

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

1. As the public is aware, the Metro Express Ltd (MEL) is operating a free passenger service since 22nd December 2019 from Rose-Hill to Port Louis. MEL wishes to remind the public about the following safety precautions which should be strictly adhered to in the interest of the safety.
2. The light rail network is designed for the train to have priority over other vehicles and road users are advised to exercise precautions when travelling near the light rail system.
3. A new traffic scheme with new measures have been put in place to ensure safety of road users at intersections and on the tracks.
4. Road users are strongly advised to pay attention to and to strictly adhere to the new traffic signs and lights which have been installed at all intersections. **CCTV cameras are also in place at these locations with live coverage from the Operating Control Centre (OCC) to identify any non-compliance.**
5. Road users are instructed to never block or stop on an intersection painted in yellow boxes on a red background which show '**LRV ONLY**'. Road users should remain well behind the yellow box junction when a train is approaching. When the train approaches an intersection, there is a sound made by the train to warn the adjacent road users. Road users are requested to be attentive and adapt their driving behaviour when travelling near the metro system.
6. Pedestrians should always use sidewalks and designated pedestrian crossings only.
7. Police is present at all intersections to further help road users at the intersections. The public is advised to collaborate with the police officers and follow the instructions of the police.
8. Road users who contravene and do not comply with the traffic signs and markings will be prosecuted according to the **Light Rail Act 2019. They could be liable to severe fines as well as possible imprisonment if found guilty of an offence of wilfully endangering safety of any person travelling in a light rail vehicle.**
9. Ongoing communication about safety measures and precautions is broadcasted through the media. We also invite the public to visit our website and Facebook page for more updates.

Thank you.

MEL Management
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