



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

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**BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 133**  
**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**, 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**, the route EDSA Loop Service is also one of the routes covered by the PUV Service Contracting Program sourced from the General Appropriations Act of 2021 pursuant to Memorandum Circular No. 2021-054;

**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**, despite the issuance of Board Resolution No. 118, series of 2021, which allows the augmentation of low/floor low entry PUBs from other routes to the EDSA Busway route, the utilization of existing buses vis-à-vis the passenger demand is still insufficient, especially during rush hours;

**WHEREAS**, Memorandum Circular No. 2020-004 gives the Board the power to direct PUB operators to immediately provide and deploy PUV units in cases when there is high passenger demand or lack of public transportation services;

**WHEREAS**, the safety and convenience of the commuting public especially in this time of pandemic is still the paramount concern of the Board, thus, the need to provide adequate public transportation service;

**NOW THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the foregoing, the Board resolves as it hereby resolved to **ADOPT** the following guidelines in allowing RESCUE buses:

**1. Coverage:**

This Resolution shall cover Provincial Public Utility Buses (PUBs) and City Point to Point (P2P) Buses with existing Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) or Provisional Authority (PA), and Special Permit issued during the Community

Quarantine preferably those with Terminal located at the South or North of EDSA Busway route;

2. Deployment:

PUBs covered herein shall be enrolled in the Service Contracting Program, and its operation and payment scheme shall be governed by Memorandum Circular No. 2021-054 re: Implementing Guidelines on the PUV Service Contracting Program under GAA of 2021.

The deployment schedule during Mondays and Fridays shall be from 5:00 am – 10:00 am and from 4:00pm – 11:00pm and shall be dispatched on the following EDSA Busway stations for the whole duration of the deployment.

1. Authorized Rescue bus units shall be initially dispatched on the following Bus Stations:
  - a. Southbound (5:00 am – 10:00 am) – 60 buses
    - Ten (10) buses to be deployed at Monumento Station to PITX
    - Ten (10) buses to be deployed at Balintawak Station to PITX
    - Ten (10) buses to be deployed at Roosevelt Station to PITX
    - Ten (10) buses to be deployed at North Avenue Station to PITX
    - Ten (10) buses to be deployed at QMart Station to PITX
    - Ten (10) buses to be deployed at Main Avenue Station to PITX
  - b. Northbound (4:00 pm – 11:00 pm) – 60 buses
    - Ten (15) buses to be deployed at PITX to Monumento
    - Ten (15) buses to be deployed at EDSA Taft Station to Monumento
    - Ten (15) buses to be deployed at Ayala Station to Monumento
    - Ten (15) buses to be deployed at Ortigas Station to Monumento
2. For Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and weekends, the LTFRB may coordinate with the concerned PUB operators on the deployment of its PUBs, as the need arises;
3. All qualified PUBs covered herein shall be issued Special Permits, and the operators concerned shall enter into a contract with the LTFRB for the Service Contracting Program.

This Resolution shall apply retroactively to cover those units previously used as rescue buses due to high passenger demand and lack of PUBs, as identified and allowed by the Board.

**APPROVED AND SIGNED** by the undersigned Chairman and Board Members, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021 at Quezon City, Philippines.

  
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Chairman



  
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