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Dubai Redefines the Future of Mobility

As the New Year begins, renewed optimism is accompanied by a deep sense of responsibility to realise the vision of our wise leadership—a vision that has made stability a cornerstone of development, adopted clarity of purpose in shaping the future, and transformed ambition into a comprehensive national endeavour. We pray to Allah to make 2026 a year rich in achievements and successes, preserve our wise leadership, and sustain the blessings of security, stability, and prosperity for the United Arab Emirates, its citizens, and its residents.

The year 2025 marked a significant milestone in the development journey, not only in terms of the achievements realised, but also in the clear signals it conveyed that investment in infrastructure is a primary driver of economic growth and a direct investment in enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors of the Emirate of Dubai, while supporting urban development. Since the establishment of the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) two decades ago, the Government of Dubai's investment in the infrastructure sector has reached approximately AED 175 billion. This investment has translated into major projects that have reshaped the city's landscape and reinforced its capacity to accommodate rapid economic and population growth.

The major projects delivered by RTA constituted defining milestones in the Emirate's development journey. Foremost among these are Dubai Metro and Dubai Tram, with a combined length exceeding 100 km, standing as a testament to the vision of wise leadership that recognised public transport as a cornerstone of urban sustainability. During this period, Dubai's road network also witnessed significant expansion, extending beyond 25,000 lane-km and supported by an advanced system of bridges and tunnels capable of accommodating more than 3.5 million vehicles daily. This integrated network ensures seamless mobility, enhances traffic efficiency, and strengthens road safety.

These achievements have not been confined to the functional role of infrastructure; they extend beyond it to embrace aesthetic and human considerations. This is clearly reflected in the Dubai Water Canal, as well as in the provision of an advanced public transport system encompassing modern bus and marine transport services, alongside bridges and pedestrian pathways designed to serve the mobility needs of residents and visitors alike, in harmony with Dubai's standing as a vibrant global city. What has been achieved would not have come to light without the boundless care and support of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, as well as the close follow-up of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, and Chairman of The Executive Council of Dubai, and His Highness Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, First Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Finance. This sustained support fuels our determination to succeed and deliver distinguished achievements, while further deepening our responsibility to ensure that RTA remains at the forefront, not only at the local level but also on the global stage.

In a world witnessing rapid shifts in population growth, mobility patterns, and mounting challenges related to sustainability and urban development,

our responsibility becomes increasingly evident to advance the concept of infrastructure beyond road networks alone, towards an integrated smart system that supports the economy, serves people, and anticipates the needs of future generations. In the period ahead, Dubai enters a new chapter in its economic and urban development journey, calling for the continued advancement of transport systems and services at both the strategic and operational levels. In preparation for this phase, we have updated our plans, focusing on several key pillars. These include strengthening the role of public transport through the completion and operation of the Dubai Metro Blue Line in September 2029, alongside the commencement of studies for the implementation of suspended transport systems. The plans also encompass the delivery of new strategic road corridors, the expansion of the capacity of existing roads, integration across various transport systems, and the management of transport demand. In addition, strong emphasis is placed on increasing dedicated lanes for buses and taxis, developing fast, high-capacity bus routes, and expanding future mobility initiatives, including aerial taxi services and autonomous taxis.

Our plans also focus on reshaping the future of mobility and urban life through seamless integration across transport modes and the promotion of soft mobility. In this context, the Dubai Walk project will deliver a qualitative leap in the standard of pedestrian pathways and facilities across the Emirate of Dubai, contributing to the transformation of Dubai into a pedestrian-friendly city throughout the year, enhancing quality of life, reinforcing Dubai's global standing, and serving as a leading model for smart urban planning aimed at encouraging and promoting soft mobility.

Any discussion of sustainable infrastructure cannot be effective without recognising the most critical element in the equation of success: people. Building smart cities begins with developing the minds capable of managing them. At RTA, we firmly believe that human capital is our most valuable asset. Accordingly, since its establishment, RTA has placed strong emphasis on investing in the development of national competencies through structured qualification and training programmes. Today, we take pride in having more than 400 Emirati engineers and experts working across advanced fields, including rail systems, intelligent traffic systems, artificial intelligence, and data management. We will continue to intensify our efforts to prepare and empower second- and third-line leaders, ensuring the sustainability of institutional leadership and the effective transfer of knowledge across generations.

In line with the declaration by His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, designating 2026 as the Year of the Family, we firmly believe that family stability constitutes a solid foundation for building society. From this perspective, we are committed to fostering a supportive work environment that promotes balance between professional and family life.

With the beginning of this year, we move forward with confidence towards a brighter future for residents and visitors of Dubai. We will continue to work with a strong spirit of teamwork, unwavering determination, and enduring commitment to realise our wise leadership's vision of Dubai as the best city in the world to live and work in.

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Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors

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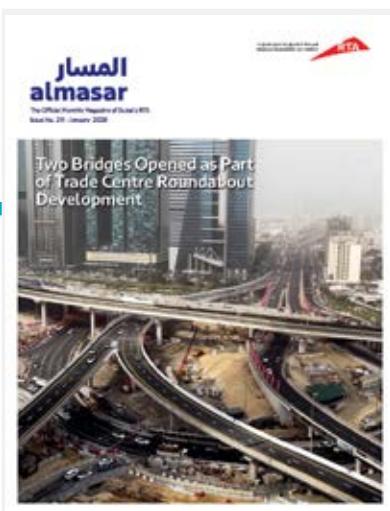
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His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum reviewed the strategic plan of Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) and its future projects aimed at enhancing the road network and public transport systems.

His Highness also inspected RTA's Enterprise Command and Control Centre (EC³), one of the world's largest and most advanced facilities leveraging smart technologies. The centre oversees and manages traffic and transport operations, as well as incidents, emergencies, and crises. RTA is the first government entity in the Middle East to operate all modes of transport from a single integrated facility.

Upon his arrival at the EC³, His Highness was received by His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA). His Highness toured the facility, which oversees the management, control, and integration of all current and future modes of transport.

The centre supports effective mobility planning to address various transport needs and challenges across the emirate. It plays a key role in coordinating mobility during major events and exhibitions in Dubai, supporting centralised decision-making across all transport modes, managing emergencies and crises, enhancing the efficiency of bus operations, and assisting in taxi fleet planning.

The centre monitors and manages the movement of more than 28,000 transport vehicles and records and analyses 4.4 billion mobility data entries daily. It is connected to more than 10,000 cameras covering most of Dubai's road network and public transport systems.

The main control room is linked to over 34 technological systems that are integrated in real time. Artificial intelligence is utilised in managing incidents and crises, while the centre's technology system features machine-learning capabilities that ensure faster response times and minimise human error.







Strategic plan

His Highness was briefed by His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer on RTA's strategic plan and its vision to achieve The World Leader in Seamless and Sustainable Mobility. Al Tayer also highlighted RTA's ongoing efforts to enhance the infrastructure of Dubai's road network and public transport system.

The road network spans more than 25,000 lane-kilometres and includes over 1,000 bridges and tunnels for vehicles, in addition to 177 pedestrian bridges and tunnels. The public transport system features a 100-kilometre metro and tram network with 64 stations, a fleet of more than 1,380 public buses, 13,900 taxis and limousines, and 210 marine transport modes. Collectively, these systems serve more than two million riders daily.

