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Strategic Mobility Corridor Nearing Completion



Providing quality living and happiness for people remains a key objective of Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) in implementation of the directives of our Leaders, who spare no effort to provide high-quality services to the people and visitors of the UAE. Under such guidance, RTA is driving forward with the delivery of key strategic projects considered as a backbone of city development and a key enabler of mobility and economic growth.

One of these projects is the 'Improvement of the Dubai-Al Ain Road', a strategic road corridor that links Dubai with Al Ain and serves several communities starting from Nad Al Sheba, Al Lisaili, Margham and Murqab up to Al Faqaa. It will also serve a host of current and future development projects such as Meydan, Academic City, Dubai Silicon Oasis, The Villa and other communities on both sides of the corridor. Overall, the link is estimated to serve about 1.5 million people.

As such, the construction of the Dubai-Al Ain Road stands out as one of the biggest roads project undertaken by RTA as part of "Dubai's Roads Master Plan." It also signals Dubai's renewed determination to deliver projects that provide vital infrastructure for the economy.

The importance of this project is underlined by the enhanced connectivity between Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road, Sheikh Zayed bin Hamdan Al Nahyan Road and the Emirates

Road. It will double up the capacity of the road from 6,000 to 12,000 vehicles per hour in each direction. In addition, it will halve the transit time from the junction of Bu Kadra to the junction of the Emirates Road from 16 to 8 minutes.

The project, which is currently under execution by RTA, encompasses the construction of six key junctions. It involves widening the road from three to six lanes in each direction over a 17 kilometer stretch between the junctions of Emirates Road up to Bu Kadra and Ras Al Khor Road. The completion rate of the entire project has surpassed 70%.

RTA has also opened a key flyover at the junction of Nad Al Sheba Street extending 170 meters comprised of two lanes in each direction. It serves the traffic from and to the Dubai-Al Ain Road heading to Nad Al Sheba, Meydan and other development projects in the area. The flyover can handle 6,600 vehicles per hour in both directions. As such, it cuts the travel time at the Nad Al Sheba junction with the Dubai-Al Ain Road from 104 to just 13 seconds. Thus, it ensures smooth traffic flow at the junction during peak traffic time and enhances traffic safety.

In short, we are pushing with the development of creative and physical solutions for tackling various mobility challenges in the Emirate to ease the movement of people and at the same time deliver a smooth experience for Dubai's residents and visitors on the move.

H.E. Mattar Mohammed Al Tayer
Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors

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Hamdan bin Mohammed issues resolution regulating passenger transport by cars in Dubai

His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Dubai Crown Prince and Chairman of The Executive Council of Dubai issued Executive Council Resolution No. (20) of 2021 amending clauses of Executive Council Resolution No. (6) of 2016 pertaining to the regulation of passenger transport by cars in Dubai.

The move follows a review of the regulatory frameworks in place for strategic sectors in Dubai conducted with the objective of further enhancing the quality of life in the city and providing world class services.

The provisions of Executive Council Resolution No. (20) of 2021 are applicable across Dubai including special development zones and free zones.

The Resolution amends Clauses No. (1), (2), (5) and (7) of Executive Council Resolution No. (6) of 2016.



The amendments in Clause No. (1) include changes to the definition of the terms used in the previous resolution.

The amended Clause No. (2) of the Resolution outlines the roles of the Public Transport Agency, a subsidiary of the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), which include issuing licenses and permits, among others. The Resolution also tasks the Public Transport Agency with setting guidelines for the use of taxis by people of determination and ensuring taxi service companies comply with the terms and conditions of permits.

The amended Clause No. (5) lists a number of violations which will invite fines, while the amended Clause No. (7) pertains to the fines that will be imposed on violators. The total value of the fines that violators can be charged is AED50,000 for corporate violators and AED30,000 for individuals.

The Executive Council Resolution No. (20) of 2021 is effective from its date of issuance and will be published in the Official Gazette.

Hamdan bin Mohammed endorses resolutions regulating vehicle passenger transport in Dubai

■ The resolution updates the organisational structures of the transport sector

■ The Public Transport Agency is named as the competent body tasked to decide on issuing permits to taxis licensed in other emirates to return riders from Dubai.

■ The Agency is entitled to sign franchise contracts to provide passenger transport services and assess their impacts in terms of efficiency, safety, quality and endorsing relevant standards.

■ The Agency is authorised to identify the needs for facilitating the use of taxis by people of determination in Dubai.

■ The Resolution detailed the actions prohibited in transporting riders on vehicles in the Emirate, and detailed offences and administrative penalties, if committed.



RTA announces plan to transport Expo 2020 visitors from various emirates

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has unveiled a transportation plan to serve visitors of Expo 2020 from around the United Arab Emirates. The plan specifies 9 locations across UAE in Abu Dhabi, Sharjah, Fujairah, Ajman and Ras Al Khaimah. A total of 70 dedicated buses will be deployed to run 193 daily trips during weekdays, and 213 daily trips on Thursday and Friday.

His Excellency Mattar Mohammed Al Tayer, Director-General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), reiterated RTA's commitment to facilitating the movement of visitors from various emirates to and from Expo 2020. The plan aims to make public transport the ideal mobility choice of Expo visitors.

"As part of its master operational plan for transporting Expo 2020 visitors, RTA has dedicated a full fleet of public buses compatible with the low carbon emission standards

of Euro 6 buses, which will be making their debut in the MENA region. The plan illustrates RTA's keenness to reduce the carbon footprint of these buses. Each bus has a low-floor entry to make it easily accessible to people of determination. Buses are designed to deliver premium services to mass transit riders thanks to the high-class finishing works, roomy seats, dedicated seats for children, WiFi service, USB charging ports and an array of smart systems," said Al Tayer.



Abu Dhabi and Al Ain

“The plan specified 4 stations in Abu Dhabi for transporting Expo 2020 visitors. The first is at Abu Dhabi International Airport. RTA will deploy 10 buses to run 31 daily trips in both directions from Saturday to Wednesday, and 33 daily trips in both directions on Thursday and Friday,” announced Al Tayer.

“The second is Abu Dhabi Main Bus Station. RTA will deploy 10 buses to run 26 daily trips in both directions from Saturday to Wednesday, and 29 daily trips in both directions on Thursday and Friday.

“The third is the Marina Mall Station. RTA will deploy 10 buses to run 27 daily trips in both directions from Saturday to Wednesday, and 28 daily trips in both directions on Thursday and Friday.

“The fourth is Al Ain Bus Station. RTA will deploy 9 buses to run 22 daily trips in both directions from Saturday

to Wednesday, and 25 daily trips in both directions on Thursday and Friday. The service frequency at the four locations is every 20 minutes,” he explained.

Sharjah

“RTA has specified 2 locations for transporting Expo 2020 visitors from Sharjah. The first is Al Jubail Bus Station. RTA will deploy 10 buses to run 29 daily trips in both directions from Saturday to Wednesday, and 33 daily trips in both directions on Thursday and Friday. The service frequency at this locations is every 20 minutes,” stated Al Tayer.

“The second location is Muwaileh Station, where RTA will deploy 10 buses to run 32 daily trips in both directions from Saturday to Wednesday, and 37 daily trips in both directions on Thursday and Friday. The service frequency at this location is every 15 minutes,” he added.

■ **Al Tayer: 9 locations have been identified, 70 buses will be deployed to operate between 193 and 213 trips per day**

■ **RTA's aims to make public transport the ideal mobility choice of Expo 2020 visitors**

Ras Al Khaimah and Ajman

“RTA has identified one location to transport Expo 2020 visitors from Ras Al Khaimah, which will be Ras Al Khaimah Bus Station. Similarly, visitors from Ajman will be served from Ajman Bus Station. The RTA will deploy 7 buses to serve both locations and the service will start from Ras Al Khaimah and head to Expo via Ajman. The RTA will run 17 daily trips in both



About Expo 2020 Dubai

From 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022, Expo 2020 Dubai will welcome visitors from every corner of the globe to join the making of a new world, as it brings together the planet in one place to reimagine tomorrow.

- With the purpose of 'Connecting Minds, Creating the Future', Expo 2020 will be the world's most impactful global incubator for new ideas, catalysing an exchange of new perspectives and inspiring action to deliver real-life solutions to real-world challenges
- Expo 2020 will be the biggest cultural gathering in the world, presenting a visually striking and emotionally inspiring 182 days, as more than 200 participants – including nations, multilateral organisations, businesses, and educational institutions, as well as millions of visitors – create the largest and most diverse World Expo ever
- Expo 2020's subthemes of Opportunity, Mobility and Sustainability will inspire visitors to preserve and protect

our planet, explore new frontiers and build a better future for everyone

- For six months, Expo 2020 will be a must-visit family destination, with thousands of events, amazing exploratory experiences, and free entry for children up to age 18
- Expo is committed to building a more equitable and just world for everyone, while keeping visitors safe by following the latest guidance of the world's leading medical, science and health experts
- Expo 2020 is the first World Expo to take place in the Middle East, Africa and South Asia (MEASA) region, located on a 4.38 sqkm site adjacent to Al Maktoum International Airport in Dubai South
- Built with a meaningful and measurable long-term legacy in mind, the Expo site will transform into District 2020 – a model global community that will rethink the cities of the future – after Expo 2020 closes its doors



Expo Rider bus services available from across the Emirates to Expo 2020 Dubai





directions from Saturday to Wednesday, and 18 daily trips in both directions on Thursday and Friday. The service frequency at both locations is every 60 minutes,” said Al Tayer.

