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GOVERNMENT GROUP MEETS WITH DOWNTOWN KINGSTON TRANSPORT OPERATORS

The multi-agency team of the Transport Authority (TA), Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation (KSAC) and the Urban Development Corporation (UDC) involved in the implementation of the new transportation system in downtown Kingston has been reviewing the operations to date.

Prior to and following on the heels of the launch of the new-look downtown system in January 2011, the commitment was given that, the system would be continuously assessed and changes made as necessary for improved efficiencies and service to commuters.

To this end, the TA began re-engaging public transport operators in dialogue to get their feedback and have so far, had discussions with Intercity Rural Association (covering St. Thomas and some Jamaica Urban Transit Company (JUTC) sub franchisees, Rural Transit Association (covering northern parishes), JUTC and Route Taxi Associations in the KMTR. Additionally, the agencies have been reviewing operational and enforcement procedures.

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Proposals to be looked at include the relocation of all Portmore based routes for JUTC buses and their sub-franchise holders to the Water Lane Terminal 1. Since the launch of the new system on January 15, 2011, JUTC Portmore buses have been operating from Parade and sub-franchise operators from the Pechon Street facility in downtown Kingston.

It is also being proposed that rural operators from St. Thomas, Portland, St. Mary and rural St. Andrew now terminate in the Pechon Street terminal facility.

As with the previous arrangement, the JUTC will offer a reliable shuttle service to ensure connectivity of commuters between Parade, Pechon Street, and Water Lane terminals free of cost to passengers.

The new transportation system forms part of a greater vision for the evolution of the transportation system for downtown Kingston to one that is modern, convenient, reliable and hassle free. A system that is in keeping with the redevelopment plans for the realization of a fully redeveloped, orderly and modern metropolis.

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