His Highness was also briefed on the Dubai Metro Blue Line project, which extends 30 kilometres and comprises 14 stations. The line will connect the Red and Green lines, serving key residential, developmental, and industrial areas expected to house around one million residents by 2040. It will provide a direct link between these areas and Dubai International Airport in just 20 minutes.

His Highness was also briefed on the latest developments of the aerial taxi project, which RTA is undertaking in collaboration with Joby Aviation Inc. and Skyports

Infrastructure. The programme for flight testing and operational trials is being developed in a systematic manner. In June this year, Joby completed a series of crewed test flights of its electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) aerial taxi in Margham. The tests validated the aircraft's performance and efficiency under local environmental conditions, paving the way for the planned launch of passenger services in 2026.

His Highness was further updated on the autonomous taxi project, under which RTA has signed agreements with leading international companies specialising in autonomous mobility to begin trial operations in Dubai. These trials will lead to the commercial launch of autonomous taxi services in Q1 2026.





National parades and heritage events on the 54th Eid Al Etihad



His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), and a large gathering of employees attended a distinctive programme of national performances and heritage events to mark the 54th Eid Al Etihad. The events showcased the UAE's cultural legacy, rich history, and enduring journey of nation-building and human development. The celebrations took place at RTA's headquarters.

Al Tayer extended warm congratulations and best wishes to His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, and to his brother His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, as well as to their brothers, Their Highnesses the Members of the Supreme Council and Rulers of the Emirates, Crown Princes and Deputy Rulers, and to citizens and residents of the UAE, on the occasion of the 54th Eid Al Etihad. He prayed to Allah to crown the efforts of the wise leadership with success in realising the aspirations of the people through continued progress, goodness and prosperity, and to grant everyone good health and fine living on this cherished national occasion.

Al Tayer said: "Eid Al Etihad is a national occasion that renews the spirit of pride in the Union's journey initiated

by the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, alongside his fellow founding fathers, who laid the first foundations of a modern state with a strong regional and global presence, offering a distinctive model of nation-building, development, and social cohesion.

"The UAE's development journey continues to move forward with steady and confident steps, positioning the country as a global model for development, innovation, and human empowerment. The UAE has achieved numerous economic, developmental, social, and urban milestones, and holds leading positions across a wide range of global competitiveness indicators.

"This year's Eid Al Etihad offers renewed affirmation of the approach adopted by the UAE under the leadership of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan,





President of the UAE, an approach that places people at the heart of development and accords the Emirati family a central priority through pioneering national initiatives. The designation of 2026 as the Year of the Family reflects a clear commitment to strengthening family cohesion and deepening societal awareness of the family's role as a fundamental pillar of the community. This step underscores a firm conviction that sustainable development begins with a strong and cohesive family.

"The achievements the UAE is realising today represent a natural extension of a founding vision that placed people

first, entrenched the values of union, dignity, and progress, and positioned the state as a model for its ability to confront challenges and transform them into sustainable development opportunities.

"On Eid Al Etihad, we renew our pledge to continue working in the spirit of one team, to uphold the values of the Union, to strengthen national gains, and to support the journey of our wise leadership towards a more advanced and prosperous future for generations to come."

The events involved heritage-themed artistic performances presented by groups showcasing







national songs and poetry celebrating the UAE's history. The programme also featured interactive activities designed to engage and delight employees, including henna designs, traditional attire displays, traditional crafts demonstrations, Areesh house (a traditional type of temporary dwelling) models, and maritime fishing tools. The event further highlighted the UAE's geographic and environmental diversity, the stages of nation-building, and the Union's journey.

Fatma Al Khumiri, Director of Marketing and Corporate Communication at RTA's Corporate Administrative Support Sector, stated: "RTA celebrates this national occasion as an expression of pride in the leadership and the achievements of our beloved nation, as well as the legacy

of the Founding Fathers. RTA had also organised external activities across prominent locations in Dubai to extend Eid Al Etihad celebrations to the wider public and engage the largest possible audience."

Al Khumiri added that the external activities included lighting the waterfalls at Dubai Water Canal in colours of the UAE flag and displaying the 54th Eid Al Etihad designs on smart traffic system boards, on Metro and Tram screens, and on RTA's internal displays. She noted that RTA also joined the public in their celebrations by distributing flags to Metro users. The programme further featured a traditional Abra parade that started at Al Sabkha Marine Transport Station, passed through Al Seef Station, and continued to Deira Old Souq Marine Transport Station.





RTA awards child seats to newborns on 54th Eid Al Etihad, in collaboration with UNICEF and Public/Private Partners

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has launched the 6th round of its distinctive annual initiative, "Safety from the First Journey." This year's edition witnessed the participation of 26 hospitals across Dubai, through which 500 child car seats had been distributed to newborns in celebration of the UAE's 54th Eid Al Etihad, from 1st to 5th December.

The initiative reflects RTA's commitment to embedding

road safety principles from the very first moments of a child's life. It aims to promote a culture of traffic safety within the community, in collaboration with Dubai Police General Headquarters, Dubai Health Authority, and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Ahmed Al Khzaimy, Director of Traffic at RTA's Traffic and Roads Agency said: "It is vital to continue such qualitative

initiatives, which contribute to achieving Dubai's strategic traffic-safety indicators and support RTA's vision of The World Leader in Seamless and Sustainable Mobility. The 'Safety from the First Journey' initiative represents a leading model of sustainable cooperation between the Government of Dubai, the private sector, and international organisations. It also reflects RTA's commitment to its societal responsibility by promoting traffic awareness across all segments of the community."

"The initiative aligns with the guidelines of the World Health Organisation (WHO), which affirm that vehicle restraint systems – including child seats and seat belts – are among the most effective means of saving lives and reducing serious injuries resulting from traffic accidents," he noted.

Al Khuzaimi added: "The initiative reflects RTA's commitment to strengthening traffic awareness by offering a child car seat as a symbolic gift to every newborn during the Eid Al Etihad celebrations. This follows prior coordination with the Dubai Health Authority and hospitals with maternity departments to determine the expected number of births in a way that ensures efficient distribution. The use of dedicated child seats reduces the risk of fatal incidents by up to 71% for infants and 54% for children aged between one and four years, according to the US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration."

"The initiative, launched five years ago to encourage parents to use child seats in vehicles, has witnessed continuous growth. The number of seats distributed increased from 200 in the first year to 500 in 2025, accompanied by an expansion in the number of participating hospitals from 17 to 26 across Dubai. This reflects the success of the initiative and the widening impact it has achieved within the community."