Fujairah

“RTA will deploy 4 buses to serve Expo 2020 visitors

from Fujairah, which will be nearby City Centre Fujairah. RTA will run 9 daily trips in both directions from Saturday to Wednesday, and 10 daily trips in both directions on Thursday and Friday. The service frequency at this location will be every 2 hours,” concluded the RTA Director-General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors.



RTA and DEWA to Enhance Green Mobility in Dubai

Green Charger services, exemption from renewal fees and Salik Tag one-off payment

In an effort to enhance the pioneering partnership between the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) and Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA), which is based on connectivity and seamless digital integration, DEWA has made available Green Charger services to all owners of all-electric vehicles (EVs) upon registration of their vehicles at RTA, which allows for EV accounts to be instantly created by DEWA. The new service enables commercial and non-commercial EV owners to charge their vehicles at more than 300 DEWA EV Green Charger stations across the Emirate.

DEWA will create new EV accounts for customers and notify them of the account details online to streamline their journey towards sustainability and green mobility, which is supported by DEWA's free charging services for non-commercial EV owners set until 31 December 2021. EV users can benefit from the charging services upon registration of their vehicles at RTA, using DEWA's smart app by scanning the QR code placed at public Green

Charger stations. EV users can also charge their vehicles using the EV Green Charger card, which is issued and delivered by DEWA within 3 working days as soon as they are registered in the Green Charger services. Customers can register for the EV Green Charger account via DEWA's website and smart app.

"Protecting the environment, efficient use of energy and reducing carbon emissions are at the forefront





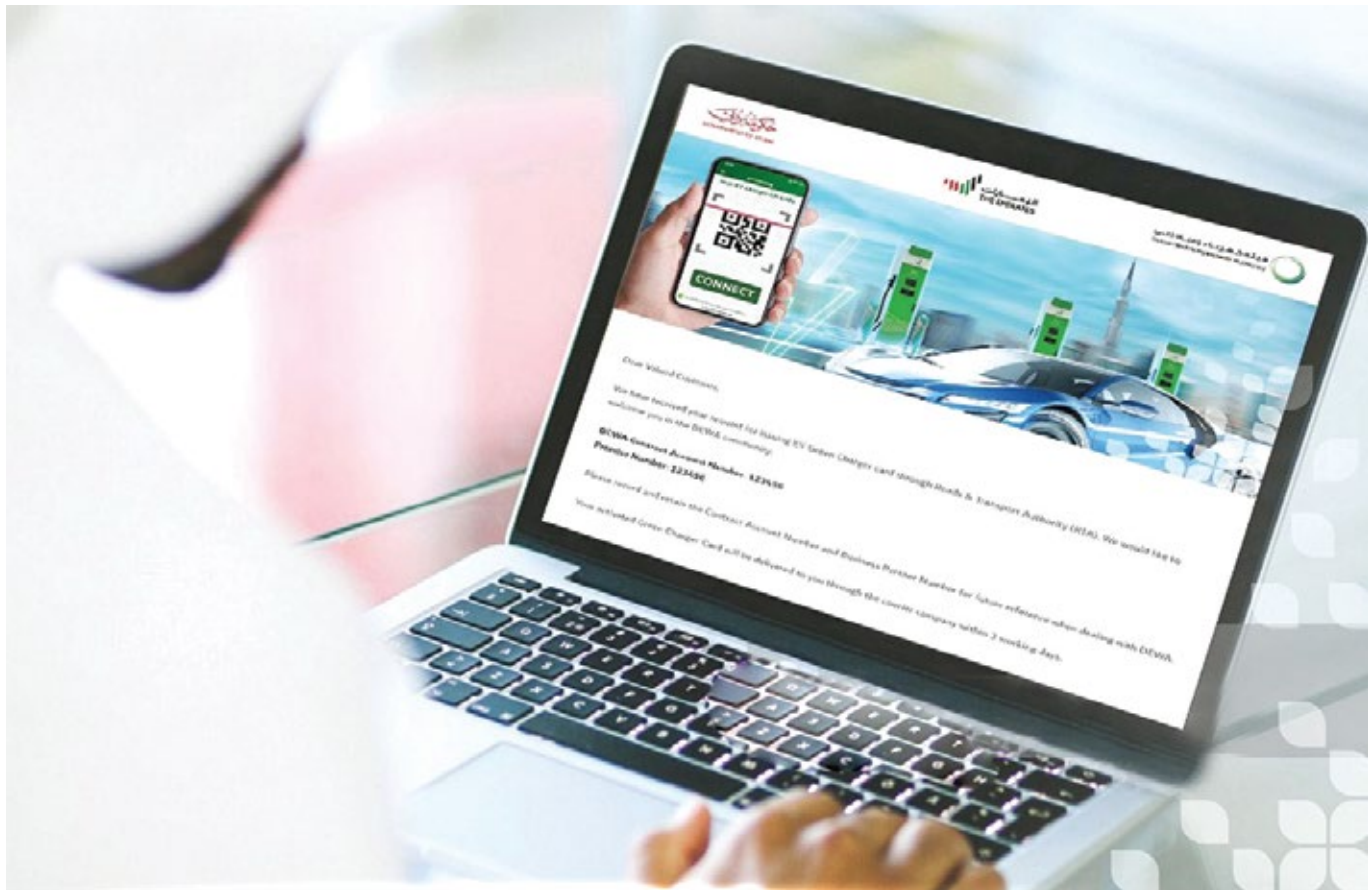
■ Various public and private entities collaborate to encourage sustainable mobility in Dubai and reduce carbon emissions from the transportation sector.

■ RTA's corporate safety and environmental sustainability policy has been formulated to serve the interests of all stakeholders: customers, employees, suppliers, contractors, and the community in which RTA operates.



of RTA's agenda, in implementation of the initiative of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, themed: Green Economy for Sustainable Development, which is aligned with the UAE Vision 2021 and the Dubai Clean

Energy Strategy 2050. The initiative will motivate the use of environmentally-friendly vehicles and stimulate sustainable transportation," said HE Mattar Mohammed Al Tayer, Director-General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Roads and Transport Authority.



“RTA has endorsed an array of initiatives to support the growth of EVs such as the exemption from RTA’s fees when renewing the vehicle registration and waiving off Salik Tag’s one-time payment, in addition to allocating specific parking spaces painted in green for eco-friendly vehicles. RTA had also launched various projects and initiatives to enhance environmentally friendly transport such as the trial run of electric public buses, the operation of hydrogen-fuelled taxis and the installation of energy-saving streetlights. Overall, RTA succeeded in converting 50% of Dubai Taxi fleet to environmentally friendly vehicles and aims to reach 100% by 2027,” added Al Tayer. “We are endeavouring to achieve the vision of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, to transform Dubai into the smartest and happiest city in the world and consolidate its position as a global capital for green economy and sustainable development,” said HE Saeed Mohammed Al Tayer, Managing Director and CEO of DEWA.

■ RTA shares the responsibility of meeting the requirements of the safety and environmental sustainability policy by engaging its stakeholders in communicating the policy and providing opportunities for continuous feedback. RTA’s leadership bears the ultimate responsibility to ensure the commitments provided for in the policy are implemented and reviewed annually to ensure relevance and effectiveness.

■ DEWA’s free charging service for non-commercial EVs set until 31 December 2021 is only available at public stations rather than domestic charging stations.

■ Owners of Commercial EVs in the public and private entities are required to pay 29 fils per kWh.



“DEWA utilises the latest 4th Industrial Revolution and disruptive technologies to achieve the Dubai Carbon Abatement Strategy, which aims to reduce carbon emissions by 16% by 2021. Carbon emissions in Dubai decreased by 22% in 2019, two years ahead of the strategy’s target,” he added.

“Since its inception, RTA has adopted effective planning and implementation of innovative roads and transport projects in support of integrated mass transit systems in the Emirate and provided advanced transport network and infrastructure on a par with the best at a global scale, in addition to offering smooth and highly efficient transportation. Such efforts contribute to supporting businesses and structures of trade, tourism and economy in the Emirate, besides reducing carbon emissions, protecting the environment, and enhancing the living environment

of residents in line with RTA’s vision to become the world leader in seamless & sustainable mobility,” said Nasser Bu Shehab, CEO of Strategy and Corporate Governance Sector, RTA.

“The step is part of DEWA’s efforts to enrich customers’ experience, save their time and efforts, as well as consolidating their contribution to sustainable development. It requires encouraging them to use environmentally friendly vehicles to promote the growth of hybrid and electric vehicles,” said Marwan bin Haider, Executive Vice President of Innovation and the Future, DEWA.

■ **DEWA is the first government organisation to adopt sustainability in its strategic plan to achieve long-term sustainability goals and the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030.**

■ **DEWA strives to achieve the vision of its wise leadership to build a more sustainable environment and develop long-term solutions for challenges in line with its vision to be a globally leading sustainable innovative corporation.**



RTA takes part in Dubai International PPP Conference

The Department of Finance, Dubai Government has charted out a giant plan for developing a robust structure to streamline the Public-Private Partnership (PPP). It is based on Law No 22 of 2015 governing the relationship between public and private sectors.

The announcement of the Department of Finance (DoF) was made in response to the directives of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President, Prime Minister of the UAE, Ruler of Dubai, to nurture a perfect environment for encouraging businesses and attracting fresh investments to Dubai. It fits well with the vision and profile of Dubai as a prominent business trading and financial hub in the world.

