement on October 4, 2020, Re: REITERATION OF DOTR's STANCE ON THE ISSUE OF THE BEEP CARD PAYMENT;

**WHEREAS**, in the said press statement, DOTr has asked AF Payments Inc. (Beep Card provider) to remove the service fee and other charges that total a significant amount for the cost of the card, payment of which has been an additional burden ordinary commuters who are reeling from the adverse economic impact of public health and economic crisis we are all confronting;

**WHEREAS**, on 05 October 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has directed to give out said AFCS cards for free, although the fare load should still be paid by the commuters;

**WHEREAS**, this Board deems it necessary to order Public Utility Vehicle (PUV) operators and/or Automatic Fare Collection Systems (AFCS) providers to remove the cost of the card, on top of the fare load;

**NOW THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the foregoing, and to alleviate the burden of the riding public, this Board hereby directs all Public Utility Vehicle (PUV) operators and/or Automatic Fare Collection Systems (AFCS) to remove any charges or fees imposed for the purchase/use of their cards on top of the fare load.

Failure of the concerned operator and/or provider to comply with this issuance shall cause for the immediate suspension of the automatic fare collection system, aside from the penalties to be imposed pursuant to existing issuances of this Board against the operators concerned,

All other issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed modified or superseded accordingly.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately following its publication in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation. Let three (3) copies hereof be filed with the UPLaw Center – Office of National Administrative Registrar (ONAR).


**SO ORDERED.      OCT 06 2020**

**Adopted and Approved through teleconference  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020, Quezon City, Philippines.**

  
**ATTY. MARTIN B. DELGRA III**  
Chairman



  
**ENGR. RONALDO T. CORPUS**  
Board Member

  
**P/COL. JOEL C. PERNITO (Ret.)**  
Board Member

Attested by:

  
**Col. RENWICK K. RUTAQUIO (Ret.)**  
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