Guidelines to Ensure Children's Safety

- RTA urged parents to follow a set of important guidelines to ensure the highest levels of safety for their children while driving, most notably:
- Ensuring that the child seat is appropriate for the child's age and weight and used in accordance with the instructions provided with the seat.
- Verifying that the seat is internationally certified and meets recognised safety standards.
- Testing the installation of the seat in the vehicle before purchase to ensure compatibility with the vehicle's anchoring system or seat belt.
- Strictly following the manufacturer's instructions during installation and when adjusting the harness.
- Avoiding keeping the child in the seat for more than 30 consecutive minutes.
- Conducting regular checks of the harness, buckles, and fastenings, and ensuring the seat is safe to use after any accident.
- Installing the seat in the rear seats of the vehicle and never holding a child while driving.
- Avoiding the use of the seat for purposes such as feeding the child or allowing them to sleep at home.
- Removing thick clothing to ensure the harness fits securely on the child's body.
- Replacing the seat immediately after any collision to ensure the integrity of its internal structure.
- Providing specialised seats or harnesses for Children of Determination in accordance with approved medical recommendations.
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Al Tayer Chairs Dubai Metro Blue Line Forum meeting at Tunnel Rings Production Factory in International City

His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) chaired the Dubai Metro Blue Line Forum meeting at the Precast Concrete Production and Storage Factory in International City, attended by the heads of the Dubai Metro Blue Line Project Consortium. The meeting brought together the chairmen of the boards of MAPA, Limak, and CRRC Hong Kong, the heads of the consultancy and contracting companies delivering the project, as well as several RTA CEOs.

The Forum convenes on a regular basis as part of RTA's strategy to monitor progress and take the necessary decisions to ensure compliance with the approved project schedule.

During the meeting, the Forum reviewed project updates and progress. More than 3,000 workers are currently engaged on the project under the supervision of 500 engineers and specialists, distributed across 12 locations. The consortium has completed over 4.6 million working hours across the various construction sites, while overall project completion has reached 12%. The project team expects progress to rise to 30% by the end of 2026, with the project set to open in line with the approved programme on 9.9.2029.

Concrete Casting Plant

Al Tayer and members of the Forum Meeting inspected the ready-mix concrete casting plant. Additionally, Dubai Metro Blue Line represents the first rail project implemented by RTA to include two ready-mix concrete batching plants and two precast concrete storage facilities in Al Ruwayyah 3 and International City. This approach reflects RTA's proactive delivery of major projects, strengthens quality assurance and efficiency of construction materials, ensures full control over manufacturing and supply chains, reduces implementation timelines, and enhances the efficiency of logistics operations.

Al Tayer and members of the Forum Meeting received





a briefing on the production capacity of the two plants. The ready-mix concrete batching plant in Al Ruwayyah 3 produces 200 cubic metres of ready-mix concrete, while the viaduct precast production yard delivers between 10 and 12 viaduct segments per day. In International City, the ready-mix concrete batching plant produces 120 cubic metres of ready-mix concrete, and the precast tunnel rings factory produces 12 rings per day.

Dubai Metro Blue Line spans 30 km and includes 14 stations, making it one of RTA's key strategic projects. The line links the Red and Green Lines of Dubai Metro and serves areas with an estimated population of around

one million by 2040. It provides direct journeys to Dubai International Airport in 20 minutes and supports the objectives of the Dubai 2040 Urban Master Plan by connecting the fifth urban area to the metro network, enhancing quality of life for residents and visitors, and realising the 20-minute city concept by enabling access to more than 80% of services within 20 minutes of travel. The project also supports Transit-Oriented Development (TOD), advances the Dubai Economic Agenda (D33), increases land and property values around stations by up to 25%, and reduces traffic congestion by 20% on the corridors served by the Blue Line.



Leading Integrated Response System to Manage Rainy Weather Conditions

His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) followed the response of field teams to the impacts of the weather conditions on the road network and public transport services from the Enterprise Command and Control Centre (EC3). The briefing was attended by members of the Crisis and Emergency Management Team, representatives of government entities, and members of the Joint Flood Management Room.

RTA led an integrated response framework to manage the weather conditions experienced across the emirate in recent days, within a comprehensive coordination and operational approach aimed at accelerating on-ground response, mitigating the impact of rainwater accumulation, and ensuring smooth traffic flow and the continuity of transport services with high efficiency.

Field Deployment

Field deployment was carried out as part of proactive preparedness measures, in line with the rainfall readiness and response mechanism designed to operate across multiple levels, ensuring comprehensive coverage and full integration with the efforts of all relevant entities.

In accordance with approved plans, RTA deployed logistical

support teams across nine key areas throughout the emirate, enabling rapid access to rainwater accumulation sites and their management based on precise traffic priorities. This approach enhanced road user safety, as teams continued round-the-clock efforts to restore roads and services to normal conditions across all areas of the emirate.

Joint Coordination

As part of its response to the weather conditions, RTA activated the Crisis and Emergency Management Team at the Enterprise Command and Control Centre (EC3), alongside the activation of the Joint Flood Management Room, led by Dubai Municipality in collaboration with strategic partners, including Dubai Police, Mohammed Bin Rashid Housing Establishment, and representatives from





real estate development areas. This framework ensured real-time coordination of efforts and continuous, round-the-clock monitoring of on-ground conditions.

RTA also mobilised more than 2,500 personnel from technical and engineering teams, workers, and operators, and engaged over 60 suppliers and 30 contractors to support field operations.

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Strategically positioned logistical support and field teams deployed across the Emirate

2500

Personnel from technical and engineering teams, alongside skilled workers, mobilised for on-ground operations





As part of its technical preparedness, RTA deployed 325 fixed and mobile pumps and 360 tankers to manage rainwater accumulation, in addition to 25 traffic diversion vehicles and two rapid response vehicles. These measures enhanced response speed and ensured effective traffic management at affected locations. All customer enquiries were handled professionally through RTA's integrated communication channels.

RTA also continued to closely monitor weather developments in coordination with the relevant authorities. In such circumstances, RTA urged road users to exercise caution, adhere to traffic instructions, and follow official channels for the latest updates.

325 Fixed pumps carefully positioned at priority locations to address rainwater accumulation

360 Tankers deployed to remove accumulated rainwater

25 Specialised vehicles for temporary traffic diversions





Al Tayer Honours Emergency and Crisis Management Team for Outstanding Response to Rainfall

His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), honoured RTA's Crisis and Emergency Management Team in recognition of the team's outstanding efforts and effective role in addressing rainwater accumulation during the recent rainy conditions experienced in Dubai.

Al Tayer commended the team's role, highlighting the high level of commitment and responsibility demonstrated in carrying out tasks efficiently and effectively during emergencies and crises. He noted the team's contribution to strengthening road readiness, mitigating incidents, ensuring business continuity, and enhancing overall road safety, both in general and during the recent weather conditions experienced by the Emirate.

Al Tayer also praised the efforts undertaken by the team, in cooperation with relevant entities and partners, within

Al Tayer commended the team's high level of commitment and strong sense of responsibility in carrying out assigned tasks.

an integrated approach aimed at strengthening corporate coordination, unifying field efforts, and enhancing response efficiency during emergency climatic conditions. He wished them continued success in their work, along with sustained professionalism and dedication in the performance of their duties. Those honoured included Fadl Saleh Al Arqab and Nasser Shehab Al Baloushi from the Buses Department; Mohammed Muneer Tayara from the Right of Way Department at the Public Transport Agency; and Abdullah Mohammed Ahmed and Ahmed Abdullah Baba Aish from the Roads and Facilities Maintenance Department at the Traffic and Roads Sector.