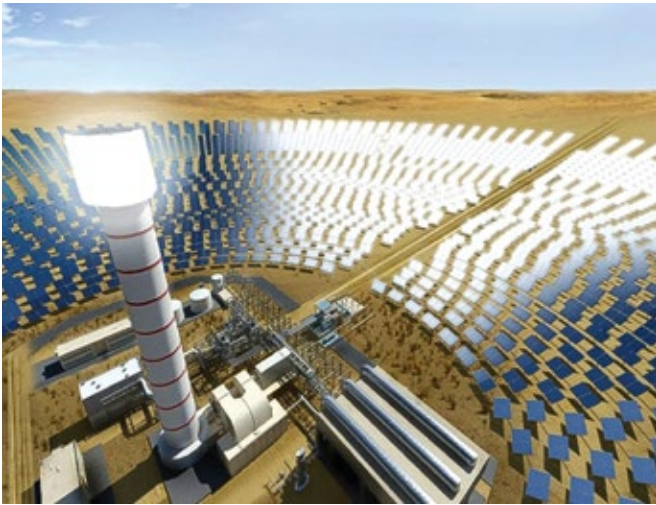
The DoF is hosting the Dubai International PPP Conference this October under the umbrella of Dubai Expo 2020 to constitute a leading platform to stimulate dialogue between decision-makers in the public and private sectors about partnership potentials between them. It seeks to promote innovative methods of developing partnerships with local and international investors, especially key government agencies in the emirate such as the Roads and Transport Authority, Dubai Electricity and Water Authority, Dubai Municipality and Dubai Health Authority.

His Excellency Abdul Rahman Saleh Al Saleh, Director-General of the Department of Finance in the Government of Dubai, welcomed the expected participation of all government agencies and private sector entities in the Dubai International Conference on Partnership between the Public and Private Sectors. “The Conference constitutes a Melting Pot that enables all stakeholders to work in harmony to develop PPP models under a clear regulatory framework. Such efforts aim to build the future of Dubai in line with the vision of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai.

“At the conference, we and our strategic partners from government agencies concerned with the PPP model intend to roll out a portfolio of vital projects of key government bodies. They constitute real opportunities for partnership with the private sector and a solid pillar for boosting the PPP concept,” said Al Saleh.

“We hope that Dubai will soon become a global destination





for those concerned with the PPP from various sectors such as investment, contracting, consultancy, infrastructure development and other vital sectors related to government projects,” he added.

Roads and Transport

His Excellency Mattar Mohammed Al Tayer, Director-General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of RTA, revealed that RTA had charted out a roadmap to boost the PPP over the next five years. “It covers 14 projects worth more than 5 billion dirhams. They are part of the strategy for partnership with the private sector, which in turn is part of RTA’s investment strategy. Investments vary to include a range of services in the infrastructure and means of transportation such as the construction of bus stations and multi-storey parking, according to innovative business models. There are also projects relating to street lighting, and development of land according to the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) concept,” he explained. “RTA is keen to strengthen the PPP, and always seeks to implement the best international practices in this regard under an integrated framework that supports partnerships, and improves the regulatory environment. It relates to long-term partnerships to provide innovative solutions and offer new opportunities in the mobility and finance sectors. RTA has pioneering experiences in undertaking distinguished PPP projects such as truck rest stops, the first of its kind in the region.

Key Driver of Energy

Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA) is the key mover of the energy sector in Dubai. DEWA is responsible for strategic

operations of energy and water production and continues to develop world-class infrastructure, with investments estimated at 86 billion dirhams over five years in the energy and water sectors. Such investments aim to enhance DEWA’s production capacity to keep pace with the increasing demand for electricity and water and to provide services to more than one million customers in Dubai according to the highest standards of quality, availability, reliability and efficiency.

Urban Development

Several prestigious international indices testify to the high profile of Dubai in civil and urban sophistication. Under a PPP model, Dubai Municipality launched a giant waste treatment project considered one of the world’s largest waste-to-energy stations, at a cost of about 4 billion dirhams.

A consortium of local and international companies is building and operating this project under the name Dubai Waste Treatment Centre undertaken with Dubai Municipality under a 35-year franchise. This historic partnership between the public and private sectors represents one of the largest and most prominent investments in the renewable energy sector across the UAE.

Healthier and Happier Society

The vision of the Dubai Health Authority (DHA) is to develop a healthier and happier society. Its mission is to make Dubai a leading healthcare destination by adopting innovative and integrated models of care and enhancing community participation.

To realise its vision, DHA manages dozens of health facilities that include hospitals, health centres, speciality care centres and others.

■ Dubai is one of the fastest developing cities in the world. Thus, providing high-class infrastructure facilities is imperative.

■ Providing an advanced transportation network for Dubai residents is a priority of the Dubai Government

■ To this end, RTA seeks to improve public transport facilities and develop roads all over the emirate.

Al Tayer discusses future of transport and control systems with Korean delegation

His Excellency Mattar Mohammed Al Tayer, Director-General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) received Hon. CHO, Eung Cheon, Vice-Chairman of Land Infrastructure and Transport Committee, Hon. Mr. Lee Hun Seung, Vice-Chairman of Land Infrastructure and Transport Committee of the Republic of Korea. The visiting Korean officials were accompanied by His Excellency Moon, Byung-Jun, Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Dubai.

The meeting discussed means of boosting cooperation and exchanging expertise between RTA and its Korean counterpart in the fields of autonomous transport and control systems. The delegation reviewed RTA's plans for the future development of these fields.

At the start of the meeting, Al Tayer welcomed the visitors and praised the cooperative relationships between RTA and several Korean entities operating in the fields of transport and transport systems. He briefed the visitors about Dubai Strategy for Self-Driving Transport that aims to convert 25% of total mobility journeys in Dubai into smart and autonomous journeys by 2030. He noted that RTA was finalising trial runs for the operation of the autonomous air taxi and autonomous taxis as well as the development of suspended mobility systems.

Transport Sustainability

The Korean delegation viewed RTA's plan for sustainable transport encompassing an array of projects and initiatives to enhance eco-friendly transport. The plan aims to transform the entire Dubai Taxis fleet into eco-friendly vehicles (hybrid and electric) by 2027, experiment the operation of the first hydrogen-powered taxi in the Middle East, and the trial run of the first batch of electric public buses. The delegation attended

a briefing about Dubai's Intelligent Transport Systems centre, which uses smart technology to manage traffic movement to meet the requirements of Dubai's sustained growth such as the hosting of mega international events like Expo 2020.

Transporting Expo Visitors

The meeting discussed RTA's efforts to commute visitors to Expo 2020. RTA has developed a comprehensive plan including routes for lifting visitors from key assembly points in Dubai and other emirates to the site of Expo. It also covers the operation of Route 2020 of Dubai Metro stretching 15 km from Jebel Ali Station to the site of Expo. It connects 7 stations and can lift 46,000 riders per hour in both directions. The plan also includes the deployment of taxis to serve expo visitors along with the required stands and streamlined movement.

His Excellency CHO, Eung Cheon praised the excellent partnership between RTA and its Korean counterpart, and expressed hope to see more cooperation and exchange of expertise in the interest of both parties.

Attendees from RTA included Abdul Mohsen Ibrahim Younes, CEO of Rail Agency, Ahmed Hashim Bahrozian, CEO of Public Transport Agency, Moaza Al Marri, Executive Director, Office Director-General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors.





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Opening new bridge at Nad Al Sheba interchange as part of Dubai-Al Ain Rd development project

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has opened a new 170-metre bridge at the intersection of Nad Al Sheba and Dubai-Al Ain Roads comprised of two lanes in each direction. The bridge serves the traffic from and to Dubai-Al Ain Road heading to Nad Al Sheba, Meydan and development projects in the neighbourhood.

The construction of Nad Al Sheba interchange is part of the Dubai-Al Ain Road Improvement Project currently undertaken by RTA. It involves constructing six key intersections along the road and widening it from 3 to 6 lanes in each direction. The project spans a 17 km sector from the junction of Dubai-Al Ain Road with Emirates Road up to Bu Kadra-Ras Al Khor intersection.

“The new bridge can handle 6600 vehicles per hour in both directions. It reduces the travel time at the intersection of Nad Al Sheba Street and Dubai-Al Ain

Road by 88% from 104 seconds to just 13 seconds. It eases the flow of traffic during peak time and enhances the traffic safety level. The bridge has slopes extending 560 metres fitted with light signals to ensure maximum safety and security of road users. Construction included improvements of inward and outward surface roads at Nad Al Sheba,” said His Excellency Mattar Mohammed Al Tayer, Director-General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Roads and Transport Authority, (RTA).





Completion Rate

“RTA has completed 70% of works in the entire Dubai-Al Ain Road development project, one of the biggest road infrastructure projects currently undertaken by RTA, which will benefit about 1.5 million persons. Upon completion, the project will contribute to the smooth traffic flow while improving the connection with Ras Al Khor Road, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road, Sheikh Zayed bin Hamdan Al Nahyan and Emirates Road, besides serving the existing and future projects on both sides of Dubai-Al Ain Road. The project will also double the road’s capacity from 6000 vehicles per hour per direction to 12000 vehicles per hour per direction. It will also slash the travel time on the sector of Dubai-Al Ain Road from Bu Kadra intersection to Emirates Road junction from 16 minutes to 8 minutes only in addition to easing tailbacks that used to extend 2 km,” commented Al Tayer.

