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## Dubai Metro Blue Line



“Remarkable achievements don’t happen by chance; rather, they result from deliberate planning, creative thinking and a commitment to attaining the highest levels of leadership. The true measure of achievement lies in its positive impact on society. We strive for the best for our society, sparing no effort to achieve it at the highest standards.”

Those were the words of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister of the UAE, Ruler of Dubai, upon endorsing Dubai Metro Blue Line. This 30-km line costing about AED 18 billion, connects 14 stations and serves vital areas expected to be home to one million people, as envisaged in the Dubai Urban Plan 2040.

On November 23, Dubai’s Roads and Transport Authority celebrated a momentous occasion with the launch of the line of the Dubai Metro Blue Line by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, First Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance. This line marks the fifth strategic initiative in public transportation, following the successful launch of the Red and Green Lines of the Dubai Metro, the Dubai Tram, and Route 2020 of the Dubai Metro. Dubai Metro’s Blue Line is a key strategic project in the transportation industry going forward.

The new line contributes to realizing the objectives of the Dubai Economic Agenda D33 and Dubai Urban Plan 2040 to transform Dubai into the best city for living in the world. It also raises the global competitiveness of the city as a hub for major events, implementing the concepts of the Dubai Urban Plan like the ‘twenty-

minute city’ with 80% of services accessible within a twenty-minute commute, and fostering a Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) model. The Blue Line enhances connectivity with the existing Red and Green Metro Lines and provides a direct connection between Dubai International Airport and nine key areas along the line, with travel times ranging between 10 and 25 minutes.

Dubai Metro Blue Line has several remarkable features. It boasts the first metro viaduct over Dubai Creek, spanning 1,300 meters, and includes an iconic station at Dubai Creek Harbour designed by the globally renowned firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM). It also features the largest interchange underground station in the metro network, covering over 44,000 square meters with an estimated capacity of about 350,000 passengers per day. Notably, the Blue Line is the first transportation project in Dubai to adhere to green building specifications – Platinum category.

The ongoing investment in infrastructure development by the Dubai government reflects the leadership’s firm belief that investment in infrastructure is the key driver of the sweeping development, as stated by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum:

“Investments in infrastructure projects align with Dubai’s strategy for comprehensive city development, focusing on meeting present needs while preparing for the future.” We pledge to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum to complete Dubai Metro Blue Line by the set date of 2029, coinciding with the 20th anniversary of the Dubai Metro’s inauguration.

H.E. Mattar Al Tayer

Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors

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## Mohammed bin Rashid approves Dubai Metro Blue Line project **Maktoum bin Mohammed launches the project during a ceremony held at Dubai Creek Harbour**

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister of UAE and Ruler of Dubai, has approved the Dubai Metro Blue Line project, a new 30 km metro route that will strategically link key areas in the emirate through 14 stations, in line with the anticipated growth of around one million residents outlined in the Dubai 2040 Urban Master Plan.



### **Mohammed bin Rashid: The metro is part of the spirit of Dubai**

In a tweet, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister of the UAE, said on X account: "We have endorsed the biggest new project in Dubai's public transport; Dubai Metro Blue Line. The Blue Line will span a total length of 30 km, with 15.5 km running underground and 14.5 km above ground, costing 18 billion dirhams, serving areas inhabited by one million people.

"Dubai Metro has become an integral part of Dubai's daily life, interconnecting the neighbourhoods and residents. Since its inauguration in 2009, Dubai Metro has been used by 2 billion people, and it is anticipated to serve billions more in the decades to come."



**Construction Plan**



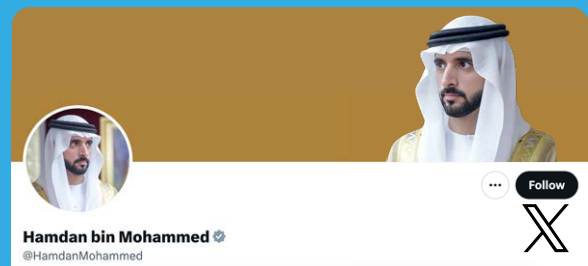


HH Sheikh Mohammed underscored that investments in infrastructure projects align with Dubai's strategy for comprehensive city development, focusing on meeting present needs while preparing for the future. He emphasised that national talents have proven their ability to spearhead development, offering creative ideas that resonate with Dubai's ambitious objectives in various fields, driving progress and excellence.

"Remarkable achievements don't happen by chance; rather, they result from deliberate planning, creative thinking and a commitment to attaining the highest levels of leadership. The true measure of achievement lies in its positive impact on society. We strive for the best for our community, sparing no effort to achieve it at the highest standards," His Highness said.

His Highness directed the immediate commencement of the project's implementation, adhering to the highest international standards and specifications to meet the demands of demographic expansion in the region. The project is scheduled for completion in 2029, coinciding with the 20th anniversary of the Dubai Metro.

During a ceremony held at Dubai Creek Harbour, His



### Hamdan bin Mohammed: Mohammed bin Rashid ushers a new era in Dubai's development process

His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Chairman of the Executive Council, tweeted: "In September 2009, Dubai Metro began its journey with the launch of the Red Line, followed by the introduction of the Green Line two years later. Dubai Metro has achieved remarkable milestones throughout the years, catering to over 2 billion users.

"Today, Mohammed bin Rashid marks a new chapter in Dubai's development and sustainable transportation by approving the 30km Blue Line for the Dubai Metro, featuring 14 stations. The line spans Dubai Creek and hosts the metro network's largest underground station. A heartfelt appreciation goes out to the Roads and Transport Authority team led by Mattar Al Tayer for their dedication in strengthening Dubai's global leadership in infrastructure, playing a significant role in achieving the objectives outlined in Dubai's economic agenda, D33."

Releasing  
the Tender  
**2023**

Awarding  
the Project  
**2024**

Starting  
Tunnel Boring  
**2025**

Trial  
Operation  
**2028**

Official  
Operation  
**2029**



### Maktoom bin Mohammed: Dubai is the most beautiful and best city on earth to live in

His Highness Sheikh Maktoom bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, First Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, said, "The Dubai Metro is one of the mega developmental projects which has translated the vision of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum to make Dubai the best city for living. Today, and with its new route, it continues to outline Dubai's exceptional future.

"I witnessed the inauguration of Dubai Metro's Blue Line. The new line spans 30 km, linking 14 new stations to serve 9 areas with an estimated population of more than one million people, according to Dubai 2040 Urban Plan, which shall be launched in 9/9/2029. The total expected benefits will exceed AED 56.5 billion by 2040, supporting the goals of the Dubai Economic Agenda D33."

Highness Sheikh Maktoom bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, First Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance of the UAE launched the Dubai Metro Blue Line project

Sheikh Maktoom said that, guided by the vision and directives of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Dubai remains committed to implementing world-class projects that not only enhance the city's global standing but also reaffirm its leadership in developing high-level infrastructure that aligns with the emirate's sustainable development goals.

"We remain dedicated to upholding the vision of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid, which seeks to consolidate Dubai's position as the world's best city to live in," Sheikh Maktoom noted.

His Highness commended the Dubai Roads and Transport Authority for its efforts in implementing major projects that align with Dubai's future aspirations. He also acknowledged the valuable contributions of Emirati talent at the forefront

**Total rail network at the opening of the Blue Line**





of development across vital sectors in Dubai. “We are proud of our national talent and have full confidence in their abilities to further develop the emirate, with a focus on enhancing the stability and happiness of the community.” The ceremony was also attended by His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Chairman and Chief Executive of Emirates Airline and Group, His Highness Sheikh Mansoor bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairman of Dubai Ports and Borders Security Council, and several senior officials.

Upon his arrival at the ceremony, HH Sheikh Maktoum was welcomed by His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director-General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA). His Highness was briefed on the key features of the Dubai Metro Blue Line which were showcased on a massive mural at the venue. The Blue Line represents a significant advancement as the first metro route crossing Dubai Creek through a 1300-metre viaduct. The Blue Line will span a total length of 30 km, with

15.5 km running underground and 14.5 km above ground. With its 14 stations, including key interchange points like the Creek Station on the Green Line, Centreport Station on the Red Line, and Dubai International City Station 1, along with the iconic station at Dubai Creek Harbour, the Blue Line is set to be a pivotal element in the ongoing development of the city’s transportation network.

