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TRANSPORT AUTHORITY RATIONALIZES TRANSPORTATION CENTRES FOR PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLES IN THREE MAJOR TOWNSHIPS

The Transport Authority is rationalizing transportation centres for Public Passenger Vehicles operations in the towns of Port Maria, St. Mary, Spanish Town, St. Catherine and Ocho Rios, St. Ann with effect April 1, 2010.

The rationalization process which will result in the assignment of public passenger vehicles to various transportation centres or bus parks in these townships based on recent reviews of the traffic arrangements by the Transport Authority and the Parish Councils in St. Catherine and St. Mary on March 9, 2010 and March 10, 2010 respectively. Meetings were also held with Bus and taxi operators and Taxi Association Presidents in these parishes.

As a consequence of the rationalization process all bus and taxi operators with routes originating or terminating in Port Maria must utilize the Horace Clarke Bus and Taxi Terminus. Meanwhile bus and taxi operators with routes originating and terminating in Spanish Town will be assigned to one of three areas namely the Wellington Street Transportation Centre, Kings Street Taxi Park or the Spanish Town Metropolitan Bus Terminus.

In Ocho Rios taxi operators who ply the route St. Ann's Bay to Ocho Rios will now traverse Bravo Street, Harbour Street from Ocho Rios and terminate at the St. Ann's Bay Transport Centre. All taxi operators on the Exchange to Ocho Rios route will now travel along Pineapple main road while all other routes which terminate in the Ocho Rios Transport Centre will travel along the Ocho Rios Bypass from the Transportation Centre with the exception of the Content Gardens to Ocho Rios town route.

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At a recent town hall meeting with bus and taxi operators in Port Maria, Managing Director of the Transport Authority, Daniel Dawes pledged the Authority's support for the initiative by undertaking to modify the road licences of all operators in the area to specify the transportation centre. He commended Mayor Richard Creary for the initiative which should result in a more efficient use of the road network in the township.

The road licences of the Spanish Town operators will also be amended to reflect the terminal points. The assigned terminal facilities will now be displayed along with the route information on all public passenger vehicles in these parishes. The Authority will be advertising the assigned locations for the public passenger vehicles according to the routes and encourages commuters to call its office toll free at **1-888-991-5687** to get the details of the arrangements.

In the meantime, Operations General Manager at the Transport Authority, Cecil Morgan says his team will exercise zero tolerance towards those public passenger vehicles operators who disregard the new arrangements.

When implemented, the changes in terminal facilities should reduce the congestion in these townships and result in increased ease of monitoring of public transportation.

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