“The scope of Phase II of Dubai-Al Ain Road

development project includes widening the highway from three to six lanes in each direction and constructing new flyovers and service roads to ensure a safe entry/exit from residential and service communities on both sides of the road. Among these intersections is Nad Al Sheba interchange and Meydan Road with Dubai-Al Ain Road intersection, which will be linked with Al Manama Road. A bridge of four lanes in each direction will be constructed to link Al Meydan Road with Al Manama Road. Works also include upgrading the existing bridge on Al Meydan and Dubai-Al Ain Road to serve the development projects of Meydan,” he explained.

Flyovers

RTA had previously constructed ramps at the intersection of Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road with Dubai-Al Ain Road enabling traffic movement in all directions, which is now open for traffic. Work is currently underway for constructing the main bridge



at the same intersection to provide turns in all other directions besides completing the junction of Sheikh Zayed bin Hamdan Al Nahyan Road. The link with the existing Sheikh Zayed bin Hamdan Al Nahyan Road and its extension that was opened in 2018 will be completed by the construction of a bridge across Dubai-Al Ain Road comprising four lanes in each direction, which can be widened to five lanes in future. The existing ramp will be upgraded to serve the traffic inbound from Dubailand Residence Complex heading westwards to Dubai-Al Ain Road in the direction of Dubai. A new ramp will be built to serve the traffic inbound from Dubai heading northwards to the Academic City and the Dubai Silicon Oasis. Service roads will be constructed on both sides of the road along with turns to serve other movements and development projects. These works are expected to be completed by the second half of next year. The project covers the improvement of Al Meydan

Road with Dubai-Al Ain Road and linking it with Al Manama Road. A bridge of four lanes in each direction will be constructed to link Al Manama Road with Al Meydan Road. The existing bridge on Al Meydan Road and Dubai-Al Ain Road will be upgraded to serve the development projects in Meydan.

Smooth Flow

Dubai-Al Ain Road Improvement Project also includes constructing service roads on both sides of the road to enhance safety. The six intersections of the project will contribute to smoothening the flow of traffic and serving residential communities on both sides of the road such as Dubai Silicon Oasis, Dubailand Residence Complex, Liwan, Meydan and Dubai Design District. The overall length of the project's six junctions amounts to 6600 metres and all bridges span 4900 metres. Works include improving the intersection with Emirates Road, Sheikh Zayed bin Hamdan Road, Nad Al Sheba, Al Meydan

and Ras Al Khor. It also included improvements of the intersection of Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road with a capacity of 36000 vehicles per hour in all directions, which was opened last year and had improved the flow of traffic on Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road from Al Qusais in the direction of Al Ain.

The intersection of Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road with Dubai-Al Ain Road also includes constructing four 2-lane ramps extending 2600 metres to ensure a free

traffic flow in all directions at the junction. The previous bridge on Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road had been improved to enable the widening of Dubai-Al Ain Road from three to six lanes in each direction, and service roads were constructed on both sides of the road. A 220-metre bridge of two bridges was constructed at the junction of Sheikh Zayed bin Hamdan Al Nahyan Road with Dubai-Al Ain Road to provide U-Turns for motorists coming from Dubai.



4683 hybrid, electric vehicles constituted 50% of Dubai Taxi fleet in 2020

His Excellency Mattar Mohammed Al Tayer, Director-General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) revealed the total number of hybrid/electric taxis and limousines in Dubai amounted to 4683 vehicles in 2020. 4510 of these vehicles are hybrid taxis (about 50% of the Dubai Taxi fleet), and 173 others are electric/hybrid limos at the Dubai Taxi Corporation.

“RTA intends to change the entire fleet of Dubai Taxi to eco-friendly (hybrid/electric) vehicles by 2027; a move considered the first of its kind worldwide. RTA has taken this in line with the initiative of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President, Prime Minister of the UAE, Ruler of Dubai themed Green Economy for Sustainable Development, UAE Vision 2021, and Dubai Integrated Energy Strategy 2030. It

is also part of a master plan to reduce carbon emissions of the taxi and limousine sector by 2% in compliance with the requirements of the Dubai Supreme Council of Energy.

“RTA succeeded in adding 2434 hybrid vehicles, 170 electric vehicles and 3 hybrid limousines to the fleet of Dubai Taxi, whereas the number of hybrid taxis operated by franchise companies is 2076 vehicles. A six-year plan currently underway

RTA crowned as ‘Team of the Year’ in British Safety Council International Safety Awards 2021

Dubai’s Roads and Transport Authority has been crowned as the one and only overall ‘Team of the Year’ winner in the British Safety Council International Safety Awards 2021.

From the 292 organisations of all sizes and sectors that won an International Safety Award, including business from the UK, Africa, Asia, India, mainland Europe and the Middle East, only RTA’s team succeeded in being crowned overall Team of the Year winner.

The International Safety Award was presented with a Distinction from the British Safety Council in recognition of RTA’s commitment to keeping its workers and workplaces healthy and safe during the 2020 calendar year.

RTA is one of the 86 winning organisations that grabbed a Distinction in the International Safety Awards 2021.

Nada Jasim, Director of The Safety, Risk, Regulation and Planning Department of RTA said: “Winning an award is always a matter of pleasure, but it helps us realising our responsibilities and obligations to the next level of commitment and continuing performance. We at RTA are committed to do the

possible extent of efforts in terms of keeping our organisation and employees safe and healthy and there is nothing in our business that can override health and safety values.”

On the occasion of celebrating 63rd year of establishment, the International Safety Awards recognised the organisations from around the world which have demonstrated their commitment to preventing workplace injuries and work-related ill health during the previous calendar year. The awards also recognised organisations that have shown commitment to wellbeing and mental health at work.

In 2021, 532 organisations applied for the International Safety Award from across all sectors with significant representation from the construction, manufacturing, oil, gas and mining, and power and utility sectors. Winners were drawn from 37 countries worldwide, where 86 organisations won Distinction, 154 organisations won

seeks to raise the proportion of hybrid taxis in the fleet from the existing 50% to 80% by 2025 and achieve the ultimate target of 100% by 2027,” commented Al Tayer.

“RTA was the first entity in the region that had rolled out the trial run of hybrid vehicles powered by fuel and electricity and deployed them at the Dubai Taxi fleet during the period 2008-2012- as part of a full lifecycle of vehicles subjected to the experiment. Results showed that vehicles covered more than 550 thousand km without sustaining major defects or requiring major maintenance of the main parts of the vehicle.

“Consequently, saving in fuel consumption amounted to 34%, and carbon emissions were reduced by 34%. In 2017, RTA deployed Tesla electric vehicles featuring several components of self-driving technologies and operated them as part of the Dubai Taxi limo fleet. In December 2019, RTA launched the trial run of the first hydrogen-powered taxi in the Middle East as part of the limousine service at the Dubai International Airport. Ever

since, RTA has been assessing the economic and environmental feasibility, engine efficiency, maintenance costs and other operational elements of these vehicles,” concluded Al Tayer.

Al Tayer: We aim to change the entire taxi fleet to eco-friendly vehicles by 2027



Merit and 147 organisations achieved a pass level.

Michael Robinson, Chief Executive of the British Safety Council, congratulated RTA saying: “The British Safety Council applauds RTA on this achievement. The award is in recognition of their commitment and hard work to keep their employees and workplaces free of injury and ill health”.

“The vision of the British Safety Council is that no-one should be injured or made ill through their work – anywhere in the world. Achieving this requires, apart from complying with legislations; people’s serious commitment to health and safety as well as workplace wellbeing, impelling others to follow suit,” he said.

“The long list of winners of the International Safety Awards, demonstrates that a significant number of companies recognise that effective management of health and safety risks is a business growth enabler, benefiting not just employees, but organisations and wider society. By celebrating the achievements of the 387 winners of the 2021 International Safety Awards and over six decades of improving health and safety standards around the world, we encourage other organisations to adopt this approach and place employees’ health, safety and wellbeing at the core of their business,” he explained.

Beefing up school bus fleet

Dubai Taxi Corporation (DTC) at Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has increased the number of school buses in operation during the upcoming school year 2021/2022- to as many as 440 buses. Beefing up the fleet aims to provide safe and smooth school transport services for students of different ages and encourage parents to switch to school buses rather than private vehicles in lifting their children to and from schools.



Rescheduling 3 Ferry Lines

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) announced a revised schedule of three lines of Dubai Ferry (Sunday 25 July) to improve the level of service offered to the community. The step corresponds to the demand for this service and enhances the operational efficiency of the lines in question as well.

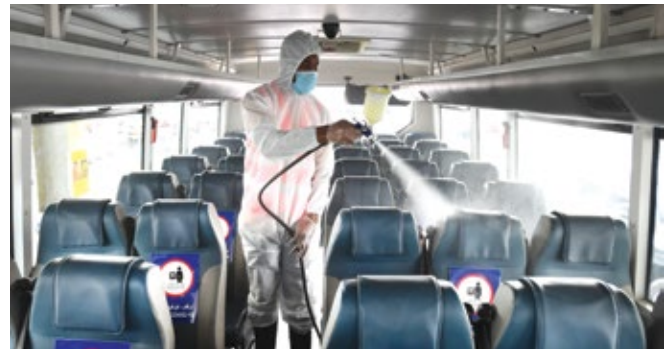
The revised timetables of the Dubai Ferry cover three lines. Line FR1 (Marina Mall–Dubai Water Canal– Al Ghubaiba) will run services at 05:15 pm (instead of 11:00 am), 01:00 pm, and 06:30 pm on all days.

