

Discussion Paper  
Energy Summit

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Good afternoon....

Yesterday, in preparation for this Energy Summit, the transport sector held a Transport Summit, with the theme, "Energy Efficiency and Environmental Sustainability in the Transport Sector". It was attended by various stakeholders – the transport service providers/operators, the vehicle and parts manufacturers, the academe, NGOs, the local government, national government agencies such as DBP, DENR, DILG, DOE, DOT, DOST, DPWH, DTI, HLURB, MMDA, NMLC, NLSF, and DOTC and its sectoral and attached agencies, LTO, LTFRB, OTC and TRB.

Generally, there are 5 fundamental strategies to promote fuel efficiency in the land transport sector, namely:

1. Increase vehicle efficiency through
  - Modernization of PT fleets,
  - Implementation of inspection and maintenance systems to ensure roadworthiness and compliance with emission standards of vehicles
  - Enforcement of vehicle standards and other relevant rules and regulations
2. Switch to alternative fuels such as LPG, CNG and electric powered vehicles
3. Switch to energy-efficient transport modes, including high occupancy mass transport systems, railways, BRT, and land non-motorized transport, biking and walking
4. Decrease travel distance and travel time through traffic decongestion measures and clearing of roadways of obstructions
5. Increase vehicle load factor by promoting bigger capacity vehicles.

A National Land Transport Policy covering strategic areas is now being developed by DOTC.

These includes:

- Integration of transport and land use plans,
- Integrated and intermodal transport network
- Clear delineation of the role of LGUs and other transport agencies in
  - ✓ Local traffic management
  - ✓ Tricycle franchising

- ✓ Terminal operation and management
- Improvement of road safety
- Promotion of clean air and sustainable transport technologies

Based on consultation made with the various stakeholders, there are existing policies, programs and projects which are helpful and therefore, must be continued and/or expanded/intensified:

1. Discounted diesel price for PUJ, must now be expanded to cover all yellow-plates or PT, including trucks for hire, nationwide;
2. "Gasolinahan" for transport cooperatives and other transport groups; (There are even interested oil companies, on their expense, who are willing to partner with transport groups for a gasoline station cum terminal,
3. Bio-fuels Law
4. Reduction of tariff for fuel;
5. Development of alternative fuels such as CNG and LPG. At present, there are about 5,000 taxis running on LPG, and the operators are saying that it is a great relief for them, as it decreases their cost.
6. Incentives for the use of alternative fuel, such as additional 2-year timeline of the franchise for taxis;
7. Vehicle fuel efficiency program (EO 472)
8. Committee on Harmonization of Motor Vehicle Standards and Regulation (EO 682) for the implementation of the Roadmap for the harmonization of motor vehicle standards and regulations;
9. Establishment of new Motor Vehicle Inspection System (MVIS)
10. Road Safety Action Plan
11. Clear Air Program
12. Anti-Kolorum/Anti-Kotong drive;
13. Clearing of roadways of obstruction
14. Constant dialogue with all stakeholders

Likewise, new ideas and old ones were put forward, such as:

1. Creation of Land Transport Leasing Corporation to handle the financing re-fleeting of PT, through leasing, similar to the scheme being implemented by the National Maritime Leasing Corporation for maritime sector.
2. Development of standards eco-labeling for alternative fuel-fed and electric type vehicles

Thank you and Good Day!!!