### Best City in the World

The new line is a key integration point between the Red and Green Lines of Dubai Metro. It plays a significant role in realising the objectives of the Dubai Economic Agenda (D33) and Dubai 2040 Urban Master Plan aimed at transforming Dubai into the world’s best city to live in by offering sustainable and soft mass transit solutions. These solutions are designed to facilitate the mobility of both residents and visitors, promoting well-being and enhancing Dubai’s global competitiveness as a leading destination for hosting international events. Additionally, they align with



168 Trains



78 Stations



131 km Network length

## Facts & Figures

- The Dubai Metro's total network length is approximately 90 km, comprising 52 km for the Red Line, 23 km for the Green Line, and 15 km for Route 2020.
  - Each train consists of five air-conditioned carriages, accommodating around 650 passengers, and operates autonomously without a driver.
  - Since its inauguration in September 2009 until last October, the Dubai Metro has served approximately 2.2 billion passengers.
  - The network's design allows for handling about 26,000 passengers per hour in each direction on both the Red and Green Lines.
  - The network incorporates three multi-level parking facilities, offering over 8,000 parking spaces in total.
  - The interior designs of metro stations across the Red and Green Lines, including Route 2020, are themed around six concepts:
    - **Heritage:** Reflecting the rich culture and history of the UAE
    - **Earth:** Representing the enduring aspects of nature
    - **Air:** Symbolising the essence of life and its ongoing flow
    - **Fire: Source of energy and power**
    - **Water:** Basis of life and source of inspiration
- Future Dubai Design: Iconic Expo station

the aspirations of the Dubai 2040 Urban Master Plan, which aims to create a '20-minute city.' This innovative concept ensures that more than 80% of essential services are within a 20-minute travel time for residents, fostering a Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) approach.

## Nine Key Areas

The Blue Line will offer a direct connection between Dubai International Airport and nine key areas along the line namely Mirdif, Al Warqa, International City 1 and 2, Dubai Silicon Oasis, Academic City, Ras Al Khor Industrial Area,



Dubai Creek Harbour, and Dubai Festival City. The travel time between these destinations is anticipated to range from 10 to 25 minutes.

The Blue Line consists of nine elevated stations and five underground stations. By 2030, the Blue Line is anticipated to serve approximately 200,000 passengers daily, with this figure expected to increase to 320,000 passengers daily by 2040. The line is designed to handle an estimated capacity of about 56,000 passengers per hour in both directions at a service interval of about 1.5 minutes.

During the event, HH Sheikh Maktoum viewed models of

## Facts and figures



### The first Interchange Station

between the Red and Blue Lines at Centrepoint Station, and the First Interchange Station between the Green and Blue Lines at the Creek Station





the station is engineered to accommodate approximately 160,000 passengers daily, with a projected increase to around 70,000 passengers daily by 2040.

HH Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed also met with 30 young Emirati engineers who will be part of the team entrusted to construct the Dubai Metro Blue Line project. This team represents a continuation of the skilled professionals who contributed to the construction of earlier rail projects.

### 5th Strategic Project

Dubai Metro Blue Line represents the fifth strategic project in public transportation, joining the ranks of the existing Red and Green Lines of the Dubai Metro, Dubai Tram and Dubai Metro Route 2020. It is one of the largest strategic projects

the designs for both the upper and tunnel sections of the Blue Line stations. He then marked the location on a large model depicting the project's service areas, which also highlighted the position of the iconic station in the Dubai Creek Harbour. This station embodies an innovative design that reflects the vision of the new Dubai. This design seamlessly integrates with the urban style of the surrounding modern residential and commercial towers. Spanning 8,800 square meters,

in the transportation sector for the upcoming phase. Upon the completion of the Blue Line, Dubai's total railway network will extend from 101 km to 131 km. This includes 120 km for the Dubai Metro and 11 km for Dubai Tram. The number of metro and tram stations will increase from 64 to 78, encompassing 67 stations for the Dubai Metro and 11 for the Dubai Tram. Additionally, the fleet will expand from 140 to 168 trains, including 157 for the Dubai Metro and 11 for the Dubai Tram.

HH Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed was briefed by HE Mattar Al Tayer on the Dubai Metro Blue Line, which links the Green Line at Creek Station with the Red Line at Centreport Station, catering to residential, academic areas and developmental projects.



2.

**The biggest underground station,**  
covering 44,000 square metres in  
the International City area



3.

**The first train crossing**  
over the Creek





The line will also serve one of the urban centres highlighted in the Dubai 2040 Urban Master Plan, namely the Dubai Silicon Oasis Centre, a knowledge and innovation international hub playing a crucial role in advancing the knowledge and technology economy sector and attracting talented and innovative individuals.

During the event, Al Tayer said: “Dubai Metro Blue Line comprises two main routes. The first route begins at the Creek Interchange Station on the Green Line, located in Al Jaddaf. It then passes through Dubai Festival City, Dubai Creek Harbour, and Ras Al Khor, before reaching Dubai International City 1, which has an interchange station. The route continues towards Dubai International City 2 and 3, extending to Dubai Silicon Oasis and up to the Academic City. This section spans 21 km and features 10 stations.

“The second route of the Blue Line starts from Centrepont Interchange Station on the Red Line in Al Rashdiya. It passes through Mirdif and Al Warqa, concluding at the Dubai International City 1 Interchange Station. This route measures 9 km in length and includes four stations. The project also includes the construction of a metro depot at Al Ruwayah 3.”

## 50,000 University Students

Al Tayer explained that the Dubai Metro Blue Line was meticulously planned with sustainability in mind, ensuring it connects various densely populated areas and projects. By 2040, it is anticipated to serve regions with a combined population of around one million individuals. Key areas served by the Blue Line include Dubai Creek Harbour and Dubai Festival City, noted for their immense development potential, as well as Dubai International City, home to Dragon Mart and large residential complexes visited by over 200,000 residents and visitors., he noted.

The Blue Line also serves residential neighbourhoods like Al Rashdiya, Al Warqa, and Mirdif. It also extends to Dubai Silicon Oasis, recognised as one of Dubai 2040 Urban Master Plan’s Urban Centres, and the Academic City, which is projected to accommodate over 50,000 university students by 2029, Al Tayer added.

The construction of the Blue Line project will utilise cutting-edge international technologies in train systems. Station designs have been planned to maximise space efficiency, thereby reducing implementation, operation

4.



### An iconic station

featuring a unique architectural design

5.



The project to serve a population of **one million individuals** by 2040



6. LEED  
PLATINUM • PLATINE

The first transport project  
compatible with Green Buildings  
specifications (Platinum category)





and maintenance costs. Additionally, these designs aim for seamless integration with various transportation modes, including public buses and taxis.

### Economic Return

Initial studies by RTA indicated that infrastructure investment is a key driver of economic growth in cities worldwide. The Dubai Metro Blue Line project aligns with the objectives of the Dubai Economic Agenda, D33, offering economic, social and environmental returns. By 2040, the project is projected to yield a benefit-cost ratio of 2.60 (AED2.60 in benefits for every AED1 spent). The total anticipated benefits exceed AED56.5 billion by 2040. These benefits include substantial savings in time and fuel, reduced accident-related fatalities and lower carbon emissions.

The Blue Line is also expected to decrease traffic congestion on its served routes by 20% and appreciate the value of land and properties near stations by up to 25%. The Blue Line also provides a direct connection between Dubai International Airport and nine key areas situated along its route. It connects with the fifth urban centre, Dubai Silicon Oasis Centre, ensuring that all major urban centres in Dubai are seamlessly connected by metro lines.

**The 30 km metro route with 14 stations is designed to cater to key areas, aligning with the Dubai 2040 Urban Master Plan's projections for around one million residents**