Line FR3, a tourist service from Al Ghubaiba, will run services at 04:00 pm (instead of 05:00 pm) on all days. Line FR4, a tourist service from the Marina Mall, will run services at 04:00 pm and at 07:30 pm (instead of 03:00 pm and 05:00 pm).

Mansour Rahma Al Falasi, CEO of Dubai Taxi Corporation, said, “Dubai Taxi Corporation is making exceptional efforts to further enhance the confidence of parents in our school transport services. DTC has taken extensive precautionary measures to ensure the safety of students such as sanitising school buses before and after the boarding of students and limiting the usable seats to 50% of the bus capacity. Through these measures, we intend to comply with the local and global practices of curbing the spread of Covid-19, and ensure that students are well protected and feel happy during their journeys from and to schools.”

“The total number of students registered in the school transport service has reached 7300 students serviced by 440 DTC school buses. We signed contracts with 22 schools in Dubai, which are now privileged by quality school transport services. The success of the service is also attributed to the careful selection of highly competent drivers and attendants, who had been well-trained in their professions. They have been qualified on the handling of emergency cases and certified on First Aid from the Dubai Corporation for Ambulance Services, and attended other training programmes aimed to provide exceptional service to students,” he added.

“The school buses are fitted with hi-tech devices for monitoring and tracking both buses and students, and accordingly improve the security and safety of the service. Devices include cameras, sensors to ensure no



student is left behind in the bus, an emergency button to communicate with the control centre, a GPS-based electronic tracking system, Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) system, and an engine self-extinguishing system. All these features have been selected to conform to the highest global safety standards,” explained Al Falasi.

“To request the service and detailed information, parents are advised to log in to (<https://schoolbus.dubaitaxi.ae/parentportal>); which will also assist them with the online payment. Through this portal, parents can track the movement of the bus and students, and figure out the pick-up and drop-off points. It also contains an indicator to measure the happiness and satisfaction of parents. DTC always seeks to be trustworthy and the first choice in offering smart school transport services to the largest number of schools and universities in Dubai in line with our strategic goals for achieving people happiness and excellent operation.”



Introducing Support, Transport and Rental Activities structure to regulate commercial transport activities

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has introduced a new structure to regulate commercial transport activities named: 'The Support, Transport and Rental Activities, which lists the commercial transport activities under 4 main categories namely: Transport Activities, Transport Services Management Activities, Rental Activities, and Transport Support Activities. The move is part of RTA's ongoing efforts and commitment to bringing happiness to corporate and individual clients and improving the calibre of services on offer.



These new classifications aim to regulate commercial transport activities and accelerate their response to market variations. They will facilitate the process of updates and boost the accessibility of clients and investors to RTA's services in various transport sectors.

The first category of the four activities is the Transport Activities, which includes the establishments that operate fleets of vehicles classified according to the type of activities, licensed drivers, and approved vehicles. It is comprised of 2 sub-categories: cargo transport and passenger transport.

The second part is Rental Activities. It includes the establishments that own vehicles and machinery

Activating nol solutions for Dubai South

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has collaborated with Dubai South Logistics District on the automated launch of nol cards solutions in the district. The initiative is a key step towards boosting the strategic partnerships between RTA and national entities and providing high-level individual and corporate services.

RTA reiterated its firm commitment to keep pace with the prevailing technology trends worldwide. Such a drive will contribute to realising the vision of the Government to rank Dubai amongst the smartest and happiest cities in the world. It will raise the profile of Dubai in embracing

the latest technologies that play a key role in achieving this goal and nol Strategy to make it the leading digital platform in providing access to smooth payment solutions and mobility.

RTA is delighted to cooperate with reputed national

and rents them to third parties. The third part is Transport Services Management Activities. It includes the establishments that practice activities relating to managing or delivering services relating to the transport and rental sector. The fourth part is Transport Support Activities. It includes the establishments that deliver services relating to the qualification of drivers, professionals, and service centres as well as

the registration of technical testing of vehicles and machinery.

RTA always seeks to bring happiness to clients through improved services on a par with the best of the industry worldwide. Such a drive will boost the sustainability of Dubai in the logistical transport sector and conform to its vision to become 'The World Leader in Seamless & Sustainable Mobility.'



entities, such as the Dubai South, and contribute to the happiness of public transport riders through reliance on a diverse cast of smart services run by the RTA.

This partnership between RTA and Dubai South Logistics District providing integrated solutions for the entry of vehicles will help and enrich the operational solutions and enhance the experience of Dubai South customers. Such partnerships are compatible with the endeavours of Dubai South to uplift its services such as the recently launched package of services that enable clients to operate in a cashless, interactive smart ecosystem, that paves the way for their business to thrive.



Women Committee celebrates Emirati Women's Day under the theme 'Women: Ambitions & Inspiration for the Next 50 Years'

His Excellency Mattar Mohammed Al Tayer, Director-General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) reiterated the keenness of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE; His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President, Prime Minister of the UAE, Ruler of Dubai; His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces; and Their Highnesses Members of the Supreme Council of the Federation, Rulers of the Emirates to empower Emirati women in all fields.

Al Tayer noted that UAE leaders had provided all ingredients for Emirati women to be active partners in the development drive of the UAE. He praised the efforts of Her Highness Sheikhha Fatima bint Mubarak, Chairwoman of the General Women's Union, President of the Supreme Council for Motherhood and Childhood, Supreme Chairwoman of the Family Development Foundation (Mother of the UAE) towards supporting the strong representation of Emirati women in all vital sectors. Consequently, female Emiratis now assume leading roles in the UAE, such as a minister, member of parliament, ambassador, and business leader. "This year's edition of the Emirati Women's Day, which is

held under the theme 'Women: Ambitions & Inspiration for the Next 50 Years', coincides with the preparations of the UAE for celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the federation founded by the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan. It is also marked by the UAE's hosting of the world's biggest showpiece, Expo Dubai 2020," said Al Tayer.

"To implement the directives of our wise leaders, RTA accorded special attention to the causes of women and was keen to provide an appropriate environment for women to contribute to the prosperity and development of the UAE. RTA currently employs about 809 females, which amounts to 23% of RTA's total workforce. Emirati female employees





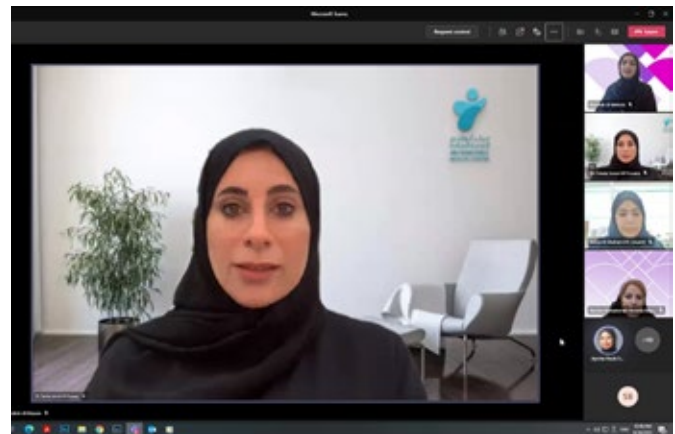
Al Tayer: Emirati women are active partners in building the nation

make 681 of that number i.e. 84% of RTA's total number of female employees. About 185 of these female citizens hold leadership or specialist posts," added Al Tayer.

The Women Committee at the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) held a series of events. To mark the event, His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer felicitated excellent-performing female employees in recognition of their efforts, loyalty and dedication to their jobs. The move echoes the directives of the government and RTA's leadership to pay tribute to the specialist achievements of Emirati women and encourage them to excel and achieve even better results.

RTA hosted Her Excellency Dr Farida Al Hosani, Executive Director of Communicable Diseases at Abu Dhabi Public Health Centre, Official Spokesperson for the UAE Health Sector, in a virtual session attended by RTA's female leaders and employees. The session aimed to shed light on several topics such as the role of Emirati women in crossing to the next 50 and their contributions to the health sector, in addition to the most prominent features and future of female leaders.

Marking the event, Moaza Al Marri, Executive Director,



Office of RTA Director-General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors cum Chairperson of Women Committee, RTA, said: "Emirati women are privileged by huge support and patronage of our leaders, especially Her Highness Sheikha Fatima bint Mubarak, Chairwoman of the General Women's Union, President of the Supreme Council for Motherhood and Childhood, Supreme Chairwoman of the Family Development Foundation (Mother of the UAE). "Emirati women have proved their merit in tackling challenges and playing an active role in a variety of fields, especially the transport sector, which has recovered as much as 70% of ridership recorded during the pre-Covid-19 levels. Such a positive indicator of returning to normal life and co-living with the precautionary measures in place," added Al Marri.

Landmark obtains naming rights of two metro stations

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) granted the naming rights of two metro stations, namely Al Rashdiya and Al Jaffliya, to Landmark Group. The agreement signed to this effect entitles this local group's two leading retail brands in the region: Max Fashion and Centrepoint, to benefit from significant advertising assets and achieve huge brands exposure at some of Dubai's key destinations.

This strategic partnership will not only allow brands maximum reach for this leading retail group in the region but will also deliver unforeseen conversion results, through high-impact, high-tech and interactive digital experiences, resulting in optimal engagement rates and in consequence, high revenue opportunities.

