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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND  
TRANSPORT**

**ON THE**

**ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATES OF THE  
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT FOR THE 2019  
FINANCIAL YEAR**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 On Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2018, the Minister for Finance, Mr Ken Ofori Atta in fulfilment of Article 179 of the 1992 Constitution presented to the House, the 2018 Budget Statement and Economic Policy of Government.
- 1.2 In accordance with Standing Orders 140 (4) and 189 of the House, the Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Transport were referred to the Committee for Roads and Transport for consideration and report.
- 1.3 The Committee on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 met with the sector Minister, Hon. Kwaku Ofori Asiamah, the Chief Director and heads of agencies of the sector Ministry, officials of Ministry of Finance and reports as follows:
- 1.4 It should be noted that the programme-based budget for 2019 covers the Ministry of Transport Headquarters and the following Agencies:

### **Maritime and Inland Waterways:**

- (i) Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority,
- (ii) Ghana Maritime Authority
- (iii) Ghana Shippers Authority
- (iv) Regional Maritime University (RMU)
- (v) PSC Tema Shipyard
- (vi) Volta Lake Transport Company Limited

### **Road Transport Services:**

- (i) Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA),
- (ii) National Road Safety Commission (NRSC),
- (iii) Metro Mass Transport Limited (MMT)
- (iv) Inter-City STC Coaches Limited
- (v) Government Technical Training Centre (GTTC),

## **2.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS**

The Committee made references to the following documents during the consideration of the Estimates:

- (i) The 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana,
- (ii) The Standing Orders of Parliament,
- (iii) The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government for the 2019 financial year,
- (iv) The National Medium-Term Development Framework 2018-2021; and
- (v) The Report of the Committee on the 2018 Estimates for the Ministry of Transport.

## **3.0 VISION OF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT**

3.1 The Vision of the Ministry of Transport is to create an integrated, modally complementary, cost effective, safe, secure, sustainable and seamless transportation system responsive to the needs of society, supporting growth and poverty reduction and capable of establishing Ghana as a transportation hub of West Africa.

## **4.0 MISSION AND POLICY OBJECTIVES**

### **4.1 Mission**

4.1.1 The Ministry's Mission is to provide leadership and guidance for the development of the Transport Sector through effective policy formulation, market regulation, asset management and service provision.

### **4.2 Policy Objectives**

4.2.1 The Policy Objectives of the Ministry as derived from the Medium-Term Development Framework are as follows:

- (i) Increase capacity and efficiency in port operations,
- (ii) Enhance the contribution of inland waterways for safe and efficient transportation of goods and people,

- (iii) Ensure effective and efficient flow of goods, services and related information to meet customer requirement,
- (iv) Improve efficiency and effectiveness of road transport infrastructure and services, and
- (v) Ensure safety and security for all categories of road users.

## **5.0 ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT IN 2018 FISCAL YEAR**

### **5.1 Management and Administration**

5.1.1 The construction of a second bus terminal at Tudu for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system is 67% completed.

5.1.2 Pre-bidders conference has been organised for potential investors and RFPs issued to prospective bidders. Evaluation of RFP is ongoing for Boankra Inland Port.

5.1.3 A Contract was awarded for Pavement of car park at the head office and works is about 70% completed.

5.1.4 Feasibility Study has been completed and funding arrangement being made with Korean Exim Bank for the procurement of 200 Unit CNG buses and related infrastructure for the MMT.

### **5.2 Maritime Services Programme**

5.2.1 A Contract was awarded for the Construction of Landing Sites at Dambai and Dambai Overbank (Lot 1), Works have commenced and project is about 20% completed. Additionally, contract has been signed for the construction of Landing Sites at Agodeke, Yeji and Makango (Lot 2). The Contractor is preparing to mobilise to site.

5.2.2 The Construction of Auditorium Complex for the Regional Maritime University is 47% completed.

5.2.3 A Solar Energy Plant has been completed with a total capacity of 266.59 kWp at the RMU to improve electricity supply at lower cost.

5.2.3 Three (3) of seven high speed patrol boats has been delivered to GMA and the remaining Four (4) will be delivered by the end of 2018.

