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For Information

May 14, 2025

Honorable Alexander Ty Pimentel
Provincial Governor
Surigao del Sur

THRU: Honorable Manuel O. Alameda Sr.
Vice Governor
Surigao del Sur



Subject: Response to Inquiry on Allowing Tricycle Operations on National Highways

Dear Honorable Pimentel,

The office acknowledges receipt of your correspondence resolution number 2971-25 series of 2025, wherein you sought assistance regarding the operation of tricycles on the national highway within the jurisdiction of Tandag City.

Policy on Tricycle Operations on National Highways

The Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) adheres to the guidelines set forth by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), particularly Memorandum Circular No. 2020-036, which prohibits the operation of tricycles, pedicabs, and motorized pedicabs on national highways. This policy aims to ensure the safety of all road users, as these vehicles are not designed to operate alongside high-speed vehicles on major thoroughfares.

Existing Public Utility Jeepney (PUJ) Routes

Further, the LTFRB has evaluated the current public transportation landscape and notes that existing Public Utility Jeepney (PUJ) routes from the municipality of San Miguel to Tandag City are sufficient to cater to the passenger demand. These routes adequately serve the transportation needs of the public, thereby reducing the necessity for tricycle operations on the national highway.

Guidance for Local Government Units

While the LTFRB recognizes the importance of providing accessible transportation options for all constituents, we must emphasize that the operation of tricycles on national highways is not permissible under current regulations. We encourage the City Government of Tandag to explore alternative solutions, such as:

1. **Development of Alternative Routes:** Collaborate with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to identify and construct alternative routes that can safely accommodate tricycle operations.

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2. **Implementation of Tricycle Route Plans:** In accordance with DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-036, establish a Tricycle Task Force to formulate and implement a Tricycle Route Plan (TRP) that complies with safety standards and regulations. This policy aims to ensure the safety of all road users, as these vehicles are not designed to operate alongside high-speed vehicles on major thoroughfares. Specifically, the memorandum states:

"No tricycles should operate on national highways utilized by 4-wheel vehicles greater than 4 tons and where normal speed exceeds 40 km/h."

This prohibition includes the use by tricycles and pedicabs of national highways for crossing and making a U-turn. The DILG emphasizes that local government units (LGUs) must ensure compliance with this directive to prevent accidents and ensure public safety.

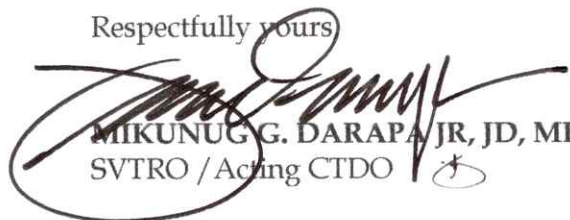
3. **Community Engagement:** Engage with local stakeholders, including tricycle operators and residents, to gather input and foster a collaborative approach in addressing transportation challenges.

Conclusion

The LTFRB remains committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all road users. We advise the City Government of Tandag to adhere to the existing policies and collaborate with relevant agencies to explore alternative solutions that meet the transportation needs of your constituents while upholding safety standards. Only four-wheel vehicles should be permitted to operate on the national highway, if possible, for the protection of everyone who pass by and passengers.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Respectfully yours



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Republika ng Pilipinas
LALAWIGAN NG SURIGAO DEL SUR
TANDAG CITY

Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan
(Office of the Provincial Council)

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 132ND REGULAR SESSION OF THE 20TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF SURIGAO DEL SUR HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, CAPITOL HILLS, TELAJE, TANDAG CITY, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR ON MARCH 18, 2025

PRESENT:

Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr.

- Vice Governor
(Presiding Officer)

Regular Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members:

District I

Hon. Ruel D. Momo
Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr.
Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon
Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr.
Hon. Jose Dumagan Jr.