"This agreement is an important step towards establishing a strategic partnership with Landmark Group, especially at Al Jaffliya Station, which will be renamed as Max Fashion, and Al Rashdiya Station, which will be renamed and Centrepoint. These stations have strategic significance as

Al Rashdiya is the starting station of the Red Line, and Al Jaffliya Station is a vibrant business destination. Thus, it offers an excellent opportunity for the group to align its brands with key destinations in Dubai," said Ibrahim Al Haddad, Director of Commercial and Investment, Strategy and Corporate Governance Sector, RTA.

"RTA is always keen to develop innovative partnership models that offer strategic opportunities to companies, especially domestic ones, to display and promote their brands in Dubai, a vital trading and business hub and a key destination for visitors and tourists from all over the world," noted Al Haddad.





“RTA believes the private sector has a vital role to play in stimulating the domestic economic growth through sharing knowledge and expertise, which will generate job prospects across the board. We are therefore focused on forging long-term investments with the private sector. Through advertising resources of partners, RTA managed to set up smart and innovative promotional platforms that entitle partners to exclusive and premium opportunities for engagement with public transport riders and residents of the neighbourhood. “RTA has reached an advanced stage with all the existing partners of the metro stations naming rights and considers them an integral part of Dubai’s transportation system. RTA will endeavour to ensure the sustainability of these partnerships, as more will be unveiled in the following years,” added the Director of Commercial and Investment, RTA.

“I would like to take this opportunity to commend the RTA in providing such an effective and integrated system that truly connects the city and its people in the Emirate. The Dubai Metro has been one of the city’s most sophisticated facades that has changed Dubai’s landscape. By taking the naming rights of the two very popular metro stations, our very loved brands, Centrepont and Max, can get even closer to our customers and connect with them through



new and innovative experiences.” Renuka Jagtiani, Chairwoman and CEO, Landmark Group.

RTA is embarking on a campaign with Hypermedia FZ LLC, the official partner for Metro assets investment, marketing and outdoor advertising management, from 4 August to 10 October 2021, to change the names of the two stations on outdoor signs as well as the smart and electronic systems of the public transport network, including the audio announcement on board the metro carriages. During this period, Dubai Metro riders can seek any assistance or clarification from RTA teams at the stations, if needed.

Dubai Marina Metro Station is now Sobha Realty Metro Station

The Partnership Transforms Dubai Marina Station into a Premium Advertising Landmark

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has granted 'Sobha Realty' the naming rights of Dubai Marina Metro Station, which will now be renamed (Sobha Realty Metro Station).



The naming right of this metro station constitutes an investment opportunity for Sobha Realty, as the strategic location of this metro station will enable the brand to reach and engage with its customers directly at the station.

Ibrahim Al Haddad, Director of Commercial and Investment at RTA's Strategy and Corporate Governance Sector expressed his satisfaction over the signing of this agreement, considering it an important step towards establishing a long term and fruitful business relationship between RTA and Sobha Realty. "This relationship is bound to be a strategic partnership to better serve the public in general, and the business community, in particular," he noted.

"This partnership is a model of the effective partnership between the public and private sectors. It avails a unique experience to the private sector to launch media campaigns to Dubai visitors and metro riders to familiarise them with various brands. Sobha Realty will exclusively benefit from the strategic location of the largest landmark of the city, and equally offer the metro riders a close-up brand experience like no other, thanks to a large array of unprecedented, technologically advanced smart solutions in Dubai Metro," he commented.

"The Dubai Metro Naming Rights initiative proved successful since launched by RTA in 2009 in a scheme considered the first of its kind in the world. RTA is always keen on striking successful partnerships with the private sector as it plays a vital role in stimulating national economic growth. Such a successful public-private partnership (PPP) facilitates the sharing of knowledge and expertise, generates employment prospects in a variety of fields, and paves the way for the private sector to support the government drive in this regard," added Al Haddad.

"We are proud to join hands with the Road and Transport Authorities to obtain the naming rights of one of Dubai's most centrally located metro stations. Sobha Realty metro station, previously known as Dubai Marina metro station, is a bustling hub on the remarkably seamless multi-rail transit network that has for over a decade served countless commuters, offering them immense value and connectivity. At Sobha Realty, we continually strive to deliver quality projects to aspiring homeowners, residents, and expatriates, offering them an exceptional lifestyle," said PNC Menon, Chairman of Sobha Realty.

Digital Out-of-Home media solutions provided in the stations accelerate familiarization and engagement with the brand and opens the door for brands to promote their products, services, and solutions.

Therefore, and using Hypermedia's smart technologies and digital networks, Sobha Realty Metro Station can serve as the ultimate advertising medium and landmark.

Sobha Realty will be offered a full advertising representation of their brand, and a wide range of advanced technologies, and smart solutions, making room for loud and clear brand awareness and an ideal brand-consumer experience across the Metro Station.

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Honouring 250 taxi drivers and limo chauffeurs passing Dubai Way training at Dubai Tourism

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) honoured 250 taxi drivers and limousine chauffeurs from a variety of franchise companies who had passed the Dubai Way training course run by the Dubai College of Tourism at Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing in Dubai (Dubai Tourism). The programme reflects the fruitful cooperation between government departments in Dubai towards offering clients high-class services on a par with the best in the industry worldwide and the standards of Dubai. Honouree taxi drivers and limousine chauffeurs received the Dubai Way badge indicating that they have become champions of the Dubai Way, and they will have this badge fitted to their uniforms during their working hours.

The Director of Drivers Affairs, Public Transport Agency, RTA, Mohammed Ali Al Awadi expressed his deep delight to honour the first cohort of 250 taxi drivers and limousine chauffeurs from various franchise companies, who had passed the Dubai Way training course.

"Dubai Way is an important initiative that bolsters the

relationships between RTA and Dubai Tourism and has a key role in supporting and enhancing the performance of taxi drivers and limousine chauffeurs in the Emirate. The taxi sector is one of the core ingredients of leveraging the tourism sector of this vibrant city which welcomes tourists and visitors from all corners of the globe," said Al Awadi.

3 New Categories in 12th edition of Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) announced updates to the 12th edition of the Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport (DAST) in collaboration with the International Association of Public Transport (UITP). The scope of the award is expanded in the upcoming edition to include the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region, instead of restricting it to the UAE. DAST targets government, semi-government entities as well as private companies, schools, universities and various public societies.

Revealing the updates, Nasser Abu Shehab, CEO of Strategy and Corporate Governance Sector, Chair of the Supreme Committee of DAST, RTA, said: "The new edition of DAST introduces three categories added to the special categories. They are The Best Sustainability Partner Category, Best Sustainability Contractor Category and the Best Sustainability Consultant Category.

"The new categories have been added to the existing special categories of DAST, which are: The Best Academic Project/ Research Category, which relates to academicians compiling

the best research in the field of sustainable transport, as well as all community members, provided they comply with the established scientific research methodologies. The Best Student Project/ Research Category, which relates to the best student project in the field of sustainable transport and targets projects of students in educational institutions of the UAE in the field of sustainable transport. The Best Journalist Category, which relates to journalists that made the best coverage of sustainable transport in the UAE. Then there is a category introduced in the 9th edition for The Best

“Taxi drivers and limousine inducted in the Dubai Way programme have undergone a training focused on imparting knowledge about the history of the Emirate, cultural landmarks, and public laws that need to be known. They were also familiarised with the calendar of annual national events and festivities along with the standards of customers service and happiness befitting Dubai visitors and tourists.” he added.

“The training aimed to polish the speaking skills of taxi drivers and limousine chauffeurs dealing with Dubai’s visitors, such as the body language, using the right expressions and etiquette compatible with the high standing of Dubai and the UAE. Dubai Way initiative is critically important for taxi drivers and limousine chauffeurs as they pose as ambassadors of RTA dealing directly



with the public. Their attitudes can have a positive impact on visitors, tourists and residents of Dubai,” he added.

Attendees of the event from Dubai Tourism included Jeff Strachan, Director of Business Development, and Issa Bin Hader, Director General of Dubai College of Tourism. It is worth noting that Dubai Way is a programme launched in 2017 by the Dubai College of Tourism, an affiliate of Dubai Tourism, to enhance the performance of the tourism sector by improving the skills of individuals dealing directly with visitors and tourists of Dubai.

Media Organisation for the media team that provided the best coverage of sustainable transport in the UAE. Participation in special categories is limited to the UAE level only,” he explained. “As for the main categories, a new category named the Pioneering City in Sustainable Transport Category has been added to the existing categories, namely: Mobility Management Category, which focuses on initiatives and practices that contributed to the efficient use of public transport means. The Transport Safety Category, which relates to initiatives and practices that contribute to raising the security and safety for users of transport means. The Environment Protection Category, which relates to any initiative or practice that reduces the negative impact of transportation on the environment. And there are Initiatives relating to Transport for People of Determination Category launched in line with directives of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President, Prime Minister of the UAE, Ruler of Dubai, in line with the national policy aimed to empower the People with Disabilities. Participation in the Main Categories is open for entrants from the United Arab Emirates and the Middle East and North Africa region,” noted Abu Shehab. He stressed that the committee had completed several stages and

preparations for the 12th edition of DAST, especially as it would include the Middle East and North Africa region, which would bring about new and diverse experiences from various entities.

Registration in various categories of DAST can be made in simple steps through the Award’s website www.rta.ae/dast, which saves much time & effort. The step consolidates the Smart Government practices advocated by the Dubai Government to facilitate all transactions for corporate & individual customers and contributes to the sustained efforts to make them happy.

