



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

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 118
Series of 2021

WHEREAS, as a basic policy declared under the Department of Transportation (DOTr) Department Order No. 2017-011, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) is tasked to implement the said DO No. 2017-011, otherwise known as the "Omnibus Guidelines on the Planning and Identification of Public Road Transportation Services and Franchise Issuance;

WHEREAS, when President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Proclamation No. 922 entitled "Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency Throughout the Philippine" on 8 March 2020, this prompted the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) to issue Resolution although allowing resumption of operation of public transportation but only under limited number and reduced capacity to ensure social distancing;

WHEREAS, on 14 May 2020, the Board issued Memorandum Circular No. 2020-019, prescribing the guidelines for the operations of Public Utility Buses during the period of GCQ in Metro Manila;

WHEREAS, one of the routes mentioned in MC 2020-019 is the EDSA Loop Service which is considered as the converging point/main thoroughfare for the Rationalized routes, which also require that the authorized units must be Airconditioned, Low floor, Low entry units with two doors;

WHEREAS, on 12 May 2021, the Board issued Memorandum Circular No. 2021-015, prescribing the guidelines on the specifications of Public Utility Buses operating EDSA Busway, in relation to the enforced exclusive service and operation of low floor/low entry buses along EDSA in view of the recent modifications of PUB routes in Metro Manila;

WHEREAS, it has been consistently observed that the utilization of low floor/low entry buses on the EDSA Busway route is very low, thus, affecting the movement of the commuting public;

WHEREAS, the Board understands the adverse impact of this unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic that greatly affected the delivery of PUB compliant units, particularly those low floor/low entry units;

WHEREAS, the Board sees the need to respond to the growing passenger demand, and address the lack of low floor/low entry bus units plying along EDSA Busway;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, the Board resolves as it hereby resolved to **ALLOW** existing consortia/operators authorized to operate along EDSA Busway to augment the deficiencies of low floor/low entry buses from other routes with available low floor/low entry buses (including P2P routes), be it their own buses or from other operators, subject to the following:

1. The units to be utilized in Edsa Busway must have a valid CPC and PA including those with Special Permit currently allowed to resume operation by the Board during quarantine;
2. The operator of the route/s where the low floor/low entry units are to be taken to augment the deficiency on the EDSA Busway route shall replace said units with at least Coach type unit so as to maintain adequate number of trips and convenience of the commuting public;
3. In both cases, the operators utilizing the low floor/low entry units used to augment the deficiency on the EDSA Busway route must secure a valid Special Permit for the said units with validity of until 31 December 2021, as well as those operators mentioned in the preceding paragraph (no.1), for the replaced units (Coach type);
4. This interim guideline is only valid and effective until 31 December 2021.

APPROVED AND SIGNED by the undersigned Chairman and Board Members, this 27th day of September 2021 at Quezon City, Philippines.


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P/Col. JOEL C. PERNITO (Ret.)
Board Member

Attested by:


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