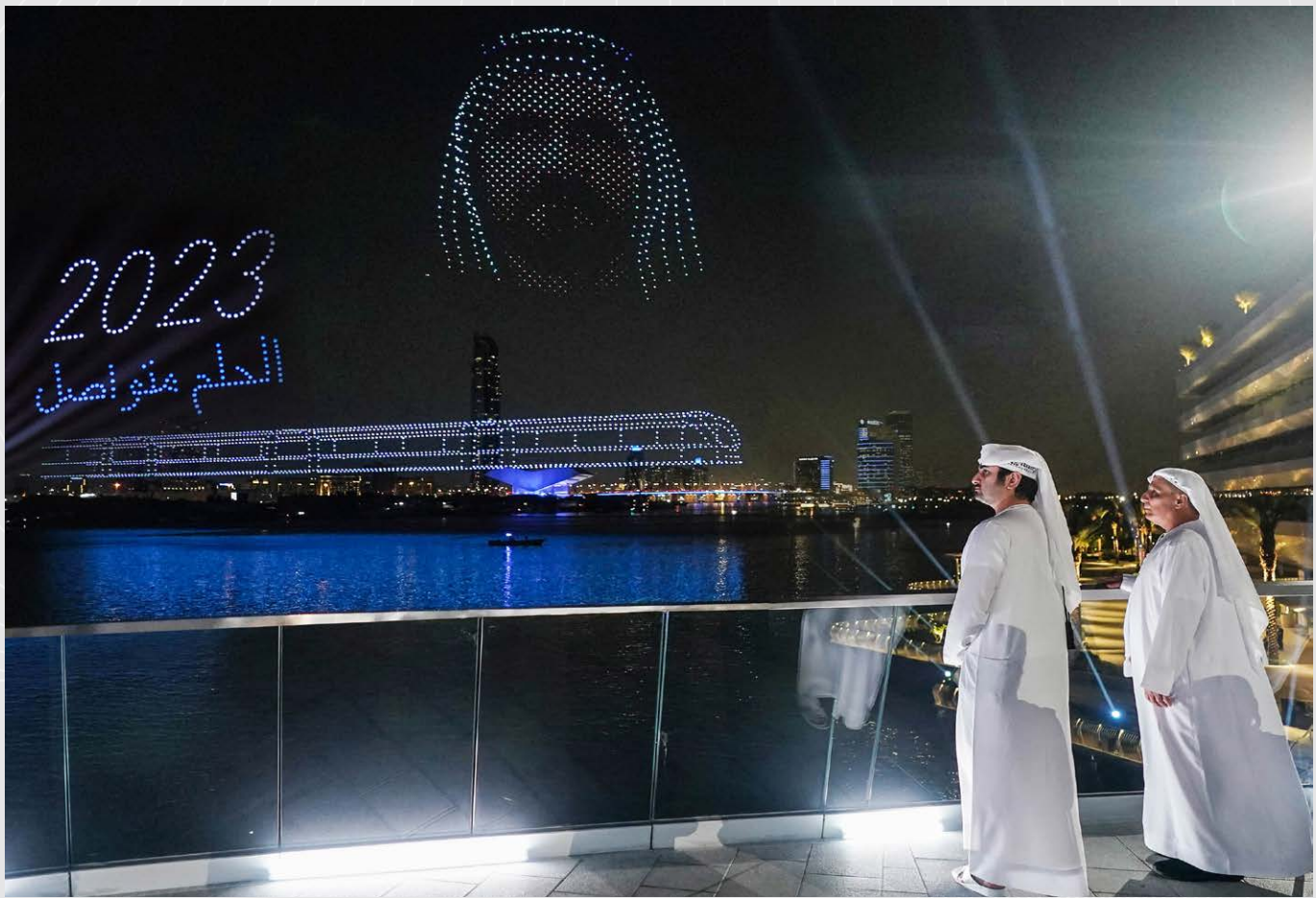
**By 2030, the Blue Line aims to serve around 200,000 daily passengers, projected to rise to 320,000 by 2040**

**By 2029, an estimated 50,000 university students from Academic City are anticipated to utilise the Blue Line**

The endorsement of the Dubai Metro Blue Line signifies a major milestone, building upon the huge success Dubai Metro has achieved since its inauguration on 9/9/2009. The Metro has emerged as the backbone of Dubai's transportation network, becoming the preferred mode of travel for both residents and visitors. It represents nearly 60% of the total usage across all public transportation modes in Dubai, which include buses, the Dubai Tram, and marine transport means.

Up to last October, Dubai Metro has lifted 2.2 billion





### Art Show

The ceremony at Dubai Creek Harbour included a live musical performance by an orchestra that played a unique composition celebrating the Dubai Metro Blue Line project. The artistic display included a flight of 2,500 drones over Dubai Creek, creating a 3D image of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, followed by a visual journey highlighting key historical moments of the Dubai Metro from 2009 to 2023. The drones then traced the path of the new Blue Line, soaring over the metro bridge across Dubai Creek and towards Dubai Creek Harbour. In parallel, Dubai Ferry passed beneath, accompanied by a fireworks display. The show culminated in a grand finale, with fireworks illuminating the sky in shades of blue and white.







passengers since its inauguration and has averaged over 685,000 passengers daily in 2023. The Dubai Metro has also recorded great success in upholding the highest international safety standards and operational

efficiency, boasting a 99.7% punctuality.

Dubai Metro played a pivotal role in boosting Dubai's competitiveness for hosting major international events, including the successfully hosted Expo 2020 Dubai.





**The total benefits of the project are projected to reach AED56.5 billion by 2040, aligning with the goals outlined in the Dubai Economic Agenda, D33**

**The project expands Dubai's railway network to 131 km, encompassing 78 stations and 168 trains**

This event coincided with the launch of the Dubai Metro Route 2020, a 15 km extension featuring seven new stations. It has also contributed to stimulating economic growth, boosting tourism, and enhancing the value of properties located near its stations.

### Global Standing

Dubai Metro maintains its position as the world's longest driverless metro network, with a current total length of 90 km. This network includes around 52 km dedicated to the Red Line, 23 km for the Green Line, and 15 km for Route 2020. The network comprises 53 stations, with 29 on the Red Line, 18 on the Green Line, and six on Route 2020. Additionally, the fleet consists of 129 trains. The facilities and services offered at the Dubai Metro stations are recognised as some of the best globally.













## Mohammed bin Rashid issues Law on 'Dubai Taxi Company' Hamdan bin Mohammed approved the Company's Articles of Association and issues a Resolution forming its Board of Directors



شركة تاكسي دبي  
Dubai Taxi Company

In his capacity as the Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister of the UAE, issued Law No. (21) of 2023 pertaining to 'Dubai Taxi Company'. His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of The Executive Council of Dubai, also approved the Council's Resolution No. (93) of 2023 on 'Dubai Taxi Company's' Articles of Associations including the bylaws and regulations. This included the initiation of floating the Company's shares for an Initial Public Offering (IPO) in accordance with the ratios established by The Executive Council of Dubai. It also encompassed defining the purposes and objectives of the Company, as well as the procedures for the appointment and election of the Company's Board of Directors, among other bylaws and regulations that govern the Company's operations.

HH Sheikh Hamdan also issued Executive Council Resolution No. (92) of 2023 forming the Board of Directors of 'Dubai Taxi Company' chaired by Abdul Mohsin Ibrahim Younis. Ahmed Ali Al Kaabi serves as Vice Chairman of the Board. Other Board members include Shehab Hamad Abu Shehab, Youssef Ahmed bin Ghalaita, Dr. Hanan Sulaiman Al Suwaidi, Abdulla Mohammed bin Damithan, and Issa Abdullah bin Natouf. The two Resolutions were effective from their date of issuance and will be published in the Official Gazette.

### 'Dubai Taxi Company (PJSC)'

Law No. (21) of 2023 amends the legal status of Dubai

Taxi Corporation, created pursuant to Executive Council Resolution No. (48) of 2016. It is now recognised as a public joint-stock company named 'Dubai Taxi Company (PJSC)', with financial and administrative independence, enabling it to pursue its activities and objectives.

The Law also mandates the revision of the term 'Dubai Taxi Corporation' wherever it is referenced in the existing laws of the emirate, to be substituted with 'Dubai Taxi Company (PJSC)'.

The Law also outlines that the Company's duration is 99 years, starting from the date of its registration in the commercial register as per the prevailing laws in the



■ The legislation amended the legal status of Dubai Taxi Corporation, transitioning it into a public joint-stock company (PJSC)

■ The Law outlined that the Company's duration is 99 years and is automatically renewable for a similar period in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association

emirate. Additionally, it is automatically renewable for a similar period in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association.

### Company Objectives

The Law specifies the Company's objectives, including providing transportation services using taxis, in compliance with the current regulations in the emirate, and offering specialised transportation using self-driving vehicles and flying taxi services, with adherence to existing regulations. Furthermore, the Company is involved in leasing vehicles with or without drivers, facilitating the provision of qualified drivers., engaging in leasing of bikes for cargo transportation companies and pursuing other purposes outlined in the Company's articles.

### Passenger Transport Services

According to the Law, 'Dubai Taxi Company (PJSC)' will provide passenger transport services in areas and locations specified by the current legislation in the emirate, or as determined by a resolution from the Chairman of The Executive Council of Dubai.

'Dubai Taxi Company (PJSC)' is permitted to outsource passenger transportation services through contractual agreements with interested companies and entities. The contract specifies its duration, rights, and obligations of both parties, without contravening the provisions of this Law and the prevailing regulations in the emirate.

This Law annuls Executive Council Resolution No. (48) of 2016 pertaining to Dubai Taxi Corporation and any other legislation that may contradict with this Law. Decisions



and regulations issued to implement Resolution No. (48) of 2016 remain in place as far as the don't contradict with articles of this Law until new decisions and bylaws are issued to replace them.

This Law is effective from the date of its issuance and will be published in the Official Gazette.

### Dubai Taxi IPO fully subscribed within one hour

■ The Dubai Taxi Company's initial public offering (IPO) on the Dubai Financial Market was fully covered within an hour from the start of offering about 25% of the company's capital. The IPO on the Dubai Financial Market followed the company's declaration of the set price range for the shares and the start of the subscription period. 624.75 million shares were offered, equating to 24.99% of the company's total issued shares.

