

**[LTFRB MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2007- 007,
February 13, 2007]**

**COMPREHENSIVE GARAGE TO TERMINAL (GT) EXPRESS SERVICE
PROGRAM**

The Board hereby resolves to consolidate the provisions contained in Department Order 2004-52, dated 06 October 2004, which amended Department Order 97-1097 "Providing Standard Classification for All Public Land Transport Conveyances", which included the AUV/VAN Express Service as new Public Land Transport Classification, and all Memorandum Circulars issued by this Board pursuant thereto.

As per Memorandum Circular 2005-038, the AUV/VAN Express was known and renamed as P2P Express (Point to Point). The Board hereby resolves to undertake a "**GARAGE-TERMINAL (GT) EXPRESS**" for purposes of consistency and in order to reflect the true intent of the program which shall integrate and consolidate the same consequentially as follows:

I. COVERAGE

1. **UV Conversion** - This shall cover all qualified Applicants for Conversion with subsisting Certificates of Public Convenience based from the list of verified franchises utilizing UTILITY VEHICLES and VANS to be issued by the Management Information Division (MID) for the Central and Regional Offices, as follows:
 - 1.1 School Transport Service including VANS not actually being used as School Service
 - 1.2 Shuttle Service not actually used as shuttle service but on "ulo-ulo" basis
 - 1.3 Vehicles for Hire
 - 1.4 Filcab
 - 1.5 Garage Services
 - 1.6 Trucks for Hire but actually used to ferry passengers for hire
 - 1.7 Metered/Mega Taxi

2. **UV Legalization** - This shall cover new Applicants for the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience which shall be simultaneously processed with UV Conversion subject to RMC approval and after the issuance of guidelines thereto, whether the Applicant is a former grantee, colorums or a totally new Applicant not actually engaged in colorum operation. This, however, is limited to services touching Metro Manila subject to the limit indicated under DOTC Memorandum dated 19 September 2006 to accommodate a maximum of five hundred (500) units under the LTFRB "Colorum Legalization" Program, subject to penalties to be imposed by LTFRB.

II. The Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) and guidelines for P2P/AUV Express Program under Memorandum Circular Nos. 2005-023, 2005-028, 2005-038, 2005-054, 2006-002, 2006-011, 2006-017, 2006-029, 2006-053, 2006-061, 2006-062, 2007-01, 2007-02 and 2007-03 are hereby modified/amended as to the following specific provisions and guidelines:

1. **GT – Express Service Operations.** The distinguishing feature of the overall operations shall be governed by the principle of “Terminal to Terminal Only” and “No pick-up (Loading), No drop-off (Unloading)” while operating in a given route. The primordial operational concept shall target and motivate those currently using private vehicles to shift to being commuters utilizing an express alternative and comparatively convenient mode of public transport. This will also correct the practice of operators to refrain from operating on a “per head basis” despite not having been authorized to.

2. **ROUTE**

2.1 Fixed route, subject to the recommendation of the DOTC- Road Planning Division, approval of the Board, through the Route Measure Capacity (RMC) Secretariat.

2.2 Route Ceiling Distance – The Route Ceiling Distance provided below applies to all regional Offices except NCR, Regions III and IV which is limited to thirty-five (35) kilometers route ceiling distance.

2.2.1 INTER REGIONAL ROUTES – these are routes traversing from one region to another with Maximum Ceiling Route of seventy-five (75) kilometers except the super region of Mindanao (Region 9, 10, 11, 12 & CARAGA) wherein the Maximum Ceiling Route is one hundred (100) kilometers.

2.2.2 INTRA-REGIONAL ROUTES – these are routes only within a particular region with Maximum Route Ceiling Distance of thirty-five (35) kilometers except the super region of Mindanao (Region 9, 10, 11, 12 & CARAGA) wherein the Maximum Ceiling Route is one hundred (100) kilometers.

3. **MAXIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT** - The thirteen (13) year age requirement is still in effect, but those who will avail of this Comprehensive Program shall be granted a FIVE (5) year period of validity counted from receipt of a copy of the decision. However, in the case of conversion, the same shall only apply in the initial issuance of the Decision and not on the succeeding extension of validity of Certificate of Public Convenience.

4. **OPERATIONAL PROXIMITY** - The Board hereby resolves to exclude the requirement of operational proximity of the Applicant/Operators residing and/or with business address within a 5 kilometer radius from at least one (1) terminal of route ends.

5. **MINIMUM TERMINAL REQUIREMENT** - Terminals should be "Off-Street" and situated at route end points with covered passenger waiting areas, loading and unloading bays and vehicle lay-over areas. It should be recognized and duly **ACCREDITED** by the Board and subject to LTFRB Inspection and compliance with local government unit and/or HLURB clearances and other pertinent guidelines. Garage should be "Off-Street" and "Off-Side-Walks" with an ample space to accommodate number of unit(s) applied for.

6. **UV Conversion** – Payment shall be at the option of the Applicant in cash or manager's check only which can be as follows:

A. For Metro Manila Regions III and Region IV (CALABARZON)

6.1 Full payment of P30,000 upon filing of Application.

6.2 Installment Plan:

a) Two (2) Installment Payment Scheme:

- Php15,000.00 upon filing of application
- Php15,000.00 upon inspection of color scheme compliance

b) Four (4) Installment Payment Scheme:

- Php7,500.00 upon filing of application
- Php7,500.00 upon appearance during hearing
- Php7,500.00 upon release of Decision
- Php7,500.00 upon inspection of color scheme compliance

c) Five (5) Installment Payment Scheme:

- Php5,000.00 upon filing of application
- Php5,000.00 issuance of Notice of Hearing
- Php7,500.00 upon release of Decision
- Php5,000.00 upon inspection of unit
- Php7,500.00 upon confirmation of unit, before registration

B. For **Regions I, II, IV** (MIMAROPA), **V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XII, CAR, CARAGA & ARMM.**

6.3 Full payment of P10,000 upon filing of Application

6.4 Installment Plan:

a) Two (2) Installment Payment Scheme:

- Php5,000.00 upon filing of application
- Php5,000.00 upon inspection of color scheme compliance

b) Four (4) Installment Payment Scheme:

- Php2,500.00 upon filing of application
- Php2,500.00 upon appearance during hearing