

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

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 2022 - 044

SUBJECT : ADDITIONAL ROUTES ALLOWED FOR THE OPERATION OF MODERNIZED UV EXPRESS (UVE) ALONG COMMONWEALTH AVENUE DURING THE PERIOD OF COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN METRO MANILA AND ENTERING METRO MANILA

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Proclamation No. 922 entitled “*Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency Throughout the Philippines*” on 08 March 2020 in view of the reported COVID-19 cases in the country;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the guidelines of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) for a calibrated and gradual opening of public transportation in Metro Manila and those in nearby provinces, the Board has since then made the necessary monitoring on the daily operations of the initial routes allowed to operate;

WHEREAS, under Item II.b. of Memorandum Circular 2020-025, the Board may issue additional routes to resume operations based on passenger demand;

WHEREAS, based on the monitoring and coordination with local government units in Metro Manila, there is a continuous need to open additional routes for **UV Express (UVE)** to serve passenger demand;

WHEREAS, based on the monitoring on the ground by the Franchise Planning and Monitoring Division of the LTFRB and in coordination with Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), there is a need to open additional routes for **UVEs** to serve passenger demand along Commonwealth Ave. since the easing of quarantine restrictions in the National Capital Region;

WHEREAS, only Public Utility Bus (**PUB**) Routes 5: Quezon Ave. – Angat and 7: Quezon Ave. – Montalban are currently serving the demand of the passengers along Commonwealth Ave.;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, the Board hereby **ALLOWS** the UVEs with previously modified structures to revert back **along Commonwealth Ave. (attached as ANNEX “A”)** starting April 06, 2022 or as may be allowed by the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EIF).

This Circular shall cover **UVE** grantees with valid and existing Certificates of Public Convenience (CPC) and for expired CPCs, with Applications for Extension of Validity of CPC that have been filed, operating in the National Capital Region, and those entering Metro Manila.

Considering that **UVEs** will be plying their existing routes as indicated in **Annex “A”**, **NO SPECIAL PERMIT is necessary prior to their operation**. In lieu of the Special Permit, the corresponding **QR CODE** shall be issued to the operator prior to operation. Said QR Code shall be downloaded at www.ltfrb.gov.ph and which must be printed by the operator (size : 8.5”x 11” short bond paper) and displayed conspicuously by the operator in the front windshield of authorized unit (without affecting view of the driver) **prior to operation**. **Only those operators**

with routes included in the list specified under Annex "A" shall be allowed to operate, provided their corresponding QR Code is downloaded and properly displayed in the unit.

Those UVEs found to operate in routes not included in Annex "A" herein will be apprehended accordingly. Further, for UVEs operating under routes listed in Annex "A", preference shall be given to those who have consolidated or have filed their Petition for Consolidation.

Applicant/operator shall abide by the results of the Route Rationalization Study or LPTRP of the PUVMP once completed.

The provisions in Memorandum Circular 2020-025 dated 26 June 2020 shall be applicable herein. Hence, it should be noted that, notwithstanding the policy of allowing operators/drivers to take the most convenient and shortest route, the units must not pass through or traverse EDSA EXCEPT TO CROSS.

All issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby superseded and amended accordingly.

Failure to comply with any of the conditions set forth herein may warrant the imposition of fines and/or cancellation or suspension of the Certificate of Public Convenience or Provisional Authority of the concerned operator as the Board may determine and as provided under Joint Administrative Circular (JAO) No. 2014-001.

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

SO ORDERED.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THROUGH A TELECONFERENCE ON
April 04, Quezon City, Philippines.



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ATTY. MARTIN B. DELGRA III
Chairman



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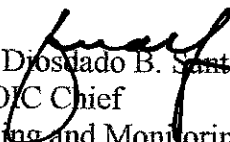
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ANNEX A					
Route Number	Pre-COVID Route Name	Community Quarantine Route Name	Length	NAU	Modified Route
M01	SM Fairview - Buendia via Commonwealth Ave.	SM Fairview - Buendia via Mindanao Ave., Quirino Hwy	29.1	19	SM Fairview - Buendia via Commonwealth Ave.
TOTAL	1	1		19	

We hereby certify that the above routes have undergone evaluation based on the guidelines set by the DOTr on hierarchy of modes and rationalization of routes in relation to the PUV Modernization Program.


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