■ The offering attracted about AED1.15 billion (\$315 million), enough to cover all shares offered, with a share price range set between 1.80 and 1.85 dirhams. The pricing suggests the company's market value at listing will be between AED4.5 billion and AED4.6 billion (around \$1.2 billion). All shares offered are owned by the Department of Finance of the Government of Dubai in its capacity as a selling shareholder.

# Dubai Taxi Company Appoints Mansoor Al Falasi as CEO

## Appointed Mansour Rahma Al Falasi as CEO



شركة تاكسي دبي  
Dubai Taxi Company

**Dubai, UAE, [19] November 2023: Dubai Taxi Company PJSC, during its first Board meeting chaired by Abdul Muhsen Ibrahim Kalbat, Chairman of Dubai Taxi Company PJSC, approved the appointment of Mansoor Rahma Alfalasi as Chief Executive Officer, which was effective November 17th, 2023.**

Mr. Alfalasi has nearly 20 years' experience in business management within the mobility sector as part of the regulatory body at the RTA, serving as Chief Executive Officer of Dubai Taxi Corporation since 2020, up until the formation of Dubai Taxi Company PJSC.

Before joining Dubai Taxi Corporation (now Dubai Taxi Company) as CEO, Mr. Alfalasi held various management roles at the RTA from 2014 to 2020, including the role of Director of the Drivers Licensing, Director of the Human Resources and Development, Director of the Marine Transport and Director of the Administrative Services. Prior to joining the RTA, Mr. Alfalasi also served as Director of the Support and Resources at DTC from 2011 to 2014 (including serving as Acting Chief Executive Officer at DTC for four months), as Director of the Drivers Affairs at the Public Transport Agency (PTA) and as Manager of the Research and Studies at the Maritime Transport Agency (MTA).

DTC Chairman Abdul Muhsen Ibrahim Kalbat said: "I am delighted to announce that Mansoor Rahma Alfalasi would be Dubai Taxi Company's first CEO. Having successfully delivered many successful strategic initiatives across Dubai's transport and mobility sector over nearly two decades, Mansoor's ability to lead and inspire teams and deliver consistent operational success will be invaluable to DTC as it embarks on the next steps in its growth agenda, particularly its planned IPO on Dubai Financial Market. On behalf of the Board, I would like to congratulate Mansoor on his appointment and wish him all the best as he leads the company forward."

DTC CEO Mansoor Rahma Alfalasi said: "I am immensely proud and thankful to be trusted to lead DTC through this

critical and exciting period for the company. Since 1995, when Dubai Taxi Corporation commenced operations, it was a key enabler of Dubai's success, investing in growth, world-leading technology, and sustainability initiatives, in support of the Emirate's ambitious goal to be one of the world's leading global cities. "As we amplify the DTC story internationally and prepare to welcome new investors through our IPO on DFM, it is a privilege and honour to lead DTC and the highly talented people across the organisation."

In November 2023, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, issued Law No. (21) of 2023 amending the legal status of Dubai Taxi Corporation, recognising the company as a public joint stock company named 'Dubai Taxi Company PJSC' with financial and administrative independence enabling it to pursue its activities and objectives.

### About Dubai Taxi Company

Dubai Taxi Company PJSC (DTC) was recognised as a public joint stock company under Law No. (21) of 2023. The Company is a leading provider of comprehensive mobility solutions in Dubai, operating a fleet of more than 7,000 vehicles, including more than 5,200 taxis. DTC was established in 1994 to operate a fleet of taxis and has since expanded to offer an extensive range of integrated mobility solutions across four key business lines: taxis, VIP limousines, buses and last mile delivery bike services. DTC is the number one taxi operator by fleet size in Dubai with an approximately 44% market share as of 30 June 2023. In the 12 months to 30 June 2023, the Company's taxis and limousines made 44 million trips, 42 million of which were taxi trips.



# Al Gergawi reviews career experience, recaps lessons learned from leadership of Mohammed bin Rashid at RTA's Leadership Forum

**His Excellency Mohammed Abdullah Al-Gergawi, Minister of Cabinet Affairs, shared insights from his professional journey and the valuable lessons he learned from His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister of the UAE, Ruler of Dubai, during a Leadership Forum hosted by the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) in Dubai. The speech was delivered in the presence of His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Directors, RTA.**

Al-Gergawi highlighted the key inspiring leadership traits of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and the multitude of achievements of His Highness which are evident on the ground. He touched on the belief of His Highness that the progress and achievements of officials are best demonstrated through concrete actions rather than words.

Al-Gergawi paid tribute to the massive accomplishments made by Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority since established 18 years ago. He credited them to the integrated team steered by His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director-General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors, elevating Dubai to one of the world's best cities in terms of infrastructure.

"Dubai has successfully redefined government work, turning it into an enjoyable and rewarding experience. This has been achieved thanks to the nurturing of a motivating work environment that encourages cooperation and a team sharing the same mission of building the nation.

This collaborative ethos has been the catalyst in establishing Dubai's reputation for having the finest entities and employees focused on innovative practices that have set Dubai apart and placed it ahead of the rest," concluded Al-Gergawi.



■ **Dubai has transformed government business into enjoyable tasks and a motivating work environment**

■ **Mohammed bin Rashid is an inspiring leader who believes achievements rather than words speak about officials, and progress is judged by actions rather than words**

■ **RTA boasts an integrated team, and Dubai ranks among the top global cities in infrastructure**



# RTA celebrates its 18th anniversary, 14th Public Transport Day

Public  
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**Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) celebrated both its 18th anniversary and the 14th Public Transport Day initiative. Themed (Gym on the Go), the event aimed to promote physical fitness and encourage residents and visitors to use public transportation for timely arrivals and a relaxed journey.**

His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director-General, Chairman of the Board of Directors, said, "RTA's efforts to develop a comprehensive transportation network has contributed to Dubai being one of the biggest urban economies worldwide. Such endeavours drive environmental sustainability and encourage residents to use public transit means, uplifting the share of mass transport in people's mobility from 6% in 2006 to 20.61% in 2022.

"The Public Transport Day initiative succeeded in promoting Dubai's efforts to protect the environment, achieve sustainable development, encourage residents to use public transport, and increase the number of public transport riders.

"In 2022, Dubai's transport services, including the metro, tram, public buses, marine transport, taxis, and shared mobility options (e-hail, smart rentals, and Bus-on-Demand) served around 621.4 million riders, which translates to 1.7 million daily riders. In the first eight months of 2023, public transport ridership clocked 450 million

passengers, marking a 12% rise compared to the 401 million ridership during the same period in 2022. Dubai Metro was the most popular mode, serving 167 million riders. Taxis, encompassing both Dubai Taxi and franchised company taxis, followed with 130 million users. Public buses lifted 111 million riders, marine transport ferried 11 million passengers, and Dubai Tram served 5.6 million passengers. Shared transportation means, including e-hail, smart rentals, and Bus-on-Demand, served about 26 million passengers," commented Al Tayer.

## Integrated Network

Dubai boasts an interconnected public transport that has become the backbone of people's mobility around the Emirate. It coaxed a change in the culture and attitudes of a broad spectrum of residents towards adopting public transport.

Guided by the vision of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister of the UAE, Ruler of Dubai, and the follow-up of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Chairman of the Executive Council, as well as His Highness Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, First Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, RTA accomplished an

array of mega projects costing about AED146 billion. These notable projects are highlighted by Dubai Metro, the world's longest driverless metro system stretching 89.3 km, the 11-km-long





### Al Tayer:

- Thanks to the leaders' directives, Dubai has an advanced road and public transport infrastructure
- Dubai's public transport network forms the backbone of people's mobility across the emirate
- 450 million riders used public transport in 8 months, posting a 12% growth rate
- Mass & shared transport accounted for 20.61% of mobility journeys in 2022



Dubai Tram, a modern fleet of 1,400 buses compatible with the European low carbon emission standards (Euro 6), and marine transport systems encompassing traditional Abras, ferries and water taxis.

Additionally, RTA developed an extensive network of roads and bridges, ensuring quick arrival to destinations across all modes of transport. Between 2006 and 2022, the road network expanded from 8,715 lane-kilometres to 18,768 lane-kilometres, and the number of bridges and tunnels surged from 129 to 988. During the same period, the number of footbridges and subways (including Dubai Metro and Tram facilities) increased more than fourfold from 26 to 122. Likewise, the cycling lanes experienced

exponential growth from 9 km to 543 km during the same period and will reach 833 km by 2026. Coastal areas like Jumeirah, Al Sufouh, and Marina will be connected to outer tracks at Al Qudra, Saih Al Salam, and Nad Al Sheba across Al Barsha, Dubai Hills, and Nad Al Sheba.