- 5.2.4 The Ministry has completed the construction of 600m Quarry Wall out of 800m Quarry Wall Dry Bulk Jetty at Takoradi Port.
- 5.2.5 A Concession Agreement has been signed with a Private Investor for the development of a Multi-Purpose Terminal at Takoradi Port. The President has cut the sod for the commencement of the project.
- 5.2.6 The engagement of a Strategic Investor for the upgrade of Tema Shipyard and Drydock is ongoing. Unsolicited proposals has been received, investors Qualification Statements submitted, and RFP issued to Six (6) qualifying firms. Evaluation is ongoing for the selection of a Strategic Investor.
- 5.2.7 An MOU between the GPHA and an Investor has been signed for the construction of a Jetty at Keta as part of the phase 1 of the construction of new harbours in James Town and Keta in the Greater Accra and Volta Regions respectively. An Executive Instrument to declare the area as a Port zone has been signed.
- 5.2.8 Removal of tree stumps along the navigable routes on the Oti River at Dambai has been completed.
- 5.2.9 Expansion of Sekondi Takoradi Fishing Harbour has been completed and commissioned by H.E the President.
- 5.2.10 The Operationalization of paperless system at the port is ongoing.
- 5.2.11 Ghana Shipping (Cabotage) Regulation has been submitted to the AG's Department for finalization after conducting Stakeholder Consultation.
- 5.2.12 The Regional Maritime University has established a Vocational Training Centre to provide Technical Skill training.
- 5.2.13 The construction of four (4) dedicated Container terminals is ongoing. The Marine, Building and Land works are about 76%, 48% and 43% completed respectively.

### **5.3 Road Transport Management**

- 5.3.1 The Consultancy services for the identification of locations for installation of crossing aids is on-going.
- 5.3.2 Eight (8) Accident Response Centres have been completed and fully equipped by NRSC on three major highways at Asuboi, Bunso Junction, Asankare Police barrier, Juaso, Toje and Nogokpo.
- 5.3.3 Seventy Thousand (70,000) Educational Material (Stickers) were distributed by September 2018.
- 5.3.4 Six Hundred and Ninety-Two (692) outreach programmes were undertaken at Communities, Market Centres, Lorry Terminals, Churches and Mosques.
- 5.3.5 One Hundred and Forty-One (141) Television Programmes and One Thousand, Five Hundred and Three (1,153) Radio programmes were organized.
- 5.3.6 The NRSC has obtained Cabinet approval to upgrade the Commission into an Authority.
- 5.3.7 The Draft Amendment proposals on the Road Traffic Regulation 2180 has been received and reviewed by the Committee working on it.
- 5.3.8 The Review Process of the National Transport Policy, 2008 is ongoing and National Consultations on the Draft Policy has been completed.
- 5.3.9 The DVLA Express Mobile Service (DEMOBS) extended services to the door steps of corporate bodies and the Tert Drive services to tertiary students on campuses ongoing and Seven Hundred and Forty-Four (744) students in 12 institutions has benefited.
- 5.3.10 Training Modules for Motorcyclists has been developed and training of 8,268 Motorcyclists and users of special equipment (A & E license) is ongoing.
- 5.3.11 DVLA Office in Wenchi has been completed and will be commissioned by the end of the year. Land has also been acquired for the DVLA Office in Yendi.
- 5.3.12 Three (3) additional Private Vehicle Testing Station (PVTS) commenced operations bringing the total number to seventeen (17) and Fourteen (14) others are at various stages of completion.

- 5.3.13 Premium Services has been expanded to seven (7) offices (Tarkwa, Winneba, Weija, Tema, Kumasi, Sunyani and Accra.
- 5.3.14 Deployment of Biometric Driver License Printing Solution is completed and operational.
- 5.3.15 Re-modeling of Takoradi, Cape Coast and Koforidua DVLA Offices are on-going and works is about 80%, 90% and 95% completed, respectively.
- 5.3.16 Establishment of Data Centre and WAN/Internet have been completed and operationalized / or in operation.
- 5.3.17 Establishment of Customer Call Centre has been completed and operationalized / or in operation.
- 5.3.18 72 no. female bus drivers have been trained for the BRT operations and 7 no. training officers, 18 students are undergoing capacity building and training at the West Africa Transport Academy and 3 currently in Brazil for further training.
- 5.3.19 A Contract awarded for the supply of 50 No. intercity buses for the MMT has been delivered and a new contract has been awarded for additional 50 no. intercity buses.
- 5.3.20 Procurement processes completed for the supply of 100 No. Intercity buses for ISTC.



