Traffic Discipline Office
LEGAL MANDATE

BASIS FOR THE OFFICE INTEGRATED STRUCTURE
PURSUANT TO R.A. 7924 CREATING THE MMDA.

Sec. 3 (b) of SCOPE OF MMDA SERVICES

TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT which includes the formulation, coordination and monitoring of policies, standards, programs and projects to rationalize the existing transport operations, infrastructure, requirements, the use of thoroughfares, and promotions of safe and convenient movement of persons and goods; provision for the mass transport system and the institution of a system to regulate road users; administration and implementation of all traffic enforcement operations, traffic engineering services and traffic education programs, including the institution of a single ticketing system in Metropolitan Manila
IN ADDRESSING THE PRESSING TRAFFIC PROBLEMS ENDURED BY THE PEOPLE, MMDA HAS A THREE-PRONGED APPROACH TO THE SITUATION, CLASSIFIED UNDER:

1. ENFORCEMENT
2. ENGINEERING AND
3. EDUCATION SERVICES.
Metro Manila Traffic Ticketing System - Generally the ticketing system features non-confiscation of driver’s license, except for those specifically provided in the LTO schedule of fines and penalties.

- To Enhance traffic rules and regulations thru efficiency in enforcement operations and issuance of traffic tickets to all traffic violators;
- To instill motorists discipline; and
- To prevent proliferation of illegal activities such as fixing
TO DRAMATICALLY DECREASE THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES ON THE ROAD AT ANY GIVEN TIME OF THE DAY, MMDA HAS ADOPTED VARIOUS STRATEGIES, SUCH AS ITS DRIVE AGAINST “COLORUM BUSES”;

ANOTHER SCHEME IS THE TOTAL TRUCK BAN IN EDSA FROM MAGALLANES INTERCHANGE TO TRINOMA ENFORCED 24 HOURS, FROM MONDAY TO SUNDAY. THE BAN COVERS TRUCKS WITH GROSS WEIGHT OF 4,500 KILOGRAM - AND ABOVE. TRUCKS CARRYING PERISHABLE GOODS ARE HOWEVER EXEMPTED FROM THE BAN.
UNIFIED VEHICULAR VOLUME REDUCTION PROGRAM (UVVRP)

The UVVRP which bans all public and private motor vehicles from plying the major thoroughfares of Metro Manila from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on weekdays depending on the last digit of the vehicle plate number except Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays, is continuously being implemented by the Authority.
OPERATIONS VS. ILLEGAL PARKING BY THE PARKING DISCIPLINE GROUP

The team goes around major roads to apprehend vehicles parked beyond the painted sidewalk boundary marker. Some members of the team are assigned to issue traffic citation tickets to motorists whose vehicles are found parked outside the designated marker.

Another special assignment given to the team is the Bike Lending Project where bikes are provided by MMDA for public use along the designated bike lane from Magallanes to Ayala and vice versa.
"BUS MANAGEMENT DISPATCH SYSTEM (BMDS)

