

School Transport in Dubai



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Shaping sustainable school transportation: Policy, Attitude, Action

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Safe and Smooth Transport for all



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About Dubai



Background Information About Dubai:



- The second largest emirate out of seven emirates in area in the United Arab Emirates.
- Dubai is one of the fastest growing cities in the region.
- Dubai Emirate has a population of 2 million, and a total area of 4114 sq. km.



Road and Transport Authority (RTA)



Background Information About RTA:

- The Roads & Transport Authority was established in November 2005 by the Government of Dubai.

- **RTA's Vision**

“Safe and smooth transport for all”

- **RTA's Mission**

“To prepare legislation and develop integrated solutions of road systems and land/marine transportation networks that are safe and in line with Dubai's economic development plans and the highest international standards”.



Background Information About RTA:

- 1 Integrated Dubai**
- Integrate transport planning with economic and urban planning
 - Improve coordination with strategic partners
 - Improve legal framework for roads and public transport sector

- 2 Dubai for People**
- Make roads and public transport more people-friendly
 - Preserve Dubai heritage

- 3 Customer First**
- Improve customer service and interface
 - Listen to customers

4 From Cars to Public Transport

- Shift demand to public transport
- Provide effective and convenient road access to all Dubai
- Manage congestion
- Increase Bus/Metro Ridership

5 Safety and Environmental Sustainability

- Reduce number of accidents and fatalities
- Minimize adverse environmental impact of public and private transport
- Effective measures for employee health & safety sustainability

6 Financial Sustainability

- Increase revenues
- Increase private sector participation
- Efficiently deploy financial resources
- Reduce operating costs

7 Advance RTA

- Develop human resources
- Improve organizational efficiency
- Improve processes and systems

8 Asset Sustainability

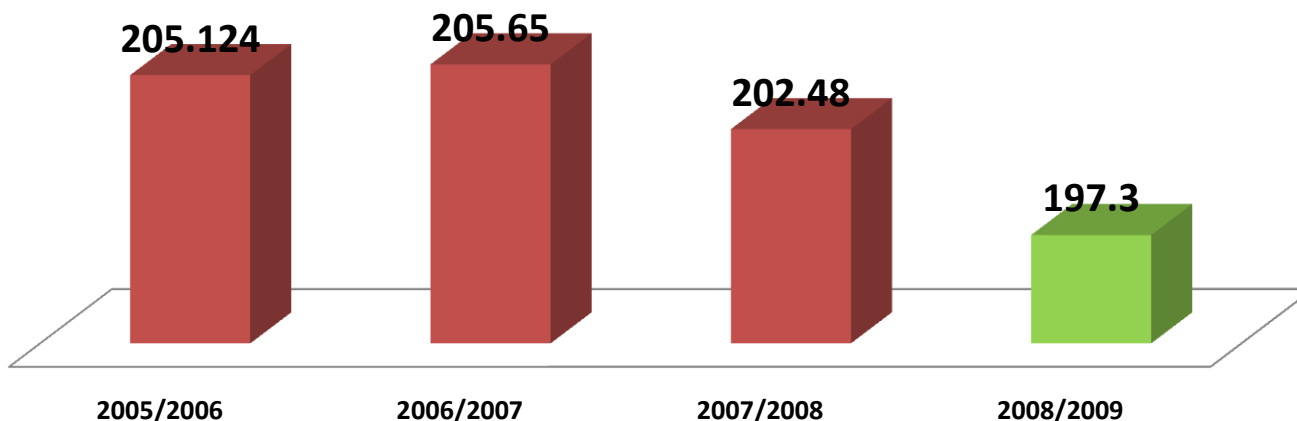
- Effective & Efficient AM Operations
- High Performing Assets
- Optimal Asset Value