### Sustainable Transport

Last May, RTA unveiled its 'Zero-Emissions Public Transportation in Dubai 2050' strategy, rendering it the first Middle Eastern entity to chart a long-term plan for achieving Net Zero emissions in public transportation by 2050. The initiative, which aims to mitigate climate change impacts and decrease the carbon footprint across all its



## Public Transport Day

■ Events of the 14th Public Transport Day initiative that ran from October 24th to November 8th under the theme ‘Gym on the Go’ that aimed to reflect RTA’s commitment to promoting public health and physical fitness of the community. The event encompassed many sports, health activities, and exercises, among others. Among these activities was the GPS CANVAS interface, which promoted public transportation by encouraging participants to follow a specific route. Additionally, an interactive digital game was launched for smartphones, fostering awareness about protecting endangered animals and minimising carbon footprints, besides honouring the most frequent public transportation users.



operations, encompasses transforming 100% of public buses to electric and hydrogen-powered buses by 2050 and transforming taxis and limousines fully to electric or hydrogen-driven vehicles by 2040.

## Smart Mobility

RTA is forging ahead with Dubai’s strategy for smart self-driving transport to transform 25% of all mobility journeys in Dubai into smart self-driving journeys by 2030. The initiative aims to transform transit means into a smart, unified, and user-friendly mode, considering smart mobility is a crucial pillar of smart cities.

RTA has already accomplished the preliminary stage of preparing digital maps to facilitate the operation of Cruise’s Origin autonomous vehicles. The step sets the stage for the service debut this year, 2023, positioning Dubai as the first city outside the United States to operate Cruise autonomous vehicles commercially. This year 5 Cruise autonomous vehicles dedicated to taxi and e-hail services will be introduced. The fleet will expand to 4,000 cars by 2030.

## Digital Channels

RTA is a frontrunner in supporting Dubai’s digital transformation and leveraging the 4th Industrial

**Length of cycling lanes reached 543 km by the end of 2022 and is projected to reach 833 km in 2026**

Revolution technologies to enhance operational efficiency and customer service. It boasts 100% smart services, with digital channels witnessing remarkable growth in 2022 compared to the previous year regarding the number of transactions, users, and revenue generated. The number of digital transactions surged to 814 million in 2022 from 676 million in 2021, and the revenue stream grew to approximately 3.1 billion dirhams, a 10% increase from the previous year.

During the first half of 2023, RTA’s transactions via smart apps increased significantly to over 3 million—a 114% rise compared to the same period in 2022. Revenues from these innovative transactions also grew to AED377 million in the same period, marking a 25% increment from the same period in the previous year.

“The Public Transport Day on November 1st coincided with RTA’s celebrations of its 18th anniversary. It also concurred with the Dubai Fitness Challenge initiated by His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum,



Crown Prince of Dubai, Chairman of the Executive Council, which ran this year from October 28th to November 26th. It underscored Dubai's ambition to become one of the world's most active cities by giving everyone the chance to practice their favourite sport," said Rowdah Al Mehrizi, Director of Marketing and Corporate Communication, RTA.

## Initiatives and Activities

"RTA planned several initiatives for this year's celebration. Part of these events bear reference to the designation of 2023 as The Year of Sustainability. They also participated in sports activities at public transport stations over 7 days, and everyone was invited to join in various events and contests during the campaign," commented Al Mehrizi.

"Events of the Public Transport Day saw the introduction of the GPS CANVAS Interface competition run by prominent social media influencers. Each influencer navigated Dubai on GPS using different public transport modes, such as the metro, tram, ferry, bus, and Abra. The aim was to

**Bridges and tunnels increased from 129 in 2006 to 988 in 2022**

**Digital services grew by 100%, transactions and revenues soared considerably**

encourage the public to replicate those routes and share their unique GPS drawings. Five participants were chosen as winners in this competition," she explained.

## Save the Species

"This year's festivities included an engaging digital game on smartphones aiming to motivate players to protect endangered animals and reduce carbon footprints. Players registered on the designated Microsite and followed clues to locate virtual treasures, symbolising the rescue of threatened species. Winners who aid these animals stood a chance to win prizes from RTA," added Al Mehrizi.





His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), honoured the most frequent users of public transport users “Public Transport Champions”, including general public and people of determination. The event was held as part of marking the 14th Public Transport Day themed ‘Gym on the Go’ as well as RTA’s 18th Anniversary.

Honourees included three winners from the public and people of determination categories who were the most frequent riders of public transport over the last five years.

Al Tayer congratulated the winners who made public transport their favourite mobility means across Dubai. He reiterated RTA’s commitment to promoting the use of Dubai’s integrated public transport means. Such efforts contribute to the realisation of RTA’s vision to become ‘The world leader in seamless and sustainable mobility’ through developing innovative and sustainable transport services capable of uplifting customer services to world-class standards.

## Public Transport Champions

Al Tayer honoured six Public Transport Champions among the most users of public transport means. From the People of Determination category, three winners were honoured namely: Dhiren Bhatia (8000 journeys), Salem Al Somahi (7000 journeys), and Mohamed Abdul Kader (6750 journeys). He also honoured three winners from the public, namely: Mohamed Thalangara Aboobaker (15,900 journeys), Mohammad Ahmadzadeh (14,442 journeys), and Sirajudeen Abdul Kader (13,900 journeys).

First-place winners in each of the two categories got one million nol Plus points, the runner-up received 700,000 nol points, and the third earned 500,000 nol points.

‘Gym on the Go’ RTA is continuing the celebration of the 14th Public Transport Day under the theme ‘Gym on the Go’ aiming to convey a positive message to the community, thus underlining its role in supporting public health and physical fitness by encouraging the use of public transport means in their travels.



# RTA celebrates Flag Day

## The national flag decorated streets and waterfalls of the Water Canal

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) celebrated the Flag Day in response to the national initiative of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister of the UAE, Ruler of Dubai to celebrate the Flag Day on the 3rd of November each year. RTA's celebrations included multiple activities held at its Headquarter in addition to decorate main streets and bridges and light the Dubai Water Canal.

### Hoisting the flag

His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director-General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of RTA participated in hoisted the national flag on RTA's HQ in the presence of the CEOs, directors and employees.

Al Tayer expressed his pride in this national occasion, which cements the feeling of solidarity and cohesion among the people of the UAE. It signals loyalty, a sense of belonging and love for the homeland. Flying the flag bears witness to the continuation of the achievement and prosperity drive, and fosters wellbeing and

happiness of citizens and residents of this beloved land.

### Flags on Key Locations

Activities included raising 700 flags on 8 locations, namely Business Bay Crossing, Jumeirah Street, Zabeel Street, Infinity Bridge, the Water Canal, the Trade Center Bridge, Al Safa Street and Al Khawaneej Street, besides lighting the waterfalls of the Water Canal in the colours of the state flag. The Flag Day digital designs were also displayed on the ITS smart screens, metro and tram screens, and RTA's internal screens.



# RTA announces comprehensive plan for facilitating the movement of delegations and visitors during COP28

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), Principal Pathway Partner of the 28th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28), announced that it had mapped out a comprehensive plan for facilitating the movement of delegations and visitors attending the conference, in coordination with the Office of the Special Envoy for Climate Change of the UAE and Expo City Dubai. The leading global event is scheduled to take place at Expo City Dubai from November 30th to December 12.

As part of the plan, RTA will provide transportation services across the Blue Zone for official delegations and the Green Zone for representatives of businesses and the public, as well as the participants in the 18th United Nation Climate Change Conference of Youth (COY18). RTA will also provide eco-friendly modes of transport to the venue and facilitate smooth access within the venue.

RTA highlighted its commitment to ensuring the success of the global event, which is set to reinforce the UAE's position as a leader in climate action. Its participation in the event and the meticulous plan it has developed for a smooth transportation experience reflects its keenness to continue contributing to sustainability efforts and the UAE's initiatives to protect the environment.

## Technical Plans for Mobility Management

In collaboration with relevant stakeholders, RTA has formulated

technical plans for effective mobility management during the event, utilising various transit modes such as the Dubai Metro, Dubai Bus and Taxis at the event site. These plans encompass managing and designating service points and regulating traffic flow on the surrounding roads and intersections. Additionally, alternative strategies have been devised to address potential scenarios of traffic congestion, ensuring a seamless traffic flow throughout the duration of the event.

In a proactive effort to advance climate action and reduce emissions, RTA has introduced exclusive special edition 'no!' cards for COP28 delegates. This initiative is designed to encourage and facilitate the use of public transportation in Dubai for free during the conference.

## Metro Timings

COP28 participants can conveniently reach the venue by utilising the Dubai Metro, with the designated Expo





2020 Metro Station serving as the primary access point. Recognised as the most environmentally sustainable option, the Dubai Metro offers the easiest and efficient means of transportation to the event.

