

MAP Statement on the IRR of the National Transport Policy

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The MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (MAP) is in favor of mass commuter transportation, as a general principle, be it rail train or bus. The conveyances must be modern with large passenger capacity, low floor PWD- friendly, and powered by clean energy, preferably electric, and e-ticket system. Buses must be operated as an organized system, be it BRT, individual route-based units or P2P with designated bus stops or destinations, timetable, and seamless intermodal transfer. Drivers should be compensated with wages and the boundary system should be banned.

To ensure efficiency, we encourage Operations & Maintenance (O&M) of mass transit by the private sector following the LRT1 model.

We favor modernized PUJs with uniform minimum standards or specifications - minimum passenger capacity, powered by clean energy with specified period to phase out diesel engines. Operators must have free choice of supplier and financing.

Ride-sharing or app-based transportation networks, such as Uber/Grab, are critical to a highly efficient integrated transport system to provide the first and last mile option for the riding public. However, they should be subject to the right amount of regulation to prevent abuses, particularly in the areas of quality of service, safety, pricing and anti-competitive practices.