Al Tayer discusses road and public transport infrastructure with Bahrain's Consul General

His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) received His Excellency Talal Yousef Fakhro, Consul General of the Kingdom of Bahrain to Dubai and the Northern Emirates.

Al Tayer welcomed the Bahraini Consul General, wishing him a pleasant stay in the United Arab Emirates and continued success in carrying out his official duties.

The meeting included cordial discussions on strengthening cooperation and further consolidating the close relations between the two countries, particularly in building road networks and public transport infrastructure.



... And Discusses with Ahmed Bourguiba Dubai's Resilience and Emergency Preparedness

His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), received His Excellency Ahmed Ateeq Bourguiba, Chief Executive Officer of the Dubai Resilience Centre. During the meeting, the two sides reviewed the Centre's efforts to strengthen Dubai's capacity to manage risks, emergencies, crises, and disasters, and to reinforce the Emirate's position as one of the world's most resilient cities in this field.

His Excellency Bourguiba reviewed RTA's proactive plans to address a range of potential crisis scenarios, including response and recovery measures to mitigate their impacts. He also reviewed RTA's plans and efforts to manage the

potential effects of rainy weather conditions, which include activating crisis management protocols through the Enterprise Command and Control Centre (EC3), deploying field teams, and utilising specialised equipment and machinery to address

...And Discusses Best Practices in Smart and Sustainable Transport Systems with Ireland's Minister for Transport

His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the RTA, received His Excellency Eamon Ryan, Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications and Minister for Transport of the Republic of Ireland, in the presence of Her Excellency Alison Milton, Ambassador of the Republic of Ireland to the UAE.

During the meeting, both sides discussed strengthening avenues of cooperation and reviewed best practices in smart and sustainable transport systems. Discussions also covered the use of autonomous transport technologies across all levels, as well as RTA's efforts to pilot various autonomous mobility modes in support of Dubai's Self-Driving Transport Strategy, aimed to

convert 25% of total mobility trips in Dubai into autonomous journeys across different transport modes by 2030.

Several officials from RTA, along with members of the accompanying delegation of the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications and Minister for Transport of the Republic of Ireland, attended the meeting.



rainwater accumulation. He also reviewed ongoing efforts to implement engineering solutions aimed at mitigating the impacts of rainwater accumulation, develop an integrated traffic management plan in coordination with Dubai Police, and prepare

a comprehensive plan for the deployment of logistical resources to locations affected by water pooling.

Several officials from RTA and the Dubai Resilience Centre attended the meeting.

...And Discusses Enhancing Cooperation with Dubai Culture

His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), received Her Excellency Hala Badri, Director General of the Dubai Culture and Arts Authority. The two sides discussed strengthening cooperation, integrating efforts, and advancing strategic partnership relations.

During the discussion, Al Tayer reviewed the Culture and Arts Sector Strategy, which aims to reinforce Dubai's position as a global cultural hub and a leading incubator for creativity. The strategy focuses on empowering talent, enhancing the economic contribution of the creative sector, transforming cities into global cultural destinations through public art and events, and safeguarding cultural heritage. It also places strong emphasis on financial and training support, creating an attractive environment for creators and investors, and positioning culture as a key driver

of sustainable economic growth. Al Tayer also reviewed the core objectives of Dubai's cultural strategies, which focus on supporting and nurturing local talent, attracting global creatives through enabling educational and creative environments, fostering participation, integrating art into public spaces, transforming cities into open-air art galleries, stimulating community engagement with the arts, and celebrating and preserving cultural heritage. A number of executive directors and department heads from both entities attended the meeting.



...And Reviews Cooperation With Larsen & Toubro on Road and Mass Transit Projects

His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) received Mr S. N. Subrahmanyam, Chairman and Managing Director of Larsen & Toubro, an Indian multinational engineering and infrastructure company.

The meeting focused on cooperation in developing the road network and mass transit, and reviewed projects currently delivered by the company. The discussion also examined projects that RTA plans to implement,

along with the best practices in intelligent and sustainable transport systems.

Senior officials from the RTA and the company attended the meeting.

...And Cooperation in AI Applications Discussed with Dell

His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) received Mr Adrian McDonald, President of Dell Technologies for Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

The meeting reviewed areas of cooperation between the two sides in the field of artificial intelligence applications in roads and transport, in addition to the development of digital infrastructure that strengthens RTA's position as one of the world's most technologically advanced government entities.

Discussions also covered opportunities for collaboration in information technology infrastructure supporting data storage,

big data platforms, artificial intelligence technologies, and cybersecurity solutions.

Al Tayer reaffirmed the continuity of cooperation between RTA and its strategic partners to exchange expertise, transfer knowledge, and further enhance the quality and efficiency of digital services across all areas of RTA's operations.

The meeting was attended by several officials from RTA and Dell.



Opening Two Bridges as Part of Trade Centre Roundabout Development

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) opened two bridges as part of the Trade Centre Roundabout Development Project. The bridges serve traffic movement from 2nd December Street towards Sheikh Rashid Road and Al Majlis Street, which connects to Al Mustaqbal Street. Each bridge provides two lanes in both directions, with a combined length of 2,000 metres and a total capacity of approximately 6,000 vehicles per hour.

The two bridges were opened ahead of the scheduled date in mid-January. They will enhance traffic flow from 2nd December Street towards Sheikh Rashid Road and Al Majlis Street and reduce journey time from 2nd December Street to Al Majlis Street, Al Mustaqbal Street, and Zabeel Palace Street from 10 minutes to just 2 minutes, besides easing traffic density at the Trade Centre Roundabout.

His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the

Roads and Transport Authority, said: "Trade Centre Roundabout is one of the major intersections in Dubai, linking Sheikh Zayed Road with five vital streets: Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Street, Sheikh Rashid Road, 2nd December Street, Zabeel Palace Street, and Al Majlis Street."

"The project, with a total cost exceeding AED 696 million, includes the construction of five bridges with a combined length of 5,000 metres, in addition to converting the existing roundabout into an at-grade intersection.





The project enhances traffic flow from Sheikh Zayed Road towards 2nd December Street, as well as traffic movement from Al Mustaqbal Street towards Sheikh Zayed Road in the southbound direction,” Al Tayer noted. “It also provides free-flow traffic movement from 2nd December Street in Jumeirah and Al Satwa to Al Majlis Street towards Al Mustaqbal Street, serving Dubai World Trade Centre and Dubai International Financial Centre, as well as from Sheikh Rashid Road towards Deira. In addition, the project ensures free-flow movement via a second-level bridge from Sheikh Zayed Road towards Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Street.”

He added: “Work on the project is progressing at a pace faster than the approved schedule, reflecting RTA’s commitment to facilitating residents’ mobility. Overall project completion has reached nearly 50% and will initiate a phased opening.”

“In addition to the two bridges already opened to traffic, March will mark the opening of the bridge linking Sheikh Zayed Road to Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Street. Two further bridges are set to open in October 2026, serving traffic movement from Sheikh Rashid Road and Al Majlis Street towards 2nd December Street.”