In support of COP28, the RTA has extended the Metro operating hours, ensuring service from 5:00 am to 1:00 am the following day throughout the conference days. For added convenience, participants utilising public transport can benefit from free multi-level car parking facilities at stations such as Centreport, Etisalat by e&, and Jebel Ali Station. This will further encourage the use of public transportation and enhance the accessibility of the event for attendees.

## Buses and Taxis

The internal transit plan includes the deployment of 67 biofuel-powered buses, complemented by 10 electric buses, to serve visitors at four stops within Expo City Dubai. Additionally, RTA has introduced new bus routes tailored to transport delegates and organisers to key locations such as JBR, Mall of the Emirates, Ibn Battuta Mall and other key areas in the Emirate, facilitating their mobility beyond the operational hours of the metro.

Dubai's transportation sector features a diverse fleet, including over 10,000 hybrid taxis and 1,000 electric luxury vehicles. These vehicles can be conveniently hailed within Expo City Dubai through the Hala Taxi platform. Furthermore, users of luxury vehicles can opt for services through platforms like Uber, Careem and Yango. Four designated ranks (stops) within Expo City, strategically located at Opportunity Gate, Mobility Gate, Sustainability Gate and the Metro Gate, facilitate easy access for these vehicles.

In an effort to enhance wayfinding for visitors and participants, RTA has installed over 100 directional road signs, providing clear guidance to navigate their way to the conference site.

## Zero-Emissions

As part of its participation in the conference, RTA will be showcasing its key initiatives to protect the environment, including its Zero-Emission Public Transport Strategy 2050, which will be presented in coordination with the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment at the UAE

pavilion's Blue Zone. The presentation is set to highlight the key aspects of the strategy and promote the use of sustainable transportation methods.

RTA will have a dedicated stand in the Green Zone of the conference, providing participants with detailed insights into key projects. These projects include the 'Self-Driving Transport Strategy,' 'Future Aerial Taxi Vertiports,' 'First and Last Mile Strategy,' a range of mass transport and soft mobility solutions, sustainable transport initiatives, and the 'Zero-Emission Public Transport Strategy 2050.' The stand aims to address participant inquiries and foster a deeper understanding of RTA's innovative and sustainable transportation endeavours.

## Youth and Climate

RTA will showcase a visual presentation during the 18th United Nations Climate Change Conference of Youth (COY18), dedicating a session to address young participants and emphasise key topics related to green commuting in public transport and taxis. The presentation will also highlight innovative initiatives and plans aimed at reducing emissions from public transport buses and taxis in Dubai.

As a demonstration of support for youth initiatives in climate action, RTA has issued complimentary pre-charged 'Nol' cards to young participants attending the conference. This gesture is intended to encourage them to utilise public transportation in Dubai at no cost throughout the duration of the Conference of Youth.

In further support of environmental consciousness, RTA has extended an invitation to participants and visitors of COP28 to use public transportation for accessing the conference venue at Expo City Dubai, following the theme: 'Way To Go.' This initiative seeks to inspire engagement in climate protection by urging individuals to choose public transportation for their journey, enabling them to appreciate the sights of Dubai while contributing to the reduction of carbon emissions. By encouraging this sustainable approach, participants' commitment to achieving the conference's goals begins even before their actual arrival at the event.

Conference visitors can obtain a 'nol' card and download the 'S'hail' app to identify the easiest and fastest route to reach the conference venue.

# Information Security Steering Committee reviews latest governance practices in a meeting chaired by Al Tayer

**The Steering Committee of Information Security at the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) in Dubai, held its fourth meeting under the chairmanship of His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director-General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors. The meeting discussed the latest governance trends and practices of information security, which will reflect positively on sustaining corporate excellence.**

Al Tayer stressed RTA's keenness to enhance corporate security, especially in the field of information security. Elevating security awareness among all groups of employees, partners, and individuals interacting with the RTA is essential. This involves consistently assessing the security risks they may face, particularly given the rapid advancements in technology and associated rising challenges. Al Tayer emphasised that information security is a collective responsibility that requires everyone's commitment to comply with relevant laws, adhere to security policies, and promptly report any breaches or non-compliance.

The committee discussed the key efforts for compliance with policies and organizational structures set by the Dubai Government. Results showed a rise in the information and compliance ratio. The committee the indices of the Information Security of the Dubai e-Security Centre. In 2022, RTA achieved 98%. RTA reviewed RTA's

Discussions also covered the security awareness platform and the positive results achieved in this regard, as gauged by the Dubai Government's performance measurement index. It also reviewed the level of maturity of the RTA's practices and the requirements for continuous improvement. It also reviewed the results of relevant security awareness activities, which showed a

great commitment from employees to attend and participate in these activities.

The Information Security Steering Committee commended the excellent performance and effectiveness of the RTA's Cyber Security Centre. They noted the successful outcomes stemming from the collaboration between the Security and Control Department and relevant organizational units. This collaboration has been instrumental in creating a secure environment that facilitates the safe adoption of cutting-edge technologies and modern systems. Such an environment ensures operational efficiency and productivity and positions the RTA to attain global leadership in developing a secure, user-friendly, and sustainable road and transportation services system.

■ **Strengthening information security is a key pillar to maintaining corporate excellence**

■ **Meeting the targets of Dubai Electronic Security Centre's indices**

■ **Persistent efforts to raise security awareness among staff, partners, and customers of RTA**





# Completing 85% of Al Meydan Street Improvement Project

Works included transforming Al Meydan Roundabout into a Surface Intersection

**Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) announced the completion of 85% of the Al Meydan Street Improvement Project, extending from the Al Khail Street intersection to the Cyclists Club. Works involved widening the street's capacity from two to three lanes as a minimum, replacing Al Meydan Roundabout with a T-shaped signalised surface intersection, and transforming Al Quoz Roundabout into an extended street along the route.**

Through continuous improvements of Dubai's infrastructure, RTA aimed to enhance road efficiency to match urban growth and support the emirate's sustainable development, thus ensuring smooth vehicular movement on Dubai's roads.

"The recent improvement works aimed to reduce the travel time on Al Meydan Street from 8 minutes to just 1 minute during the morning period and from 7 minutes to less than 1 minute in the evening. Moreover, congestion at intersections had been expected to drop significantly by 93.3% in average," said Hamad Al Shehhi, Director of Roads, Traffic and Roads Agency, RTA

"The upcoming phase of the Al Meydan Street Improvement Project had included modifying entrances and exits of the Mohammed Bin Rashid City for a better traffic flow in the area. Additionally, landscaping works were planned at the new Al Meydan intersection. The entire project is expected

to be completed by the beginning of the second quarter of 2024," Al Shehhi added.

RTA inaugurated a tunnel for bicycle lanes in Al Meydan area, measuring 160 meters in length and 6.6 meters in width, with a capacity to accommodate approximately 800 bicycles per hour. The transformation of the surface intersection of the cycling track into a tunnel had facilitated free and continuous movement on Al Meydan lane, reducing waiting times for cyclists due to the elimination of the surface intersection. This serves cyclists by connecting development projects in Al Meydan area to Nad Al Sheba and the Cyclists Club through the dedicated cycling track.



# Completing 50% of Garn Al Sabkha-Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Roads Intersection Improvement Project

Works included the construction of 4 bridges stretching 2,874 m

**Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) announced the completion of 50% of the Garn Al Sabkha-Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Roads Intersection Improvement Project. It involves the construction of four bridges that span 2,874 meters in total designed to handle a traffic capacity of 17,600 vehicles per hour.**

The project was undertaken in response to the directives of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister, Ruler of Dubai to enhance the road network infrastructure in Dubai to cope with the ongoing urban and population growth of Dubai, under the follow up of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Chairman of the Executive Council.

The contractor completed the construction of the foundations and columns of bridges and is currently

working on casting the bridge walls, installing iron supports, expanding the roads, lighting works, and rainwater drainage networks.

## Smooth Traffic Flow

His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors, RTA said: "The project had been part of a plan to upgrade Garn Al Sabkha Street, a crucial project linking Sheikh Zayed Road and Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road. It aimed to ensure





**Al Tayer: 17,600 vehicles per hour is the capacity of the new bridges**

**70% saving in the travel time from Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road rightward to Al Yalaisy Road in the direction of Jebel Ali Port**

**40% saving in the travel time from Garn Al Sabkha Street to Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road in the direction of Al Qusais and Sharjah**

seamless traffic flow between Sheikh Zayed Road, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road, First Al Khail Street, and Al Asayel Street”.

“Once opened, the project would cut down the distance and the journey time by 40% for traffic heading from Garn Al Sabkha Street to Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road towards Al Qusais and Sharjah. It will slash the peak hour journey times from 20 minutes to just 12 minutes. It would also diminish the journey time by 70% from 21 minutes to 7 minutes for traffic going from Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road right to Al Yalaisy Road towards Jebel Ali Port,” added Al Tayer.