Abu Shehab urged the business community in the UAE and the MENA region to expedite the submissions of nominations for DAST from the start of registration for the 12th edition this August. DAST is a practical demonstration of RTA’s strategy aimed at providing safe and easy transportation for all in line with the development taking place in the Emirate in all commercial, economic, tourism, real estate and other vital sectors. It is an important step towards involving the business sector, governmental, semi-governmental and private institutions to contribute to strengthening RTA’s efforts aimed to achieve the integration and safety in public transportation means.

13k inspections on transport activities result in 626 violations across Dubai

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has carried out 13,669 inspections on various transport activities and means in Dubai including taxis, limousines, and hourly rented cars as well as the transportation of passengers on unlicensed vehicles in various areas of the Emirate during the second quarter of this year.

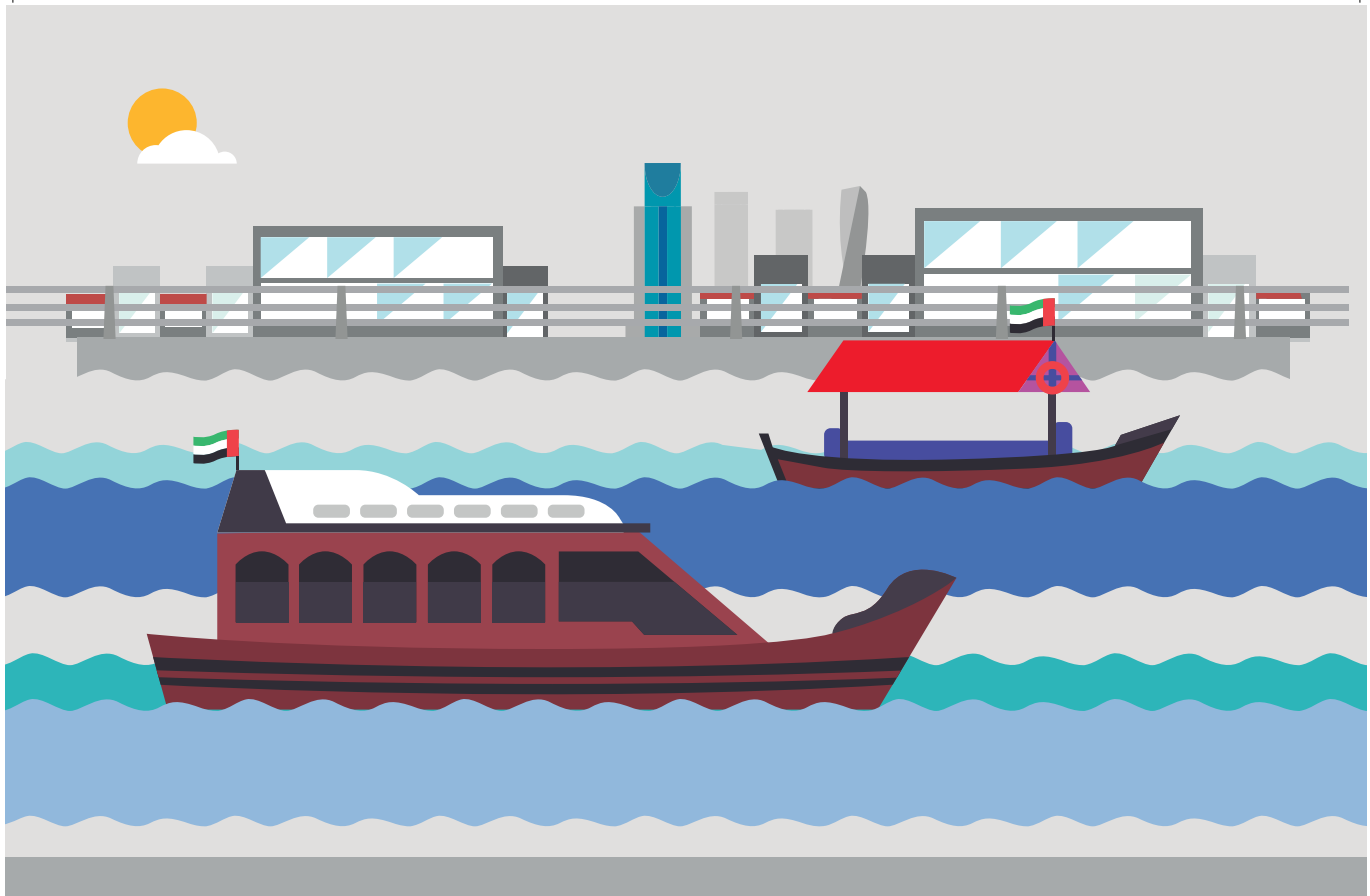
"Inspections were focused on maintaining the interior and exterior appearance of taxis, limousines and hourly rented cars to maintain the service level of Dubai as a world class tourist destination. The operations were also aimed to stress the compliance with the regulations and guidance governing the transport of passengers on unlicensed vehicles," said Saeed Al Balooshi, Director of Passenger Transport Activities Monitoring, Licensing Agency, RTA.

"The campaigns resulted in issuing 626 offence tickets on various activities. Inspections covered about 90% of cars rented by hours fleet, 81% of the taxi fleet, and 85% of the limousine fleet. The operations also resulted in 349 offences reported for transporting passengers on unlicensed vehicles (illegal passenger transport) in the second quarter of 2021," he added.

The campaigns identified the vehicles in breach of regulations and cleaning standards. Drivers were educated about the importance of maintaining personal hygiene, keeping their vehicles clean, and complying with the instructions made to reduce the number of complaints filed.

The site teams of the Passenger Transport Activities Monitoring Department at the Licensing Agency have year-round inspection campaigns covering all parts of Dubai to monitor the illegal activities and misconducts that undermine the image of Dubai. The city is known for delivering sterling services to residents, visitors and tourists coming from all parts of the globe supported by solid security, safety, infrastructure and world-class transit means.





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Marina Mall – Marina Walk (BM1)	Saturday – Thursday 11:00 am – 3:50 pm and 10:15 pm – 10:35 pm	Friday 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm and 10:35 pm – 11:45 pm	AED 5
Marina Promenade – Marina Mall (BM1)	Saturday to Thursday 2:05 pm – 4:00 pm	Friday 2:05 pm – 4:50 pm	AED 3
Marina Terrace – Marina Walk (BM1)			
Full Route	Saturday to Thursday 4:00 pm – 10:15 pm	Friday 5:05 pm – 10:45 pm	AED 3– 11 Depending on the number of stops

Hourly rentals for private tours are also available.
1-day hop-on/off pass tickets are available for AED 25 per person.

*For detailed trip timings or more information, please check at the customer service office inside the station or visit our website www.rta.ae

Cycling a means for sustainable transport and stress-relieving lifestyle

Cycling is no longer just a hobby to improve fitness and reduce stress levels but is having increasing importance as a sustainable and environmentally-friendly means of transportation. Bicycles have become today one of the most important means of individual transportation.

Cycling is becoming popular among residents and visitors of Dubai, and the network of cycling tracks add to the tourist and economic profile of the Emirate of Dubai. They pass through the main tourist and commercial attractions in the Emirate and link with various public transport stations used by tourists.

In line with its vision as (The World Leader in Seamless & Sustainable Mobility), RTA is seeking to place Dubai among the best cities in the world in the field of roads and transportation along with related services, including cycling tracks, which are part of RTA's master plan. The promotion of cycling is in line with the directives of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown

Prince of Dubai and Chairman of the Executive Council, to make bicycles a way of life in Dubai and transform Dubai into a bicycles-friendly city.

The cycling tracks are dedicated to the practice of cycling, whether for training, entertainment or transportation. Tracks vary according to the location and the nature of use. There are separate tracks designated for the use of bicycles, such as the Al Meydan and Al Qudra tracks. There are tracks shared with pedestrians, electric scooters, or vehicles, which are built according to specific standards and international best practices. All cycling tracks and the way you riding on them are subject to laws and regulations governing their use.





RTA has implemented several cycling tracks in vital areas such as Seih Al Salam, Bab Al Shams, Dubai Water Canal, Jumeirah, Marina, Al Sufouh, and Mushrif, Al Khawaneej and Al Warqaa. Shared tracks were built in Al Qusais, Al Karama and Al Mankhool.

RTA launched shared bicycle services in cooperation with major companies specialized in sustainable mobility. It provided 78 stations offering 780 bicycles for rent and shared use in several hotspots across the emirate. The daily rate of shared bicycle trips is about 2,000 trips. Dubai has made a quantum leap in the use of individual mobility systems in general and bicycles in particular.

RTA also coordinates periodically with strategic partners, to provide cycling tracks in developers' areas, such as bike tracks in the Dubai Internet City, Jumeirah Lakes Towers, and Meydan to serve the first and last-mile trips for short and medium trips in line with its vision as (The World Leader in Seamless & Sustainable Mobility) and several strategic goals highlighted by Integrated Dubai.

RTA is implementing strategic plans based on encouraging the use of bicycles by increasing the total length of cycling tracks to 668 km by 2025 km and increasing the length of tracks shared with pedestrians and vehicles through



building transit-oriented projects around transport stations. RTA is also working on developing facilities and services associated with cycling tracks, which will provide a better environment for users.

The construction of cycling tracks is also in line with RTA's efforts to make Dubai a bike-friendly city by developing dedicated bike tracks all over the Emirate to provide suitable alternatives for residents and encourage them to practice cycling. It assists in making the use of bikes a way of life in Dubai and achieving Dubai Vision 2021 aimed at making Dubai the preferred destination for living, working and visiting.