## 6.0 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR 2018

### 6.1 Summary of 2018 Budget: Releases & Expenditure for the Ministry and its Agencies

**TABLE 1: 2018 APPROVED BUDGET AGAINST DISBURSEMENT AS AT SEPTEMBER 2018**

<b>MoT AND ITS AGENCIES FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>			
<b>ITEMS</b>	<b>2018 APPROVED BUDGET (GH¢)</b>	<b>AMOUNT EXPENDED AS AT SEPT. 2018 (GH¢)</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE (%) EXPENDED</b>
<b><u>GoG</u></b>	5,232,362.00	2,448,694.34	46.80%
COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES			
GOODS & SERVICES	1,532,530.00	285,622.34	18.64%
CAPEX	15,000,000.00	547,823.00	3.65%
<b>TOTAL GoG</b>	<b>21,764,892.00</b>	<b>3,282,139.68</b>	<b>15.08%</b>
<b><u>IGF</u></b>			
COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES	20,583,756.00	18,591,341.40	90.32%
GOODS & SERVICES	32,597,670.00	26,019,504.00	79.82%
CAPEX	2,528,091.00	2,528,091.00	100
<b>TOTAL IGF</b>	<b>55,709,517.00</b>	<b>47,138,136.40</b>	<b>84.61%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>77,474,409.00</b>	<b>50,420,276.00</b>	<b>65.07%</b>

## 7.0 BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS FOR THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND ITS AGENCIES FOR 2019

7.1 The Ministry of Transport and its Agencies have been given a budget allocation of GH¢294,464,233.00 for the fiscal year 2019. The breakdown is as follows:

**TABLE 2: 2019 BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT BY PROGRAMMES IS AS FOLLOWS**

Item	Management & Administration	Maritime Education	Road Transport Management	Grand Total
GoG	3,141,137.00		2,692,947.00	5,834,084.00
Compensation of employees				
Goods & Services	1,047,135.00		510,407.00	1,557,542.00
Capex	1,000,000.00		1,200,000.00	2,200,000.00
<b>Total GoG</b>	<b>5,188,272.00</b>		<b>4,403,354.00</b>	<b>9,591,626.00</b>
IGF			23,001,797.00	23,001,797.00
Compensation of Employees				
Goods & Services			44,791,271.00	44,791,271.00
Capex		12,050,000.00	12,699,615.00	24,749,615.00
<b>Total IGF</b>		<b>12,050,000.00</b>	<b>80,492,683.00</b>	<b>92,542,683.00</b>
Donors	192,329,924.00			192,329,924.00
Capex				
<b>Total Donors</b>	<b>192,329,924.00</b>			<b>192,329,924.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>197,518,196.00</b>	<b>12,050,000.00</b>	<b>84,896,037.00</b>	<b>294,464,233.00</b>

## 8.0 PROGRAMME OUTLOOK FOR 2019

8.1 In the ensuing year, the Ministry of Transport plans to undertake the under listed programmes and projects;

### 8.2 Management and Administration

8.2.1 The Ministry will engage an Investor to develop the Boankra Inland Port.

### **8.3 Maritime Services**

- 8.3.1 The Ministry will continue the construction of additional berths to aid growth in Port traffic, increase revenue and create jobs.
- 8.3.2 The Ministry has secured funds for the construction of the remaining 200m quay wall at the Takoradi Port.
- 8.3.3 The Ministry will continue the construction of a Multi-Purpose Terminal at the Takoradi Port.
- 8.3.4 The Ministry will continue the implementation of the Paperless System at the Ports to reduce transaction cost, increase revenue and reduce human interface.
- 8.3.5 The Ministry will engage a Strategic Investor for the upgrade of Tema Shipyard and Drydock
- 8.3.6 The Ministry would continue with the construction of the Auditorium at the Regional Maritime University.
- 8.3.7 The Ministry will complete and operationalise the Dambai and Dambai Overbank (Lot1), Agodeke, Yeji and Makango (Lot2) Landing Sites and also commence work on the Kete Krachi Overbank (Kojokrom) and Awuejakope Landing Sites.
- 8.3.8 The Ministry will commence the development of new ports at James Town and Keta.
- 8.3.9 The GMA will register and deploy the 7 no. High speed patrol boats into its services.