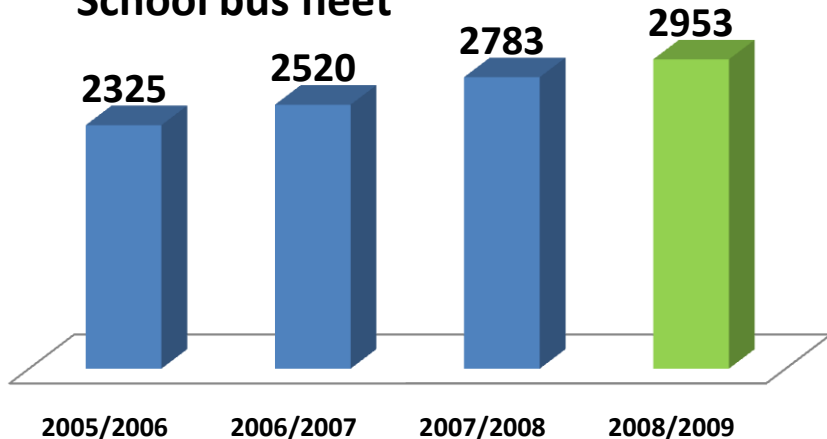
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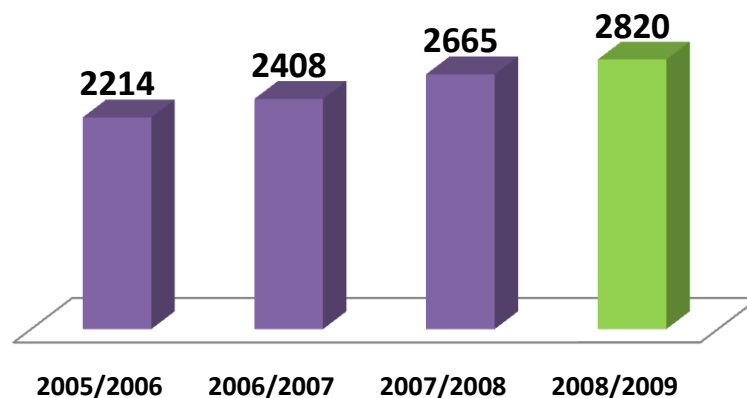
No. of Students Transported by School Buses



School bus fleet



School bus Drivers



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Challenges



Undefined School Bus specification.



Absent of the supervisors on the buses.

Absent of legal framework and standards to regulate school transport in Dubai

Dependency on private cars for school journeys

Lack of coordination between planning authorities and operators.

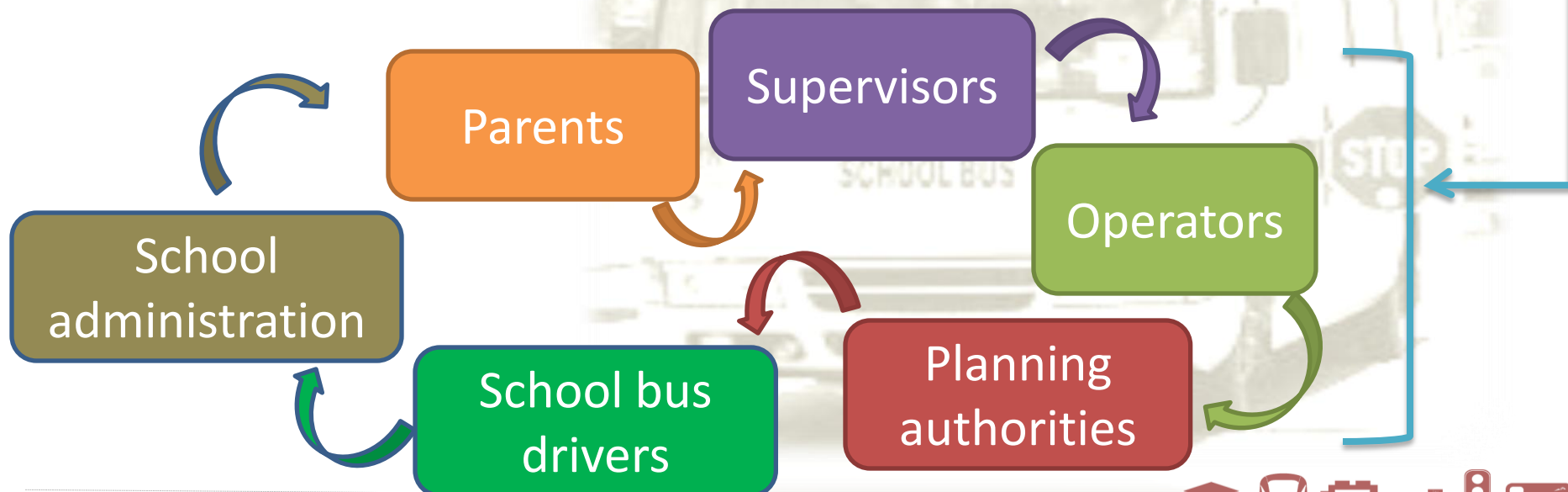


Lack of school drivers training and awareness

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Objectives

- Reduce Travel congestion by encouraging school transport by bus (school transport trips are 8.7% from the total trips on Dubai).
- Provide safe school transport for our children. (81 accident, 1 death 6 injuries).
- Engage community to promote school transport sustainability :