RTA is making sustained efforts with its strategic partners to organize media campaigns and events to educate the public about the safety procedures and urge them to comply with the regulations regarding the use of bicycles in the Emirate of Dubai. Such provisions specify the conditions for riding bicycles and areas of riding them such as the designated for bikes. Cyclists are obliged to avoid cycling on a road with a speed of more than 60 km/h and on tracks designated for walking and running. They have also to ride bicycles safely and cautiously to avoid actions that may endanger the life and safety of riders or others. They also aim to raise the awareness of electric scooter riders about safety requirements, including that the scooter driver should be at least 14 years old and riding on dedicated tracks. Riders have to avoid riding on public roads or leaving the electric scooter in a way that impedes

the movement of vehicles or pedestrians, leave a safe distance between bicycles and pedestrians, and avoid carrying anything that leads to the imbalance of the rider. Riders have also to abide by the instructions, regulations and warning signs, adhere to the conditions of public safety and wear protective helmets. The scooter must have front and rear lights, brakes on the front and rear tires of the scooter, a sound alert device fitted to the steering bar, and travel at a speed not exceeding 20 km/h.

RTA is committed to the highest standards and scientific studies in setting the speed limit on the roads, whether for vehicles or bicycles. For example, determining the speed of bicycles depends on the number of entry and exit points, and the nature of the track in terms of width, design, and classification of surrounding roads. Accordingly, the speed limit on cycling tracks does not exceed 30 km/h on the



tracks designated for amateurs, such as the cycling tracks of Nad Al Sheba and Meydan, and the shared lanes of the Al Qusais, Al Karama, and Al Mankhool.

Tracks located within urban areas have a speed limit of 20 km/h but there are no speed limits set for training tracks and external tracks such as Seih Al Salam and Al Qudra. RTA always attaches priority to maintaining the safety of track users, and cyclists must abide by safety instructions and respect the users of these tracks.

Due consideration must be given to the safety precautions while cycling through observing the traffic laws, which include wearing a helmet compatible with the standards set, wearing a reflective jacket, adhering to traffic signals, installing a white reflective light at the front and a red reflective light at the rear, and fitting the bike with operational brakes.

Quoted from Al Bayan newspaper.





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RTA carries out 13k inspections on transport activities across Dubai

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Longest Railway Tunnels

Railway tunnels are railways running underground or underwater across mountainous areas. Their length varies from short tunnels extending dozens of metres to others stretching more.

Below is a list of some of the longest railway tunnels in the world.

Gotthard Base Tunnel

Gotthard is a tunnel that opened in 2016. It is located in Switzerland under the Alps, and up to now, it's considered one of the longest railway tunnels in the world, measuring 57 km in length.

Work on the project began in 2010, with a construction cost of \$15 million. In December 2016, the first trip through the tunnel began. Before the tunnel was opened, transportation used to be through the trucks road, which was very slow, and cost a lot of money. This is now replaced by about 200 freight trains and 50 passenger trains passing through the tunnel.

Seikan Tunnel

Located in Japan, Seikan Tunnel connects Hokkaido and Honshu Islands, extending over 53 km, rendering it the longest underwater railway tunnel in the world.

The tunnel is also the deepest worldwide running 459 feet below sea level.

Before the construction of the tunnel, the only means of transportation between the two islands was the ferry. After the end of World War II, the Japanese economy experienced rapid growth, which led to the emergence of more sophisticated structures.

The English Channel

This 50.5 km long Channel Tunnel is known as the English Channel between the borders of the United Kingdom and France. It is the longest underwater rail tunnel in the world. The rail tunnel connects Folkstone (Kent, England, UK) with France, down the English Channel in the Strait of Dover on the British side.

Yulhyeon Tunnel

Yulhyeon Tunnel is the fourth-longest railway tunnel in the world extending 50.3 km. It took three years and five months for the tunnel to be completed. It occupies about 82% of the total new railway.

The tunnel was built using the new Austrian tunnelling method, a construction method that suits the changing rock and soil conditions.

Songshan Lake Tunnel

Songshan Lake Tunnel is one of several China tunnels located in Dongguan.

This 38.89 km railway tunnel was completed in 2016 and winds its way across Songshan Lake to facilitate the route of Dongguan-Huizhou Intercity Railway.





Lötschberg Tunnel

The Lötschberg main tunnel is a 34.60-kilometre rail tunnel that runs through the Alps in Switzerland.

The tunnel was commissioned in December 2007, about 20% of the tunnel was constructed using tunnel boring machines, and the rest by conventional blasting techniques. The material excavated from the tunnel amounted to 16 million tons.

Lütschental Tunnel

Located in Switzerland, Lütschental Tunnel runs 34 km long.

Guanjiao New Tunnel

The New Guanjiao Tunnel is on the 2nd line of Qinghai–Tibet Railway in Guanjiao Mountain, Qinghai Province. The total length of the tunnel is 32.645 kilometres (20.285 miles), making it the longest railway tunnel in China and the longest high-altitude railway tunnel in the world.

The tunnel was built in seven years. Construction started in 2007 and was completed in April 2014 and opened in December 2014. The tunnel was constructed in difficult geological conditions and at high altitudes exceeding 3,300 meters (10,800 ft) above sea level and was designed for two parallel single-track tunnels with speeds of up to 160 kilometres per hour.

The Guadarrama Tunnel

The 28.4 km long Guadarrama Railway Tunnel is the longest railway tunnel in Spain and the fifth-longest railway tunnel in the world.

The tunnel was opened to the public in 2007. High-speed AVE trains run through the tunnel at a top speed of 310 km per hour.



The journey time between Madrid and Segovia was reduced to just 22 minutes through the tunnel. The travel time between Madrid and Valladolid was reduced to just 55 minutes, from a journey that used to take several hours.

The West Qinling Tunnel

This is a 28.236-km railway tunnel located in the middle of the Chongqing–Lanzhou Railway that crosses Qinling.

The dual-bore railway tunnel is the second-longest railway tunnel in China, which is slightly shorter than the Guanjiao New Tunnel. Construction began in August 2008 and lasted for 5.5 years.

The parallel rail tunnels are for freight and link the city of Longnan with the towns of Waina, Luoyang, and Fengxiang within Gansu Province.

The railway tunnel is used for freight. It links the city of Longnan with the towns of Waina, Luoyang, and Fengxiang within Gansu Province and shortens the travel time from 17.5 hours to 6.5 hours.

Taihang Tunnel

The 27.84-km (17.3-mile) Taihang Tunnel is the third-longest mountain railway tunnel in northern China, after the New Guanjiao and Western Qinling tunnels.

This is a double-track tunnel that was built to allow the Shijiazhuang–Taiyuan high-speed railway to cross the Taihang Mountains.

Construction of the tunnel began in 2005 and was completed in December 2007.

After the opening of the Taihang Tunnel and the completion of the high-speed railway, the travel time from Shijiazhuang to Taiwan decreased from about six hours to one hour.

Garlic and Onion

Garlic and onion have been in use since ancient times in traditional medicine to treat many diseases.

The ingredients of garlic and onions can enhance the body's immunity, prevent many diseases, and help improve overall body functions.



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Benefits of Garlic and Onions

- Eating onions and garlic boosts the immune system's ability to resist diseases, especially flu and influenza, as they contain anti-inflammatory substances that help treat sore throats associated with a cold.
- Improving the functions of the respiratory system, as both onions and garlic contain flavonoids, which have anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties that prevent asthma attacks, help to treat pneumonia, and relieve the symptoms of shortness of breath.
- Eating onions and garlic also clears phlegm and cough that accompany flu.
- Studies conducted by researchers at the American Institute for Cancer Research indicate that regular consumption of onions and garlic contribute effectively to preventing different types of cancer such as breast, lung, colon, and oesophagus cancers. The ingredients of garlic and onion do not prevent the onset of cancers only, but can also slow down the growth of cancerous tumours. Garlic, in particular, is effective in preventing the spread of stomach and colon cancers.
- In a study conducted about the effect of onions on diabetic patients, it was found that eating nearly 100 gm of raw red onions daily helps reduce sugar levels by 40 mg/dL, and eating garlic also helps control blood sugar levels and prevent diseases associated with diabetes, such as atherosclerosis and kidney problems.
- Onions contain a high percentage of vitamin C, which helps stimulate collagen production necessary for hair and nail growth. Studies indicate that the topical use of garlic reduces hair loss, delays baldness, helps stimulate hair growth, and lengthens it. It also gets rid of stubborn dandruff due to its anti-fungal properties.
- Folate in onions reduces the feelings of depression, improves mood and appetite, helps sleep well, and reduces insomnia. Eating raw garlic helps stimulate the production of serotonin, which is known as the hormone of happiness that helps in reducing depression, insomnia, and feeling exhausted.
- Some slices of onions or minced garlic put on the salad plate can reduce blood pressure significantly besides its wonderful flavour. Onions contain potassium, which reduces the harmful effect of sodium to patients with high pressure.
- Eating four cloves of raw garlic daily protects against diseases such as heart attacks and strokes, which are associated with high blood pressure.
- Onion and garlic contain many antioxidants, which help prevent early ageing diseases, such as Alzheimer's, dementia, and others.
- Red onions, in particular, contain a high percentage of pigments, which have antioxidant properties, and also protect against cancer.





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