

PRIVILEGE SPEECH

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Sangguniang Panlungsod
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TRANSPORT SUMMIT

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Madam President, last September 18, 2008 the Transmission and the Integrated District Tricycle Federation in coordination with the City Council's Committee on Energy, Transportation and Communication successfully conducted a Transport Summit in one of the conference rooms here at Sangguniang Panlungsod with a theme: "Driver ug Katawhan: Ipadayon ang Pakigbisog alang sa Pagtantang sa Evat tug aron I-Rolbak ang Presyo sa Lana".

The Transport Summit is attended by transport sector of Davao City and mostly Associations of Public Utility Jeepneys were present. The primary purpose of the transport summit was aimed to generate ideas, opportunities, plans and expected outputs from the participants of the transport sector.

The following were the objectives of the Transport Summit:

1. Scrapping of VAT of Oil
2. Multicab Phase-out
3. Existence of All-Aboard
4. On the Opening of Franchise (Tricycle)
5. LTO's System of Adjudication relative to the apprehension of violators
6. Proposed Transport Strike as the highest form of Transport Protest

The summit started at 2:00 in the afternoon and ended with a very productive discussion at 5:00 PM. The participants from all transport group were given time to articulate their concerns and issues during the open forum. They were able to deliberate, decide and determine their action plans.

As a synthesis, the participants to the Transport Summit collectively indicated the following issues and concerns:

1. Supports the Proposed Bills in the Congress on scrapped 12% EVAT of Oil.

- They will conduct a Black Friday Protest on September 26, 2008, 9 AM-11 PM at Jones Circle through Flag Hanging and Noise Barrage
2. No to Multicab Phase-out. That Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) will merit on the performance of the unit and not the year model as basis for the renewal of multicab franchise.
 - They will initiate a picket at LTRFB on October 8, 2008 from 9-11 AM and a signature campaign of the affected operators and drivers shall be conducted.
 3. Recommends the cancellation of All Aboard Transport Franchise and suggest to convert the units into a rent-a-car business because of the violations of terms and conditions committed by the All Aboard Transport Group.
 - The issue will be included in their picket on October 8, 2008
 4. Schedule for a dialogue with the City Mayor Rodrigo R. Duterte relative to the following
 - Opening of franchises to those colorum tricycle
 - Possibility of creating an Independent Body for the adjudication of the violators apprehended by the Land Transportation Office, Traffic Management Group and Traffic Management Center.

Madam President, allow me to pass a resolution regarding this matter at the appropriate time. Thank you.

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