## 4 Bridges

“The project encompasses the construction of four bridges. The first one spans 943 metres at the intersection of Garn Al Sabkha Street and Al Asayel Street. This two-lane bridge in each direction accommodates 8000 vehicles per hour in both directions and facilitates the traffic flow between Sheikh Zayed Road and Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road.

“The second bridge, extending 601 metres, consists of two lanes, and serves traffic moving from Garn Al Sabkha Street Westwards towards Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road Northwards, heading to Al Qusais and Sharjah. This bridge has a capacity of 3,200 vehicles per hour.

The third bridge, stretching 664 metres, features two lanes, and ensures smooth traffic flow, eliminating overlapping traffic from Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed

Road heading Northwards towards Al Yalaisy Road in the direction of Jebel Ali Port. This bridge can accommodate approximately 3,200 vehicles per hour.

The fourth bridge, which spans 666 metres and consists of two lanes, helped to ensure a smooth traffic flow by eliminating any traffic overlap from Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road to the service road leading to the entrances of Dubai Production City. This bridge has a capacity of around 3,200 vehicles per hour” explained Al Tayer.

The project included road works over 7 kilometres, the enhancement of surface intersections on the service road parallel to Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road, as well as street lighting, traffic signs, traffic systems, rainwater drainage system and an irrigation network.

It’s worth noting that the Garn Al Sabkha – Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Roads Intersection Improvement Project complements RTA’s Master Plan to upgrade strategic road networks and arterial routes towards the east and the west such as Al Yalaisy and Expo roads accomplished over the last years. These crucial networks bolster Dubai’s transportation system, serve numerous developmental projects located on both sides of the roads and accommodate both current and future traffic volumes.



# Completing 72% of construction on internal roads at Margham, Lehbab, Al Lesaili, and Hatta

**Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) completed 72% of the construction on internal roads and street lighting at Margham, Lehbab, Al Lisaili, and Hatta. The project spans a total distance of 38 km: 19 km of roadwork and the addition of lighting poles along another 19 km of existing streets.**

His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director-General, Chairman of the Board of Directors, RTA, said, "The internal roads project had been undertaken in response to the directives of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President, Prime Minister of the UAE, Ruler of Dubai; and the instructions of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Chairman of the Executive Council to address the needs of demographic growth and urban expansion, and foster the wellbeing of residents of the emirate. It reflects RTA's commitment to upgrading the infrastructure of roads, streetlights, and rainwater drainage

systems in residential communities.

## Margham

"The internal roads project at Margham covers the construction of roads extending 5 km along Dubai-Al Ain Road, near Skydive Dubai. Works include road paving, rainwater drainage networks, and streetlights. The project serves more than 11000 residents," said Al Tayer.

## Lehbab

"The internal roads project at Lehbab had included paving roads extending 5 km along with infrastructure works of





rainwater drainage and streetlights. The project also covers lighting works of the existing streets extending 2 km at the Dubai-Hatta Road beside Lehbab Camels' Racetrack. The project serves more than 3,000 residents and improves the linking of the residential district under construction with the road network," commented Al Tayer.

## Al Lesaili

"The internal road works at Al Lesaili span 7 km. The project had included street lighting works for the existing roads at Saih Assalam near the Last Exit and Al Qudra Lakes over 14 km. The project serves about 2,900 residents and improves the entry/exit points of the area," stated Al Tayer.

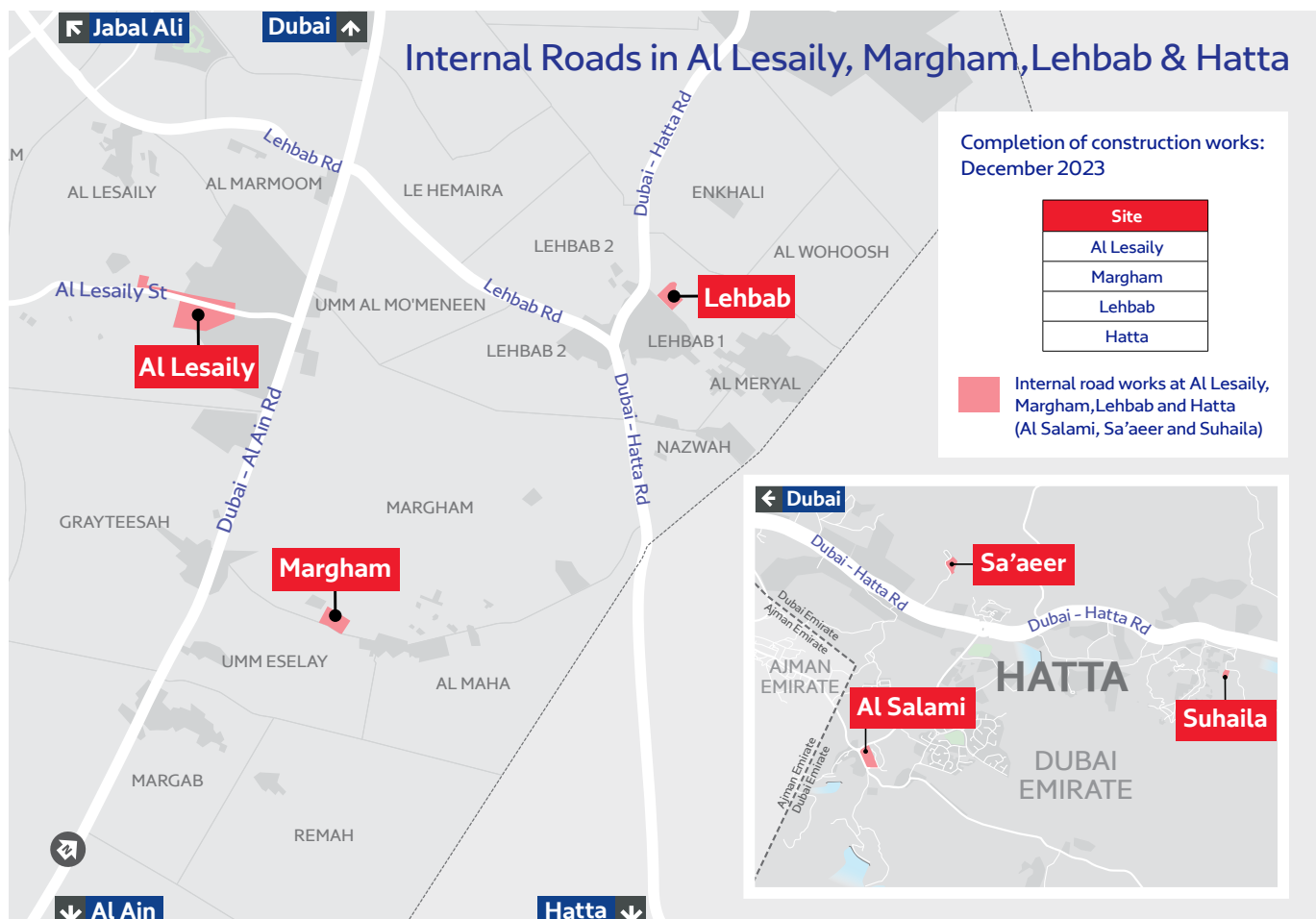
## Hatta

"The project covers the construction of roads extending 2 km at Hatta, specifically at Saa'eer, Al Salami, and Suhaila, and infrastructure works that had included rainwater drainage and streetlights. It serves about 6,000 residents



and improves the entry/exit points and the connection of the newly developed residential community with the road network," concluded Al Tayer.

RTA completed the construction of internal roads within three residential districts, namely Al Quoz 2, Nad Al Sheba 2, and Al Barsha South 3, extending 37 km in total and inhabited by 12 thousand persons.



# Allocating 40 air-conditioned rest areas for delivery riders to enhances traffic safety

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) intends to construct 40 air-conditioned rest areas for delivery riders in key areas across Dubai. The initiative aims to enhance road safety, foster wellbeing, and reduce the risks of road accidents. By providing these facilities, RTA seeks to offer comfortable amenities to delivery riders while waiting for new orders, thereby increasing their overall happiness rating, and encouraging them to comply with traffic laws and regulations.

The exterior of the rest areas was designed to reduce the impact of sunlight and ensure proper insulation without compromising the view. Each rest area is air-conditioned and equipped with a snack dispenser, water cooler and mobile phone charging station. Each rest area accommodates up to 10 people, depending on the district and has ample parking spaces for motorcycles adjacent to the facility.

## Traffic Safety

His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Roads and Transport Authority, said, "Traffic safety is

a top priority and RTA is keen to implement the traffic safety strategy in place for the emirate aimed to rank Dubai a global leader in traffic safety. "The construction of these rest areas is part of RTA's efforts to provide a proper working environment for delivery riders, given the substantial growth of the delivery business in recent years to meet the public demand for goods. RTA has charted out an integrated structure for the delivery market to uphold the quality of services provided to the public including a professional certification of delivery riders.

