**ROAD TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AGENCY**

**MESSAGE FROM THE ROAD TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AGENCY CEO ON PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES TO PREVENT TRANSMISSION OF THE CORONAVIRUS IN LINE WITH CABINET CIRCULLAR NUMBER 5 OF 2020**

**LUSAKA, 28th March, 2020** - In line with the guidance by the Secretary to the Cabinet directing all Government Institutions and Statutory Bodies to take measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA), is implementing public health measures to avert the transmission of the pandemic at all Agency service points.

The safety of our clients is our primary concern. We are doing everything possible to ensure that clients are served in a safe and hygienic environment. We have been implementing strict health and safety practices to ensure the wellbeing of our staff and clients. In an effort to reduce overcrowding at RTSA service points, last week, we announced the extension of the payment period for Road Tax for the second quarter from 31st March to 19th April 2020.However, the Agency, will next week provide further guidance on a possible extension period for other services.

Further, all RTSA service points are equipped with sanitising facilities for staff and clients. Similarly, we implore Public Service Vehicle (PSV) owners to provide sanitizers to the travelling public before getting on a bus.

In the same vain, we call on stakeholders in the road transport sub-sector such as the

Bus and Taxi Owners Association of Zambia (BTOAZ), Truckers Association of Zambia (TAZ), Commuters Rights Association of Zambia (CRAZ), Bus and Taxi Drivers Association of Zambia (BTDAZ), Passengers, Pedestrians and Cyclist Association

PAPECA), Petroleum Transport Association of Zambia (PTAZ), Copperbelt Open Boarders Transporters Association (COTA) and other players to be proactive and direct all their members to strictly implement the recommended measures by government to avoid the further spread of COVID-19.

We are aware that public transport is part of everyday life where you sit close to other people. Therefore, in the current situation with coronavirus, we urge commuters to avoid the use of public transport where possible.

Lastly, we advise all our clients and Zambians in general to adhere to the health practices in line with the directive from the Ministry of Health.

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