### **8.4 Road Transport Services**

- 8.4.1 The Ministry will in 2019 complete and operationalise the bus terminal at Tudu for the BRT.
- 8.4.2 The NRSC will install and operationalise crossing aids and the Accident Response Centres to improve road safety and reduce road crashes casualties.
- 8.4.2 The National Road Safety Commission (NRSC) will produce 30,000 Road Safety Textbooks and 10,000 Teachers manual.
- 8.4.3 The NRSC will submit the Road Safety Agency Bill to Parliament.

- 8.4.5 Proposals on the review of Road Traffic Regulation 2180 will be subjected to stakeholder consultations and submit to Parliament.
- 8.4.6 The review of the National Transport Policy, 2008 will be completed and submitted to Cabinet for consideration and approval.
- 8.4.7 The DVLA will continue the implementation of Prestige and Premium services, DEMOBS to corporate bodies and Tert Drive to tertiary students.
- 8.4.8 DVLA will introduce simulators for driver training.

## **9.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **9.1 Road Safety Indicator**

The Committee observed that National Road Safety Commission (NRSC) did not meet their target indicators on road safety. Road Crash increased as compared to the previous years.

This the Committee was informed that the NRSC had improved on their reporting mechanisms from the regions which believe has resulted in more accident being reported.

The Committee recommended the need for road accidents to be measured in relation to the number of vehicles in the country. The NRSC informed the Committee that, the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) had been informed to revise the measurement of that indicator.

### **9.2 Donor Support**

The Committee observed with concern that an amount of GH¢192,329,924.00 representing about 60% of the Ministry of Transport allocation is from donor funded.

The Committee was informed that the amount was as a loan facility and is to be disbursed on the remaining 200m Quay Wall at the Takoradi Port. The Ministry explained that the loan facility for the Takoradi Port expansion was concluded before they realised the need for the additional 200m Quay Wall.

### **9.3 Training of Female Drivers at BRT Operations**

The Committee noted that One Hundred (100) Female Bus drivers were been trained at BRT Operations. The Committee recommends the Ministry for their initiative of promoting the cause of women.

The Committee was of the view that, the Ministry had spent public funds to train the female bus drivers and as such, those who failed the DVLA computerised test should be given another chance to prove their merit.

### **9.4 Turn-Around Time at Takoradi Port**

The Committee noted an increase in Turn-Around Time at the Takoradi Port. The increase was explained to the Committee as being the direct effect increase in work activities at the Port.

### **9.5 Charge of Illegal Fees**

The Committee expressed its unhappiness with the DVLA over its fee charge on the processing of Drivers License. The Committee pointed out to the DVLA that its charge of fees for Premium Exclusivity on the Driver Licensing was not backed by law and has no basis of approval from Parliament. The Committee urged the DVLA to abide by the Law.

9.6 The Committee took note of the introduction by the Ministry of the Volta Lake Livelihood Development and Blackfly Nuisance Control Programme, whose implementation would save lives and property and reduce the public health impact of Onchocerciasis in the Volta Basin, additionally creating jobs for the youth of the Community.

### **9.7 Development of a New Port at Keta**

The Committee took cognisance of the Executive Instrument signed by the President aimed to declare the Keta Municipality as a part. The project the Committee noted falls within a Master Plan being developed for a new port at Keta.

## 9.8 Environmental - Friendly Transport Modes

The Committee took stock of efforts by Government to develop Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) infrastructure and introduce CNG buses into the Urban Transport Landscape. With feasibility studies on the CNG infrastructure and buses completed. Government is on course to reduce transport related emissions and cut down on Green House Gas emissions, meeting our global commitments.

## 10.0 CONCLUSION

The transport sector plays a very important role in the economy. Therefore, for the Ministry of Transport to realise its objectives and mission, the Committee unanimously recommend to the House to adopt this report and approve the sum of **Two Hundred and Ninety-Four Million, Four Hundred and Sixty-Four Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Ghana Cedis (GH¢ GH¢294,464,233.00)** for the activities of the Ministry of Transport for 2019 financial year.

Respectfully submitted



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