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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2014-04

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTEGRATED MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, there are three mass transit systems running island-wide: (1) the Guam Regional Transit Authority's mass transit line; (2) the Department of Public Health and Social Services Division of Senior Citizens' transit services for senior citizens; and (3) the Department of Public Works school bus operations; and

WHEREAS, the government of Guam spends tens of millions of dollars annually to subsidize these operations; and

WHEREAS, despite this investment, services to the island-wide, student, senior citizens, and disability communities are lacking in timeliness, reliability, and accessibility – all necessary functions of transportation and economy; and

WHEREAS, the mass transit problem includes limited hours of service, limited routes, the inability for riders to get to bus stops, and the lack of knowledge of the bus schedule itself; and

WHEREAS, over the years there has been an ever increasing demand within the public and private sectors for more and efficient transportation-related services. As this demand grows, so do concerns over traffic congestion, delays, safety, security, and environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, an integrated public transportation system will relieve congestion, solve the problem of the high cost of gas for many residents, provide a reliable means for students to go to school and college, encourage residents without personal



vehicles to seek work, and give an opportunity for parents to engage with teachers about their children; and

WHEREAS, DPW school bus stops, coupled with routes that lead to and stop through bus stops throughout the island, including the bus routes tour companies currently take, provide a framework for successful and reliable mass transit, if run 24-hour-a-day, 7-days-a-week; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent to identify a high-density area to test a continuously-running mass transit system that, in a pilot phase, will affect transportation in the greatest possible way. Such a program, if proven successful, can be expanded for island-wide integration. There is significant value to piloting such a program in Tamuning, Tumon, Harmon, and Dededo, where the majority of the island's job sites, medical centers, banks, shopping areas, and visitor district are; and

WHEREAS, improving accessibility to contemporary public transportation for all Guamanians is a priority, with the objective being to develop a reliable, coordinated, and sustainable transportation system, thereby creating greater transportation capacity and improved highway planning and traffic management.

NOW, THEREFORE I, EDWARD J. B. CALVO, *I Maga'låhen Guahan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in by the Organic Act of Guam, do hereby ORDER:

- 1. A local Integrated Mass Transit Planning Team is hereby established.
- 2. The membership of the Planning Team shall include:
 - a. A representative from the Guam Regional Transit Authority (GRTA);
 - b. A representative from the Department of Public Works (DPW);
 - c. A representative from the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA);



- d. A representative from the Department of Public Health & Social Services (DPHSS) Division of Senior Citizens;
- e. A representative from the Department of Education;
- f. The Chairman of the Guam Chamber of Commerce shall be invited to appoint a representative from the Chamber of Commerce;
- g. The Chairman of the Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association shall be invited to appoint a representative from the GHRA; and
- h. A chairperson, who shall be appointed at the discretion of the Governor.
- 3. The Planning Team shall design, develop and implement a pilot program for integrated mass transit that runs 24-hours-a-day, 7-days a week. The pilot program shall incorporate public bus stops operated by the Department of Public Works and shall be designed to run along high-density transit corridors and routes generally utilized by tour bus companies within the villages of Tamuning, Tumon, the Harmon, and Dededo.
- 4. Upon development of a pilot program, the Task Force shall conduct a public hearing to solicit comments and testimony. Thereafter, GEDA shall develop and issue a Request for Proposals for the implementation and operation of the pilot program developed and recommended by the Planning Team.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this **20**th day of February, 2014.

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I Maga'låhen Guåhan Governor of Guam