Al Tayer concluded: “Upon completion, the project will reduce average delay at the intersection from 12 minutes

to 90 seconds and cut journey time for traffic heading from Sheikh Zayed Road to Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Street from six minutes to just one minute.”

Al Tayer:

- **Project works progress ahead of schedule to ease mobility for residents**
- **Project scope covers extending bridges by 5,000 metres and converting the roundabout into an at-grade intersection**
- **Completed bridges reduce journey time from 10 minutes to 2 minutes**
- **Average delay at the intersection drops from 12 minutes to 90 seconds**
- **Project serves Dubai World Trade Centre, Dubai International Financial Centre, Downtown Dubai, and residential and development areas accommodating over 500,000 residents and visitors**
- **Project strengthens connectivity between Sheikh Zayed Road and Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Street, Sheikh Rashid Street, 2nd December Street, Zabeel Palace Street, and Al Majlis Street**

30 days ahead of schedule

Total bridge length 2000 metres

Traffic capacity
6000 vehicles per hour



Journey time reduced
from **10** minutes to **2** minutes



vehicles per hour.

In addition, the project includes two bridges with two lanes in both directions extending from Al Majlis Street to 2nd December Street, providing a direct link between Al Mustaqbal Street and 2nd December Street. These bridges have a combined length of 2,000 metres and a total capacity of approximately 6,000 vehicles per hour.

The project serves a wide range of commercial, residential, and development areas, most notably Dubai World Trade Centre, which has been the region's largest international events and exhibitions venue for more than four decades and hosts major global exhibitions and conferences such as GITEX, Arabian Travel Market, Arab Health Exhibition and Congress, and Gulfood, among others. The project also serves Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC), a leading financial hub in the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia, in addition to communities such as Zabeel, Al Satwa, Al Karama, Al Jafiliya, Al Mankhool, and others. The number of beneficiaries is estimated at more than half a million residents and visitors.

Five Bridges

The five bridges under construction will enable free-flow traffic movement in multiple directions. The project includes a second-level bridge with two lanes extending from Sheikh Zayed Road to Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Street towards Deira. This bridge is 1,000 metres long and has a capacity of approximately 3,000 vehicles per hour.

The project also comprises two bridges with two lanes in both directions linking Sheikh Rashid Road with 2nd December Street. These bridges have a combined length of 2,000 metres and a total capacity of around 6,000



Al Mustaqbal Street

The Trade Centre Roundabout Development Project forms part of a master plan that also includes the development of Al Mustaqbal Street, extending from its intersection with Zabeel Palace Street to Financial Centre Street. The project is scheduled for completion in 2027.

The plan includes the construction of bridges and tunnels with a combined length of 1,500 metres, as well as the widening of Al Mustaqbal Street from three to four lanes in each direction. These works will increase the street's capacity from 9,000 vehicles per hour to 12,000 vehicles per hour, representing a 33% increase, and reduce journey time from eight minutes to three minutes and 30 seconds. The scope also covers the construction of three tunnels with a total length of 1,100 metres at the intersection of Al Mustaqbal Street with Trade Centre Street, in addition to a 400-metre bridge with two lanes serving traffic from Dubai World Trade Centre towards the intersection of Zabeel Palace Street and Al Mustaqbal Street.

The plan also encompasses the widening of Al Mustaqbal

50% Completion rate of the Trade Centre Roundabout Development Project

Includes 5 bridges
with a total length of 5000 metres

Conversion of the roundabout into an at-grade intersection

from 12 to 90 minutes seconds

Journey time reduced



Serves key centres and development areas
accommodating **500,000** residents and visitors

Street from its intersection with Financial Centre Street to its intersection with Zabeel Palace Street over a length of 3,500 metres, increasing the number of lanes from three to four in each direction. The works also include the construction of free-flow ramps to improve traffic movement at the intersections of Al Mustaqbal Street with Exhibition Street and Trade Centre Street, implementation of a pedestrian bridge on Al Sukook Street, and upgrading of existing intersections along the corridor.



Awarding Contract for Sheikh Zayed bin Hamdan Al Nahyan Street Intersection Development with Al Awir Road and Al Manama Street

In line with the directives of the wise leadership to enhance the infrastructure of the road network and public transport systems to meet the requirements of urban development, population growth, and improve quality of life, Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has awarded the Contract for Sheikh Zayed bin Hamdan Al Nahyan Street Intersection Development with Al Awir Road and Al Manama Street.

The project includes the construction of 2,300 metres of bridges, expansion of lanes, paving of service roads along Sheikh Zayed bin Hamdan Al Nahyan Street and Al Awir Road in both directions, and provision of entrances and exits serving residential and development areas along the corridor.

The project will increase the street's capacity from 5,200 vehicles per hour in both directions to 14,400 vehicles per

hour in both directions—an increase of 176%. It will also reduce travel time from 20 minutes to just five minutes. Completion is expected in the third quarter of 2028. His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Roads and Transport Authority, said: "Undertaking this project is part of RTA's master plan to develop the roads, bridges, crossings, and tunnels network to accommodate





growing traffic volumes, enhance mobility, and ensure smoother traffic flow across Dubai. This plan supports the needs of urban expansion and population growth. The project serves residential and development areas with a combined population of residents and visitors exceeding 600,000."

Intersection of Sheikh Zayed bin Hamdan Street with Al Awir Road

He added: "The project includes converting the existing roundabout into a grade-separated intersection that enables free-flowing traffic movements in all directions. The works involve constructing main bridges on Sheikh Zayed bin Hamdan Al Nahyan Street with four lanes in each direction, along with building ramps for right- and left-turn movements, each comprising two lanes."

"The project also includes constructing a bridge at the intersection of Al Awir Road with Emirates Road to serve traffic heading towards Al Awir and Sharjah, as well as developing parallel service roads along Sheikh Zayed bin Hamdan Al Nahyan Street and Al Awir Road in both directions to provide safe access points serving the surrounding development areas."

Sheikh Zayed bin Hamdan Street - Al Awir Road Intersection

Converting the existing roundabout into a grade-separated interchange

Constructing main bridges with a capacity of 4 lanes in each direction

A dedicated bridge to serve traffic movement towards Al Awir and Sharjah

Parallel service roads to enhance traffic flow.

Intersection of Sheikh Zayed bin Hamdan Street with Al Manama Street

The Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors, further explained: "The project includes upgrading the surface roads at the intersection of Sheikh Zayed bin Hamdan Al Nahyan Street with Al Manama Street. The scope involves widening Sheikh Zayed bin Hamdan Al Nahyan Street from two to four lanes in each direction to increase capacity and enhancing the signalised surface intersection to improve its operational efficiency and expand its traffic capacity. The project will also provide safe access points to serve the surrounding development areas."

Features bridges with total length of 2,300 metres

Improved Capacity

From 5,200 To 14,400 Increase 176%
vehicles/hour in both directions



Reducing Travel Time From 20 minutes To 5 minutes Reduction 75%



The project will serve residential and development areas with a population of +600,000

Completion Date

Q3 2028

Completed Phases

The improvement of Sheikh Zayed bin Hamdan Al Nahyan Street forms part of RTA's wider efforts, which began with the development of the street's extension through the construction of a four-lane road in each direction over a 25-kilometre stretch, from its intersection with Dubai-Al Ain Road to the roundabout on Al Yalayis Street. The works included upgrading several intersections along the surrounding road network.