"In 2022, RTA launched the Delivery Service Excellence Awards to nurture competitiveness among delivery companies and riders in enhancing traffic safety, complying







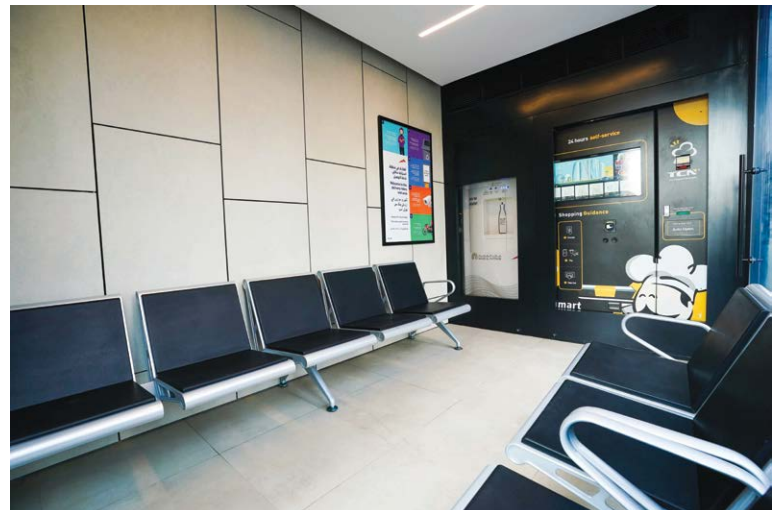
with traffic regulations, and achieving excellence and quality in customer service,” commented Al Tayer.

### Locations Selection Criteria

“The selection of rest area’s locations for delivery riders is based on a thorough analysis of operational data and the identification of the highest demand areas in coordination with delivery companies. According to the study commissioned, several rest areas are planned in Arabian Ranches, International City, Business Bay, Al Quoz, Al Karama, Al Satwa, Al Jaddaf, and Mirdif as well as

other districts of the emirate. RTA has already completed the construction of two rest areas in Al Barsha and the remaining ones are scheduled for construction in three phases. All rest areas are expected to be operational by July 2024,” explained Al Tayer.

This initiative stems from RTA’s efforts to regulate and enhance the safety of the delivery sector, which has seen huge growth in recent years. The number of companies offering motorcycle delivery services in Dubai grew to 2,891 in 2022, which represents a 40% increase compared to the previous year, 2021.



# Carrying out maintenance of 68 thousand traffic and directional signs in Dubai

**Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) completed maintenance works on 67,816 traffic and directional signs across Dubai over six months in 2023. Works included preventive maintenance jobs for 57,151 signs as well as corrective maintenance jobs for 10,665 signs across Dubai.**

Such works aimed at assessing the soundness of those signs to increase their efficiency, operational lifespan, and sustainability. The overall objective was to ensure the clarity and visibility of information contained in the signs, thus ensuring the smooth flow of traffic and movement of road users, which echoed RTA's vision of achieving global leadership in smooth and sustainable mobility.

Abdullah Yousef Al Ali, CEO of RTA's Traffic and Roads Agency, said, "RTA had undertaken maintenance works on 67,816 signs out of 206,697 traffic and directional signs across Dubai. 90% of maintenance works had been carried out according to RTA's pre-planned annual

schedules. Additional maintenance tasks had been carried out in response to reports received from field inspectors, RTA's Call Centre, Madinati app as well as partners from government agencies."

"Preventive maintenance involved a series of procedures, notably replacing faded signs, repainting signposts, cleaning signs, and other precautionary measures aimed at extending the operational lifespan of these signs. Works also included the replacement of traffic and directional signs damaged due to traffic accidents or weather-related factors, and individual misconducts."

"The maintenance works had been mostly carried out

## Completing construction of internal roads extending 1.9km as part of Mohammed bin Rashid Housing Project at Al Warqa 4

The project aimed to improve the linking of residential areas with the roads network

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) completed the construction of internal roadwork extending 1.9 km within the Mohammed bin Rashid Housing Establishment project at Al Warqa 4. The scope of works completed included the construction of pedestrian paths, sidewalks, entrances to parking lots, and street lighting. The project is part of RTA's commitment to accommodate Dubai's growing population and urbanisation by upgrading the infrastructure of residential areas. The goal was to raise the standard of living and boost the happiness and satisfaction of the inhabitants.





on main streets like Sheikh Zayed Road, Mohammed bin Zayed Road, Al Khail Road and Emirates Road. Areas covered included Jebel Ali, Al Barsha, Al Warqa,

Nad Al Sheba, Al Sabkha, Al Ras and others. Works would roll on to cover the entire emirate by the end of 2023,” added Al Ali.

“RTA had been focused on enhancing the connectivity of residential areas to Dubai’s primary road network through undertaking internal road works. Works included the construction of entrances and exits to facilitate the movement of residents, visitors, and vehicles within residential areas,” said Hamad Al Shehhi, Director of Roads, Traffic and Roads Agency, RTA.

“Works completed at Al Warqa 4 had included the construction of 1.9 km of internal roads and 3.6 km of two-way pedestrian walkways along with parking spaces to accommodate 66 vehicles and the installation of 57 lighting units. The project would benefit 136 villas within the Mohammed bin Rashid Housing Establishment in the area,” concluded Al Shehhi.



# Winning three Asian Leadership Awards for Excellence in Sustainable Water Management, Business and Digital Innovations

**Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) won three Asian Leadership Awards (ALA) for Excellence in Sustainable Water Management, Business Innovation and Digital Innovation.**

The ALA Award Excellence in Sustainable Water Management was earned by Maintenance and Services Department at RTA's Public Transport Agency for Wastewater Management and Recycling project implemented at bus depots. This innovative project was in line with RTA's sustainability initiatives aimed at reducing water consumption and carbon emissions associated

with wastewater transportation. It also promotes the use of recycled water to expand green spaces at the stations through growing more trees and plants.

RTA's Rail Agency also won two other ALA Awards, namely the Business Innovation Award for Configuration Management CDE Synergy, and the Digital Innovation Award for The Rail Engineering Information Digital Platform for its key role as a

## An international award for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in human capital management

**Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) secured the bronze Brandon Hall Excellence Award under the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion category for Best Advance in Leadership Development for Women. This global award seeks to honour pioneering entities in human capital management, learning and talent management.**

RTA's submission for the competition included the "Future Leaders" programme, the Leadership Development and Women Empowerment Initiative, and their dedicated efforts toward creating a specific chapter on human resources management and development policies. This chapter entailed recruiting, training, and empowering women within RTA to further cultivate their skills.

### Equality and Development

"The provisions for women's empowerment in the

Human Resources Management Policy provide for the of gender equality in recruitment and hiring. Most of RTA jobs are designed to be suitable for both males and females, which paves the way for women to take up leadership specialised, and support roles," said Athari Mohammed, Director of Human Resources and Development, Corporate Administrative Support Services Sector, RTA.

### Training and Development

"Training and development strategies focus on training in collaboration with organisational units and identifying



strategic tool for sustainable growth in transportation.

The Configuration Management CDE Synergy project is an innovative technology that effectively contributes to improving the train operating performance, through the analysis of monthly reports. The achievement affirmed RTA's commitment to digital transformation and the development of a flexible and efficient rail management system, which contributed to enhancing the overall mobility experience across the region.

The Rail Engineering Information Digital Platform is instrumental in managing the information governance of Dubai Metro data and documents. It also nurtures a digital environment that promotes collaboration among the relevant stakeholders to ensure data consistency.

The Asian Leadership Awards honour prominent business leaders and organisations across Asia for their continued commitment to excellence and advocacy of the best



practices and innovative strategies. These Awards proudly maintain a tradition established since their inception in 2011, fostering a culture of achievement and celebrating the remarkable business leadership prevalent throughout Asia.

training courses capable of enhancing the capabilities of female employees. A practical training is provided for female university students. The Future Leaders Programme is an initiative that targets grooming female managers and empowering them to master leadership and corporate capabilities,” she added.

The programme also sought to cultivate the professional and leadership skills of participants, employing a leadership development methodology that encompasses 14 development courses delivered through workshops and sessions. Furthermore, it includes field visits and graduation projects designed and implemented in cooperation with the Mohammed bin Rashid School of Government and Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in Singapore.

It is worth noting that RTA's statistics indicate that they currently house 920 female staff, which reflects a notable increase from the previous year, which saw 758 female staff across various roles. Out of these, 793 are Emiratis and 127 are from other nationalities. They hold diverse positions including 222 in engineering and technical roles, 122 in specialised jobs, 23 in leadership positions, 25 in



fieldwork, 52 in supervisory roles, 42 in supportive and supervision roles, and 434 in administrative support positions.