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law (2007)

- In 2007 ,Dubai Government has assigned RTA to setup a School transportation law, targeting the following:
 - Ensuring a safe and smooth transportation for all Dubai students, by setting up international safety standards and measures overall buses in Dubai.
 - Preparing and executing the policies needed to organize the school transportation .
 - Develop tool to insure continuously improvement on the school transport by following up the system complaints and suggestions.

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law (2008)

■ In 1/9/2008 , Dubai Government Execution Council has issued the school transport control law No.2 of 2008, Which provides the legal umbrella to RTA for regulate and organize the school transport in Dubai. Which specify the following :

- Any operators of school transport provider should obtain school transport permit from RTA.
- All school bus drivers and supervisors should be trained by RTA .
- All school buses should have a minimums bus specification which will be identified by RTA.
- RTA has the right for inspection and violat.



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law (2008)

- School transport directive manual specify:
 - The responsibility of the school bus drivers.
 - The responsibility of the school administration.
 - The responsibility of the operating entities.
 - The students and their parents in relation to the school transport conductors responsibility and school bus.
 - School bus safety specification (external: bus seats, Interior and safety standards).
- RTA chairman and the chief executive officer assigned inspectors for the purpose of providing the acts committed in related of this law.



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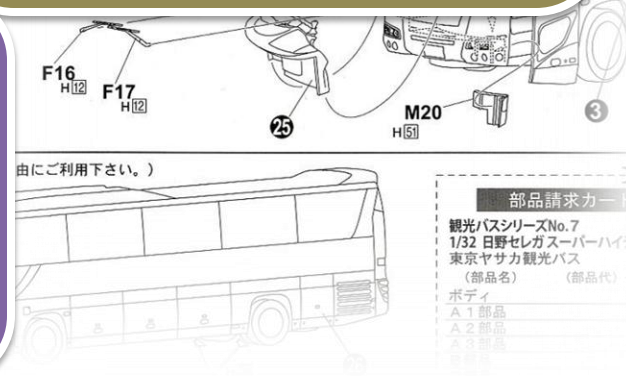
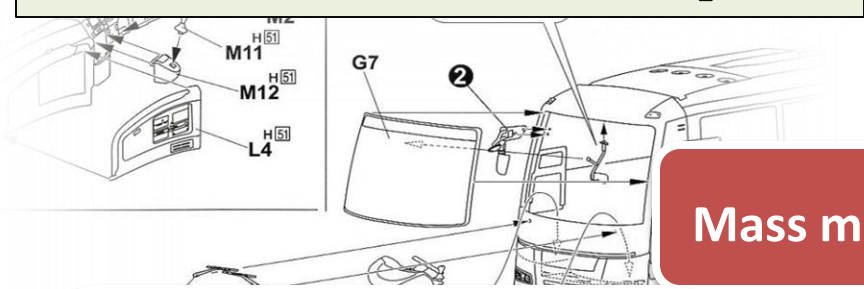
Implementation

Mass marketing campaigns

Bus Specification set up in coordination with bus manufactures, operators, and schools

One year grace period for implementing law requirements

Awareness Workshops with bus manufactures, operators, parents and schools



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Implementation



Training and workshops for the drivers and supervisors

Monitor the schools and the operators



Issuing the roles and responsibilities manual

Issuing Permits for school bus driver, and supervisors

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Achievements

The law reduced school transport accident by **63%** compared to 2008, before the law application.



9% Reduction in the number of students transported by private cars.

5.5% Growth in Students transported by School buses

98% Compliance of implementing of bus specification and regulations.



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Achievements



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No. & facts

4,008

The number of licensed school supervisors in Dubai, 3,401 trained by the driver affairs department at RTA.



6,696

The number of licensed school drivers, 5,683 trained by the driver affairs department at RTA.



4,472

The total number of buses operating in the private and governmental schools.



217,817

The number of students on the governmental and private schools during the school year 2011/2012 in Dubai (4% growth annually).



Thank you



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