District II

Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco
Hon. Margarita G. Garay
Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr.
Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo
Hon. Raul K. Salazar

Ex – Officio Member:

Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel

- President, Philippine Councilors' League, Surigao del Sur Chapter

Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod

- Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representative, Surigao del Sur

ABSENT:

On Sick Leave:

Hon. Melanie Joy M. Guno

- President, Provincial Chapter of the Liga ng mga Barangay sa Pilipinas

Hon. Yuri Art Eufy R. Sanchez

- President, Panlalawigang Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan

RESOLUTION NO. 2971-25
(Series of 2025)

INQUIRING FROM THE LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB), CARAGA REGION, BUTUAN CITY ON THE POSSIBILITY OF THE GRANT FOR INTER-MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR

AUTHOR:

HON. CONRAD C. CEJOCO



WHEREAS, the Municipality of San Miguel, this Province adopted Resolution No. 37 entitled "Requesting the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Surigao del Sur to Arrange a Dialogue with the Sanggunian Panlungsod of Tandag City and Sangguniang Bayan of Tago to Settle a Dispute and Establish Guidelines, Routes, Limitations and Prohibitions for Public Utility Vehicles";

WHEREAS, moreover, it has been observed throughout the province that some three-wheeled vehicles such as tricycles and "bao-baos" are plying the National Highways to travel from one Local Government Unit (LGU) to another. However, such is prohibited by law as National Highways are reserved for either four wheels, six wheels and two wheeled vehicles;

WHEREAS, the use of tricycles, bao-baos and the likes as primary means of transportation in carrying of passengers as well as goods cannot be over emphasized. However, this poses hazards to the riding public, passengers and users of highways and main thoroughfares;

WHEREAS, it is unfortunate that many LGUs have not been strictly implementing such regulations which often result in traffic congestion, accidents and even death. This August Body believes LGUs should, therefore, enforce the law to highlight public safety;

WHEREAS, Land Transportation Office (LTO) Memorandum Circular No. 94-199 explicitly states for safety reasons that no tricycle should operate on national highways utilized by four-wheel vehicles greater than four (4) tons and where normal speed exceeds 40 kph. However, the Sangguniang Bayan or Panlungsod may provide exceptions if there is no other alternative route;

WHEREAS, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 2023-195 dated December 6, 2023 reinforces the prohibition on tricycles, pedicabs and other motorized vehicles on National Highways. In addition, said Circular is urging all Local Chief Executives to reorganize or re-convene their Tricycle Task Force to update their Tricycle Route Plan that would include penal provisions for violators;

WHEREAS, Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) being the licensing arm of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) which reviews and approves the Local Public Transport Route Plan (LTRP) of each LGU shall ensure the government's prioritization of road transport network development projects;

WHEREAS, during the 132nd Regular Session of the 20th Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco, Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan manifested the need to inquire from the LTFRB – CARAGA Region on the possibility of the grant for inter-municipal franchise within the Province to eligible vehicles that may be allowed under such office in order for such to be an alternative route to be provided to the riding public and to the transport sector as a whole;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing and on motion of Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco and jointly seconded by Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr. and Hon. Margarita G. Garay;

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur to inquire from the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB), Caraga Region, Butuan City on the possibility of the grant for inter-municipal franchise within the Province of Surigao del Sur.

RESOLVED FINALLY: To furnish copy of this Resolution to Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB), Caraga Region, DOTr Caraga Annex Bldg., Brgy. Ampayon, Butuan City, for their information and appropriate action.

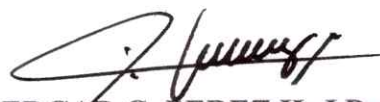
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ADOPTED this 18th day of March, 2025 at the City of Tandag, Province of Surigao del Sur by unanimous votes of all Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members present.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.



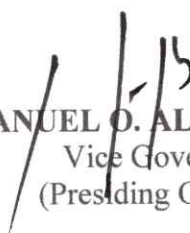
EDGAR G. PEREZ II, J.D.

Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

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**ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
TO BE DULY ADOPTED:**



MANUEL O. ALAMEDA, SR.
Vice Governor
(Presiding Officer)

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