A grade-separated interchange was constructed at the intersection of Sheikh Zayed bin Hamdan Al Nahyan Street with Latifa bint Hamdan Street near the entrance to Global Village for traffic inbound from Emirates Road. A signalised roundabout was also built at the intersection with Al Qudra Street, along with



Sheikh Zayed bin Hamdan Street - Al Manama Street Intersection

Upgrading surface roads

Widening the road from two lanes to four lanes in each direction

Improving the signal-controlled surface intersection

Dedicated entry and exit points to serve surrounding development areas

a signalised surface intersection at the junction with Hessa Street. These traffic solutions represent interim improvements that will be further upgraded in future through a package of final traffic enhancements.

The project also included improving Sheikh Zayed bin Hamdan Al Nahyan Street along the section extending from its intersection with Dubai-Al Ain Road to the Academic City roundabout, covering about three kilometres. The works involved constructing two bridges at the Dubai Silicon Oasis intersection, each 120 metres long and providing four lanes in each direction, with a total capacity of 14,400 vehicles per hour in both directions. A signalised surface intersection was also constructed beneath the two bridges, comprising 20 lanes in all directions with a capacity of 8,000 vehicles per hour. These improvements were designed to ensure smooth traffic flow towards Dubai Silicon Oasis and Zayed University, as well as to enhance traffic movement at the Academic City roundabout.



Completing 595 bus shelters in key areas across Dubai

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has completed 595 public bus passenger shelters as part of a wider project to deliver 762 shelters across several key areas in Dubai. The shelters feature a contemporary aesthetic design and offer a range of services tailored to enhance the overall experience for public transport users. The project has now reached 89% completion across all phases. The new shelters will serve a substantial number of bus routes exceeding ten routes per shelter in some locations and are used by more than 192 million passengers annually.

His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Roads and Transport Authority said: "The new shelters represent a pivotal step in RTA's efforts to develop an integrated urban environment that encourages residents and visitors to use public transport, improves quality of life, and promotes comfort and well-being. RTA is committed to providing modern, comfortable,

and safe facilities that enhance the appeal of the bus network and meet the needs of Dubai's growing population and urban expansion."

He added: "We were keen to ensure that the new shelters combine modern and aesthetic design with services that guarantee a better mobility experience, thereby reinforcing public confidence in the public transport network and supporting sustainability



objectives, including emissions reduction. The shelters serve many bus routes, with some accommodating more than ten routes per shelter, which enhances network efficiency, reduces travel times, and increases reliance on public transport.”

Fulfilling the Needs of Bus Riders

Al Tayer noted that the locations selected for the new shelters were identified to meet the needs of high-density urban areas, to address the current and future operational requirements of public bus services, and to ensure integration with soft mobility options.

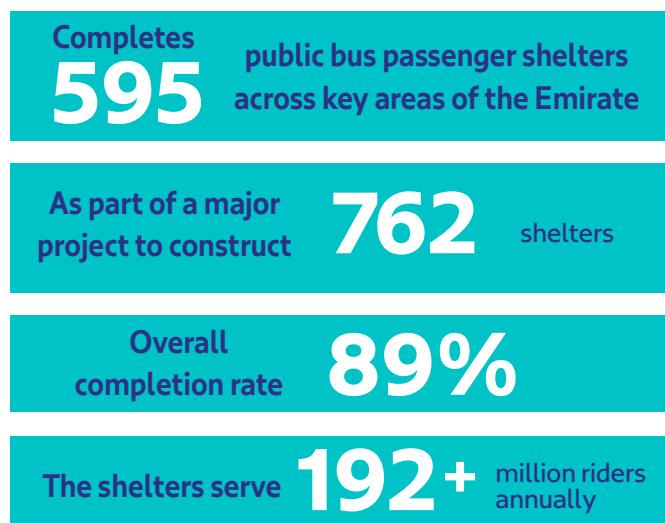
Four models

RTA classified the shelters into four categories based on daily passenger usage: a primary stop with more than 750 passengers per day; a secondary stop with usage between 250 and 750 passengers per day; a basic stop with usage between 100 and 250 passengers per day; and a boarding and alighting stop serving fewer than 100 passengers per day.

A designated portion of the primary shelters has been allocated as an air-conditioned area, alongside shaded outdoor seating and advertising spaces. The shelters also feature an information display screen showing the bus network map, schedules, headways, and other key information relevant to passengers.

Dubai Universal Design Code

The design of the new shelters fully complies with the Dubai Universal Design Code, with dedicated spaces provided for wheelchair users in support of the “My Community... A City for Everyone” initiative, which aims to transform Dubai into a fully inclusive and accessible city for People of Determination.



Launching Pilot Autonomous Robotaxi Service in Collaboration with WeRide and Uber

Pilot service operates with a ‘safety driver’ ahead of full driverless launch in early 2026

Dubai’s Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) announced the launch of the pilot public Robotaxi service on the Uber app in Dubai, delivered in collaboration with WeRide (NASDAQ: WRD), a global leader in autonomous driving technologies, and Uber Technologies (NYSE: UBER). The step aligns with Dubai’s Self-Driving Transport Strategy.

Ahmed Bahrozyan, CEO of Public Transport Agency at RTA, said: “WeRide Robotaxi vehicles booked through the Uber app will be available in Umm Suqeim and Jumeirah, two of Dubai’s most prominent areas located near public beaches. Members of the public across all segments of the community can book a WeRide Robotaxi through the Uber app by selecting the ‘Autonomous’ service option.” He added: “This launch builds on the joint pilot programme between RTA and WeRide, which has, since the partnership announcement in April 2025, undergone successive testing to ensure a smooth transition towards autonomous

mobility solutions. The service is currently operating with a specialist driver on board to ensure a safe and reliable experience, paving the way for a fully driverless service in early 2026.”

Jennifer Li, Chief Financial Officer and Head of International at WeRide, said: “Our progress in Dubai is enabled by our autonomous driving technology that has been tested and validated worldwide. We are expanding rapidly across the Middle East and globally, driven by our vision to deploy tens of thousands of Robotaxis by 2030. We are pleased to partner with forward-thinking regulators like RTA,

Opening New Driver Training and Testing Branch in Al Quoz Industrial to Enhance Service Delivery

Dubai’s Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has approved a new branch for driver training and testing in Al Quoz Industrial Area, as part of its efforts to streamline processes and enhance the efficiency of public facilities and services provided to customers in the area and neighbouring districts.

Ahmed Mahboob, CEO of RTA’s Licensing Agency confirmed that the opening of the new branch in Al Quoz Industrial Area, operated by ‘Eco Drive’ Driving Institute, enhances the network of service outlets through which RTA provides driver licensing services, bringing them closer to communities across the emirate. This branch is

RTA’s 29th service point and represents a significant addition to the driver-training sector, fully aligned with the Government of Dubai’s directions and RTA’s commitment to streamlining and simplifying service delivery for customers.”