THE CONCEPT OF BMDS IS TO DISPATCH ONLY THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF BUSES BASED ON PASSENGER DEMAND IN ORDER TO LESSEN UNNECESSARY VEHICLES IN EDSA. BUSES WILL THEN BE DISPATCHED FROM FOUR (4) STATIONS OR TERMINALS LOCATED AT FAIRVIEW, MALABON, COSTAL MALL AND AT ALABANG. UPON FULL REGISTRATION OF ALL AUTHORIZED BUSES PLYING EDSA, THE SYSTEM WILL ENSURE THAT NO "COLORUM OR OUT-OFFLINE" BUS UNITS WILL BE DISPATCHED FROM THE FOUR TERMINALS.
THERE ARE OTHER TRAFFIC SCHEME AIMED AT PUTTING ORDER ON THE ROAD SUCH AS THE "EDSA BUS SEGREGATION SCHEME" IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE CONGESTION IN THE LOADING AND UNLOADING AREAS, WHICH IS ANOTHER CAUSE OF TRAFFIC. THE BUS SEGREGATION IS IMPLEMENTED BY ASSIGNING SPECIFIC "LOADING AND UNLOADING" AREAS FOR BUSES. INITIALLY ALL PUBLIC UTILITY BUSES HAVE BEEN MARKED WITH EITHER THE LETTER "A, B OR C" AND ALLOWS THE BUSES TO LOAD AND DISEMBARK PASSENGERS ONLY IN DESIGNATED "A, B OR C" STOPS.
TO FURTHER LESSEN THE OCCURRENCE OF ACCIDENTS ON ACCOUNT OF OVER SPEEDING VEHICLES, MMDA SET A 60-KILOMETER PER HOUR (KPH) SPEED LIMIT IN COMMONWEALTH AVENUE AND MACAPAGAL AVENUE. VEHICLES GOING BEYOND THE SPEED LIMIT IN THESE AVENUES ARE MONITORED AND RECORDED BY TRAFFIC ENFORCERS THRU THE USE OF LASER SPEED GUNS AND SPEED RADAR GUNS.
For the 1st Quarter 2013, the Anti-Jaywalking Unit (AJU) posted a total of 22,655 apprehensions during intensified operations along EDSA-Shaw, EDSA-Ortigas, EDSA-Pasay and EDSA-Quezon Ave., of which 21,379 attended the required seminar and 1,276 opted to pay the fine.
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE **YELLOW LANE** RULE IS A VITAL COMPONENT OF THE GENERAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT POLICY ALONG EDSA. THE YELLOW LANE IS STRICTLY ASSIGNED FOR USE OF PUBLIC UTILITY BUSES. THIS IS INTENDED TO PREVENT OBSTRUCTION CAUSED BY INDISCRIMINATE LOADING BY PUBs.
Another road safety measure is the assignment of exclusive lanes for motorcycle riders, in the fourth lane of EDSA, fourth lane of Commonwealth, and the outermost lane in Macapagal Boulevard.
Among our major engineering activities are the design and construction of pedestrian footbridges to provide better and safer mobility and faster flow of vehicular traffic. This is achieved as people no longer have to walk across the roadway. As of June 2013, MMDA has constructed a total of 80 footbridges serving approximately more than 2.8 million pedestrians daily.
AS TO THE **TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM**, THERE ARE 421 EXISTING SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS; 85 OF WHICH ARE ALSO BEING UPGRADED AND DESIGNED FOR GREATER EFFICIENCY AND ROAD SAFETY. THE UPGRADING COVERS IMPROVEMENT OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLER, LED RETROFITTING AND INSTALLATION OF COUNTDOWN TIMER.
THE MMDA TRAFFIC ACADEMY AIMS TO PROFESSIONALIZE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT IN METRO MANILA AND CONTINUOUSLY UPGRADE THE COMPETENCE LEVEL OF TRAFFIC ENFORCERS. THE ACADEMY CONDUCTS REGULAR SEMINARS FOR DELINQUENT DRIVERS IN THE ASPECT OF DEFENSIVE DRIVING, RULES OF THE ROAD, AND ON CURRENT TRAFFIC LAWS/REGULATIONS. REGULAR SEMINARS ARE LIKewise CONDUCTED FOR OUR TRAFFIC ENFORCERS TO UPDATE THEM OF THE ROAD RULES AND OF PERTINENT ISSUES AFFECTING TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN METRO MANILA. MORE SO, UPON REQUEST OF NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATIONS, SECURITY GUARD ORGANIZATIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT TRAININGS ARE ALSO CONDUCTED WITHIN OR EVEN OUTSIDE OF METRO MANILA.
Four teams from the TDO Road Emergency Group (REG), consisting of a total of 270 medical and rescue personnel, rotated and operated round the clock with the aid of 9 Ambulances, 1 Rescue van, 4 tow trucks, 3 forklifts, 2 manlifters, 2 fire trucks, and hand-held radios to respond to emergencies along EDSA and other major thoroughfares in Metro Manila.

Ten (10) road emergency stations were maintained in strategic locations in the Metropolis.
COMMAND CENTER
(METRO BASE 136)
The MMDA continues to provide real-time and other road-related reports, conditions and updates in nine (9) major thoroughfares in Metro Manila thru its Traffic Navigator Projects.

The major roads covered are EDSA, C-5, SLEX, NLEX, Roxas Blvd., Quezon Ave., España, Commonwealth Ave. and Katipunan Ave.

A 7-man navigator Team operates in three (3) shifts 24 hours a day.

Cellphone with browsers can access the Traffic Navigator at:

http://mmda.gov.ph/navigator
Through the official twitter account @MMDA, motorist and the general public may continue to sent their views, comments and complaints and receive quick responses to queries on traffic, flood and other urban concerns.
SOUTHWEST INTEGRATED PROVINCIAL TERMINAL (SWIPT)