MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
Number 97-009

SUBJECT: REIMPOSITION OF MORATORIUM UNDER
MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 95-013 and STRICT
ENFORCEMENT OF MEMO CIRCULAR NO.
95-012 Ban on Establishment of New
and/or Additional Bus Terminals/Stations

In September 1995, this Board issued Memorandum Circular No.
95-013 captioned "MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF CPC's FOR METRO
MANILA BUS ROUTES TRAVERSING EDSA AND PROVINCIAL BUS ROUTES
ENTERING METRO MANILA AND SUSPENSION OF PROCEEDING IN PENDING
APPLICATIONS ON SAID ROUTES", a measure deemed necessary due to
the number of already franchised Metro Manila and provincial
buses in Luzon practically all primary and secondary routes
and as a necessary support measure for the MMDA's traffic
rationalization and improvement programs.

Subsequent to the issuance of the said circular, the MMDA
requested the Board to process and resolve applications on
provincial routes provided they terminated at Taguig for those
coming from the South, and at Balintawak for those coming from
the North.

The "exception" requested by the MMDA may have contributed
to the deterioration of the traffic situation in Metro Manila in
the last two years.

The ban against the establishment of new and/or additional
bus terminals/garages along major thoroughfares in Metro Manila,
particularly along EDSA, where there were already fifteen (15)
provincial bus terminals/garages at the time the ban was imposed
with the issuance of Memo Circular No. 95-012 on September 29,
1995 was also eroded when the MMDA allowed the establishment of a
terminal in Cubao, provided that, at any given time only ten (10)
buses will be garaged at said terminal, a condition somewhat
difficult to monitor. Thereafter, makeshift garages sprouted
along EDSA.

Given the present aggravated traffic situation which MMDA
Executive Director Fianza is doing his best to address and the
need for the LTFRB to support this undertaking, this Board,
1) Reimposing the Moratorium on the acceptance, processing and resolution of all applications, including those pending, for certificates of public convenience for the operation of buses in Metro Manila and on provincial routes whether entering Metro Manila or terminating outside the periphery of the metropolis, given the fact that those issued CPCs terminating outside Metro Manila have been entering Metro Manila as far as Cubao and other points inside Metro Manila and also the difficulty of monitoring their operations to insure compliance with the terms and conditions of their franchises;

2) Strictly implementing its ban against new and/or additional bus terminals/depotages along major thoroughfares, particularly along EDSA from Letran (Malabon) to Baclaran, with the assistance of the Land Transportation Office and the Metro Manila Development Authority.

The exceptions already provided for in Memorandum Circular No. 95-013, including franchise applications with routes within the regions only, except the National Capital Region, shall remain.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

Quezon City, 6 August 1997.

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Chairman

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