“As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance driver-training facilities in line with the modern standards

who share a similarly bold commitment to advancing autonomous mobility, and with Uber, whose global platform will help accelerate the adoption of driverless transportation."

Sarfraz Maredia, Global Head of Autonomous at Uber, said: "As the world's largest hybrid network of human drivers and AVs, Uber is building the future of transportation, and we are thrilled by the pace of autonomous adoption in the UAE and the Middle East. This launch in Dubai is a testament to our ongoing commitment to the UAE's vision for the future of mobility and contributes directly to Dubai's goal of achieving 25% autonomous journeys by 2030."

This launch reinforces Dubai's pioneering role in smart mobility and supports WeRide and Uber's plans to expand their operations in the region, with the aim of deploying thousands of autonomous vehicles in the coming years. WeRide currently operates about 150 autonomous vehicles in the Middle East, including more than 100 Robotaxis.

Dubai continues to witness steady population growth, now exceeding 4 million residents, which is driving higher mobility demand and increasing reliance on shared mobility and app-based ride-hailing services. In 2024, Dubai's



transport network recorded more than 153 million trips across public transport, taxis, and shared mobility, which includes app-based vehicle-booking services. Demand for shared mobility also rose by 28% compared with 2023, underscoring the growing need for more innovative and adaptable mobility solutions and creating an enabling environment for the development and expansion of autonomous vehicle services in the period ahead.

Service Timings

- The Institute provides its services daily from Monday to Sunday, from 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM, with a Friday prayer break from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM.**

that characterise the Emirate of Dubai, we worked closely with the owners of Eco Drive Driving Institute to ensure that the new branch is licensed in a renewed format and in accordance with standards that meet customer expectations, both in its overall appearance and in the facilities and equipment it provides," Mahboob noted.

He added: "The new branch had begun providing services to customers, including transaction processing, opening traffic files, and delivering training, in addition to conducting theoretical tests and internal practical tests through the smart light-vehicle testing yard."



RTA Expands Trial Taxi Ride-Sharing Services Following Substantial Growth in Demand

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) is set to expand the scope of the taxi ride-sharing service for a six-month trial period, with the pilot scheduled to begin during the coming period. The decision follows the strong success the initiative has achieved since its launch last year, providing shared taxi trips from Ibn Battuta Mall in Dubai to Al Wahda Mall in Abu Dhabi. The service has witnessed significant uptake from diverse segments of the community, who regard it as a convenient, fast and reasonably priced mobility option.

Providing further details, Adel Shakri, Director of Planning and Business Development at RTA's Public Transport Agency, said: "Since its launch last year, the shared taxi service operating between Ibn Battuta Mall in Dubai and Al Wahda Mall in Abu Dhabi has recorded a huge increase of 228% in the number of riders choosing it for travel between

Shakri: Service achieved a huge increase of 228% in the number of riders since launch

the two emirates. This strong demand has encouraged us to expand the service on a trial basis to include two additional

Exclusive Offers to Enjoy 2026 New Year's Eve Celebrations Aboard Marine Transport in Dubai

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) invited residents, visitors and tourists to enjoy special offers and premium services during New Year's Eve 2026 celebrations that took place on Wednesday, 31st December 2025, aboard its marine transport services, including Dubai Ferry, Abra and Water Taxi.

Dubai Ferry services will depart from Marina Mall Marine Transport Station (Dubai Marina), Al Ghubaiba Marine Transport Station and Bluewaters Marine Transport Station between 10:00 pm and 10:30 pm on New Year's Eve, with all trips concluding at 1:30 am. Ticket prices for the Ferry are AED 350 for Silver Class and AED 525 for Gold Class, with a 50% discount for children aged 2 to 10 years and free admission for children under two.

Water Taxi services depart from Marina Mall Marine Transport Station with the full-boat booking priced

at AED3,750 for a capacity of 20 passengers, including a designated wheelchair space.

Abra services operate from Al Jaddaf, Al Fahidi, Al Ghubaiba and Marina Mall Marine Transport Stations, with a single-ticket fare of AED 150 per person, and complimentary access for children under two years of age. Both services will operate between 10:00 pm and 10:30 pm, with all trips concluding at 1:30 am.

This service forms part of RTA's ongoing engagement with customers and continued efforts to ensure that people enjoy a memorable journey through the marine

locations: Al Maktoum International Airport, with routes to Dubai Marina Mall, Business Bay Metro Station and Palm Jumeirah – Atlantis Monorail Station; and Dubai World Trade Centre, with routes to Business Bay Metro Station, Al Satwa Bus Station and Dubai Marina Mall.”

Shakri added: “The decision to introduce new locations on trial basis follows field studies and a detailed analysis of potential routes for the taxi ride-sharing service in the emirate. The objective is to reduce fare costs for riders, particularly those who rely on this mode of transport within Dubai.”

One of the key objectives RTA aims to achieve through this initiative is helping to reduce traffic congestion by enabling multiple riders to share a single taxi. This approach contributes to smoother traffic flow and provides clear environmental benefits, including reducing the carbon footprint.



The service has also helped curb unlicensed transport while offering riders safe, smooth and comfortable mobility onboard RTA taxis, which are equipped with features that enhance passenger safety and comfort, such as cameras linked to the Operations Control Centre as well as cameras that monitor driver performance.



transport network (Dubai Ferry, Abra and Water Taxi) while witnessing the spectacular carnival-style celebrations launched from Burj Khalifa, Burj Al Arab, Atlantis The Palm, Bluewaters and Jumeirah Beach Residence along Dubai Waterfront. These enchanting moments offer something truly special and leave lasting memories for passengers using RTA marine transport services.

It is worth noting that Dubai Ferry, Water Taxi and Abra have strong appeal among Dubai's residents, visitors and tourists, who appreciate the beauty and charm of the city's coastline while travelling on these services. Dubai's shores are home to a range of prominent attractions, including The World Islands, Palm Islands, the Dubai Water Canal, heritage districts and luxury hotels.

Launching Pilot Operation to Clean Traffic Signals Using Drones

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has launched a pilot operation to clean traffic signals across Dubai using drone technology. This innovative step reflects RTA's commitment to adopting advanced technologies within operational processes and deploying smart solutions that align with a future-focused vision to enhance service quality, optimise resource efficiency, and achieve the highest levels of traffic safety for all road users.

The initiative enhances safety standards by eliminating the need for a manlift during cleaning operations. It also reduces operational costs by limiting reliance on heavy equipment, while supporting sustainability objectives through lower fuel and water consumption and reduced emissions associated with conventional equipment.

Abdulla Ali Lootah, Director of Roads and Facilities Maintenance at Traffic and Roads Agency, RTA, said that RTA continued to adopt advanced and innovative

technologies to enhance maintenance activities, sustain operational efficiency, and ensure consistent performance across roads and related facilities in the Emirate. He added that the pilot operation to deploy drones for cleaning traffic signals had included a comparative assessment between the new technology and the traditional method, focusing on time, cost, quality of execution, and compliance with safety requirements.

