



GOVERNMENT OF GUAM

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AUGUST ISSUE

COMING - UBER ROUTEMATCH TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Guam Regional Transit Authority (GRTA) is currently working with UberRoutematch to implement the Uber Routematch Transportation Management System (URTMS). It involves major transformation from paper based to a technology driven transit operation. The technology will bring GRTA a step forward in its quest to modernize the island's transit system – since GRTA's inception over 10 years ago. The URTMS system is found at over 600 locations at US cities, Hawaii, and Australia. The URTMS will afford paratransit riders, drivers, and GRTA overall better service and support. For the riders, scheduling their rides will be easier. They can schedule and book trips online, through smartphone or GRTA's website. They can manage their trips during office or after hours – request a trip, cancel or change. Riders will be able to pay with Smart Card and mobile ticketing. URTMS will definitely minimize driver distractions. They will be using tablets to record riders boarding the buses, arrival and departure times. URTMS will be notifying the riders prior to their arrival; therefore, number of no-shows will be reduced and on-time performance improved. Additionally, the number of incoming calls to book or cancel rides as well as paratransit riders calling asking when their rides will arrive will dwindle substantially.

Newsletter prepared by John Louie L. Dizon, Program Coordinator I

GRTA Awarded \$9.5 Million

The Federal Transit Administration awarded GRTA a \$9.5 million grant to purchase electric buses, electric cars, install charging stations, build a Park & Ride station, and construct a facility for riders at the old Flea Market site in Dededo. Dubbed the Road to Education because students, staff, faculty, persons with disabilities, and workers may park their cars, scooters, or bicycles get on the bus and traverse to the mall, GCC, UOG, and GWHS and return. The GRTA Board of Directors, Mr. Cel Babauta, Interim Executive Manager, and the entire GRTA staff are excited in the pioneering of electric vehicles on Guam. The benefits are vast - reduce congestion, promote healthy environment, huge savings on gas, maintenance, and much more.

Launch of Southern Shuttle

For the longest time, it takes about 4 hours for residents from Southern Guam to go to the Inarajan Medical Center for medical appointments and return home. They will have to travel from there to the Agana Transfer Station, and catch Blue 2 going South. Because GRTA started the Southern Shuttle, that time is reduced to 1 hour and 45 minutes. People from Agat, for instance, may take a ride on a van, go to their medical appointment at Inarajan and return home in less than 2 hours by way of the Talofofo Mayor's Office, Cross Island Road and home to Agat.

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Regular Board Meetings are scheduled on the second Tuesday of every month at 2:00 p.m. at the DPW Compound – GRTA Transportation Management Center. You may call at 475-4686 or 475-4616 for special accommodations, auxiliary aides, or services.

July Paratransit Data

Number of Riders Served:	4677
Number of Rides Provided:	4178
Rides for Medical Apts:	2344
Number on Wheel Chairs:	1008

Notice

GRTA is working with GSA to purchase buses using federal funds from the Federal Transit Administration. With GSA's support, GRTA hopes to have 18 buses before end of 2021.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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