Lootah added that the first phase had involved a series

Approving Additional Front Plate for Company-Operated Delivery Motorcycles

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has approved the introduction of an additional front plate for motorcycles and e-bikes used in corporate delivery services, which previously carried only a rear plate. The requirement will take effect at the end of December and will be implemented gradually upon licence renewal. This measure forms part of the regulatory framework adopted by RTA to govern this vital sector, in line with global best practices and the approved roadmap regulating all safety and security aspects of delivery operations.

The introduction of additional front plates for delivery motorcycles forms part of a package of joint solutions and initiatives between RTA and Dubai Police General HQ. The decision followed a series of meetings with partners from government and private entities, as well as consultancy firms, to review and assess procedures aimed at strengthening regulation of the sector and defining requirements that ensure the safety of riders and road users, thereby enhancing road safety across

the Emirate.

Ahmed Mahboob, CEO of Licensing Agency at RTA, stated: "The decision to issue an additional front plate applies to motorcycles operating in the delivery sector. RTA has designated two plates—front and rear—for delivery motorcycles, featuring a gold background with black lettering and carrying the code (9) to distinguish this category. RTA will issue the plates under a new unified number that differs from the previous plate number and

of trials at the Marrakech Street–Rebat Street junction, where a limited traffic closure was implemented to ensure the highest safety standards during the initial pilot phase. Preliminary results demonstrated a reduction in operational time ranging from 25% to 50%, with the drone completing the cleaning of a single side in just three to four minutes. The trials also showed an estimated reduction in operational costs of up to 15% compared with the traditional method, with projections indicating that this figure could rise to 25% in the future through the use of more advanced drone technologies.

Lootah emphasised the continuation of the pilot operation to ensure the effective use of drone technologies in maintenance activities. He noted that the next phase would assess the cleaning methodology, with a focus on achieving the highest safety standards and avoiding any impact on traffic flow. These efforts will enhance the quality of operational processes and further strengthen the performance of the road infrastructure and network across the Emirate of Dubai.

will introduce them progressively upon the licensing or renewal of each motorcycle, in line with its renewal schedule or in cases of damage or loss."

Mahboob explained: "The decision does not apply to non-commercial (individual) motorcycles. RTA limits the issuance of the additional front plate to motorcycles used for parcel, message and document delivery; order management and delivery services; the management of transport and delivery requests through digital platforms and smart applications; as well as the rental of motorcycles and e-bikes when operated for any of the aforementioned activities."

Mahboob noted that this measure responds to the rapid growth recorded in the delivery sector in recent years, both in terms of rising demand and the increasing number of motorcycles operating on the Emirate's roads. He affirmed that the controls introduced by RTA to regulate and govern the sector would play a key role in enhancing traffic discipline, improving the overall transport and delivery service experience, and supporting RTA's top priority of safeguarding road users.



In coordination with Dubai Police General HQ, RTA had previously announced a decision regulating the movement of delivery motorcycles on Dubai's high-speed lanes. Under this decision, delivery riders are prohibited from using the two left-most fast lanes on roads with five lanes or more, and from using the left-most fast lane on roads with three or four lanes. On roads with two lanes or fewer, delivery riders may use all lanes without restriction.

Holding Customer Council Session with Lehbab Residents to Enhance Quality of Life

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) convened a Customer Council session that brought together RTA's leadership and residents of Lehbab and surrounding neighbourhoods. The gathering reviewed the latest road-development projects and traffic-flow improvement initiatives, while listening to residents' feedback and enhancing direct communication channels. The aim is to provide innovative and sustainable transport services, promote integration across mobility modes, and improve accessibility and movement across the emirate.

RTA places considerable importance on Customer Council sessions across Dubai, given their central role in advancing RTA's strategic objectives related to customer happiness, strengthening its understanding of customer needs and expectations, and directly reviewing community feedback to enhance the quality of the transport system.

RTA is committed to improving the quality of life for residents in the area by delivering infrastructure projects that align with urban growth and meet daily community needs. These projects support smoother, more comfortable

and safer mobility, and contribute to creating an integrated urban environment that reflects the aspirations of local neighbourhoods.

The session opened with remarks delivered by Ahmed Mahboob, CEO of the Licensing Agency and Chairman of the Customer Council, who welcomed attendees and highlighted the importance of developing the road network in Lehbab and neighbouring areas. He reaffirmed RTA's commitment to activating all communication channels and ensuring thorough follow-up on the feedback received.

Reviewing Plans for Traffic Flow Improvements and Upcoming Projects with Al Twar Residents

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) held a gathering of its Customer Council, bringing together residents of Al Twar and neighbouring communities to discuss plans for improving traffic flow in residential areas and enhancing local infrastructure. The session also included an overview of projects currently underway, as well as others under study. In addition, attendees were briefed on RTA's initiatives to develop roads and streets across the Emirate as part of its ongoing efforts to enhance the wellbeing of residents and further raise satisfaction levels within these communities.

The gathering was chaired by Ahmed Mahboob, CEO of Licensing Agency and Chair of the Customer Council, in the presence of Hussain Al Banna, CEO of Traffic and Roads Agency, along with several senior RTA leaders, directors and officials. During the session, the Council reviewed RTA's major road projects that commenced

in 2024 and will continue through 2027. These include dedicated bus and taxi lanes across six primary locations in the Emirate, with a total length of 13 km; the expansion of junctions and roads in Deira and Bur Dubai; upgrades to the cycling track through enhanced landscaping and the addition of rest areas along the route; and the installation



He delivered a presentation outlining completed and upcoming road projects and their role in supporting urban and population growth, enhancing residents' wellbeing and contributing to an improved quality of life. Among the completed projects were internal roads in residential areas, including 5 km in Margham, 4 km in Lehbab, 7 km in Al Lesaili, and 12 km in Nazwa.

The event also included an explanation of the «TareejService», delivered by the Road Maintenance Department, which provides temporary solutions to address road-related needs. The service is offered free of charge to Emirati citizens residing in villas and is

available to individuals and companies across Dubai. Applications can be submitted through the 'RTA Dubai' app by selecting the preferred language, choosing the "Mahboub" icon, typing "temporary road" in the chat box, and clicking "apply now".

Attendees presented a range of suggestions related to lighting works, road paving in Lehbab area, and enhancements to the internal road network. They also commended RTA for organising the Customer Council session and engaging with them on completed projects and plans aimed at serving residents of Lehbab and neighbouring areas.

of further energy-efficient LED lighting.

Through Customer Council gatherings, RTA aims to update the public on the latest projects and initiatives implemented for their benefit, listen to customers' views and suggestions on an ongoing basis, and follow up on mobility and congestion-related challenges. This approach aligns with RTA's Strategic Plan 2024-2030, which focuses on five strategic goals centred on integrated and innovative mobility, improved accessibility, enhanced multimodal connectivity, expansion of current and future

mobility services, and customer happiness.

At the end of the session, attendees commended RTA's pivotal role in advancing the Emirate of Dubai through the major projects and strategic initiatives it continues to implement across the transport system, infrastructure and related services. These efforts have helped cement Dubai's standing as a leading global city in service excellence and have contributed to supporting the Emirate's sustainable economic growth across all sectors.

