

# Committee on Vehicle Imports & Transportation



RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CAYMAN ISLANDS  
GOVERNMENT  
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PROSPECT

# Historical Data



AS OF JANUARY 2020 A TOTAL OF 44,906 VEHICLES WERE REGISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VEHICLES AND DRIVERS LICENSES (DVDL.)

OVER 75,000 VEHICLES ARE ON THE OFFICIAL REGISTER, WITH APPROXIMATELY 44,906 (OR 1.4 VEHICLES FOR EVERY PERSON ON ISLAND) VEHICLES LISTED AS "ACTIVE", LEAVING A FURTHER 30,094 IN LIMBO AND IN VARIOUS, UNKNOWN STATES OF DISREPAIR

THE LARGEST % OF REGISTERED VEHICLES ARE 15 YEARS OLD OR 30%  
VEHICLES UP TO 5 YEARS OLD REPRESENT 22%  
VEHICLES UP TO 10 YEARS OLD REPRESENT 19%

# Import Statistics & Trends



**IN 2011 (9 YEARS AGO) - NEW VEHICLES ACCOUNTED FOR THE MOST IN OVERALL IMPORTS BY 62% (NEW) VERSUS 28% (USED)**

**2019 (1 YEAR AGO) - THE TREND HAS SHIFTED CONSIDERABLY SHOWING THE COMPLETE OPPOSITE WITH USED VEHICLES ACCOUNTING FOR THE MOST IN OVERALL IMPORTS AT 71% (USED) COMPARED TO 29% (NEW)**

**THROUGH DECEMBER 2019 - USED VEHICLES IMPORTED BY NON-LICENSED IMPORTERS STOOD AT 2788 OR 53% (USED) AS COMPARED TO 1,670 IMPORTED BY DEALERS, OR 32% (NEW). TOPPING THIS LIST WERE IMPORTS FROM JAPAN.**

**TOP 5 VEHICLES REGISTERED OVER AN 11 YEAR PERIOD (2008 - 2019) - (1)- HONDA FIT (#1939), (2)- HONDA ACCORD (#1911), (3)-CRV (#900), (4)-KIA SPORTAGE(#871), (5)-HONDA CIVIC-(#613)**

# Import Statistics by Year



IN 2014 - 2946 VEHICLES WERE IMPORTED FOR THE YEAR, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 246 PER MONTH.

IN 2017 - THAT NUMBER INCREASED BY 66% TO 4897 VEHICLES IMPORTED, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 408 PER MONTH.

FOR 2018 - 4783 VEHICLES WERE IMPORTED, AT AN AVERAGE OF 398 CARS PER MONTH. WHILE THAT REPRESENTS A SMALL DECREASE OF 2.3% COMPARED TO 2017, IT STILL REPRESENTS A 62% INCREASE IN 4 YEARS.

FOR 2019 - 5,298 VEHICLES WERE IMPORTED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 464 VEHICLES PER MONTH..

AS OF 30 APRIL 2020 - 1,541 VEHICLES WERE IMPORTED AT AN AVERAGE OF 304 VEHICLES PER MONTH.

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## RECOMMENDATION #1

**IMPORT RESTRICTIONS FOR CAYMANIANS** - PERSONS SHOULD BE ALLOWED A MAXIMUM OF 2 VEHICLES PER YEAR THAT MAY BE IMPORTED IN TO THE CAYMAN ISLANDS, PER PERSON.

CAYMANIANS IMPORTING MORE THAN 3 OR MORE VEHICLES PER CALENDAR YEAR SHOULD BE DEFINED IN ONE OF TWO CATEGORIES, NAMELY RE-SELLER OR COLLECTOR

**RE-SELLER** – PERSONS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A TRADE & BUSINESS LICENSE AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS SIMILAR/IDENTICAL TO THE LICENSED CAR DEALERS (NEW CARS OR USED) COMBINED WITH OTHER RESTRICTIONS.

**COLLECTOR** – PERSONS SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE (\$50-\$100), IDENTIFIED WITH A SPECIAL EDITION “COLLECTORS PLATE” FOR EACH NEW IMPORT. A SPECIAL "COLLECTORS" PLATE COULD BE COMMISSIONED, AND OWNERS CHARGED BETWEEN \$500 - \$750 FOR THE PLATE

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## RECOMMENDATION #2:

OWNERSHIP RESTRICTIONS FOR SHORT TERM WORK PERMIT HOLDERS (3-12MONTHS) - PERSONS RESTRICTED FROM IMPORTING OR OWNING AN AUTOMOBILE. LEASING, CO-OPING AND CARPOOLING RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVES, ALSO ALLOWED TO OWN MOTORCYCLES & MOPEDS UNDER 125CC'S

CLEANER MODES OF TRANSPORTATION HIGHLY RECOMMENDED SUCH AS BICYCLES

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## RECOMMENDATION #3:

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS FOR LONG TERM WORK PERMIT HOLDERS (12MTHS +) –  
PERSONS ALLOWED TO OWN VEHICLES BUT RESTRICTED FROM IMPORTING,  
INSTEAD THEY MUST BE PURCHASED FROM LOCAL SUPPLY

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## RECOMMENDATION #4:

AGE RESTRICTION ON VEHICLE IMPORTS – PERSONS ALLOWED TO IMPORT VEHICLES NO OLDER THAN 10 YEARS, WITH A GOAL OF FURTHER REDUCING THIS AGE TO 6-YEARS AS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IMPROVES.



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## RECOMMENDATION #5:

INSPECTION CERTIFICATE FOR ALL IMPORTED VEHICLES – USED VEHICLES IMPORTED INTO THE CAYMAN ISLANDS MUST ALSO POSSESS AN “INSPECTION CERTIFICATE”, COMPLETED IN THE COUNTRY OF PURCHASE, PRIOR TO ITS IMPORTATION IN THE CAYMAN ISLANDS.

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS CERTIFICATE WOULD BE: CONFIRMATION OF THE VEHICLE MAKE, MODEL, YEAR OF MANUFACTURE, YEAR OF REGISTRATION, BODY TYPE, VEHICLE TYPE, PASSENGER CAPACITY, FUEL TYPE, MAINTENANCE RECORD, EMISSIONS, VIN NUMBER, MODEL NUMBER, ENGINE CAPACITY AND NUMBER, ODOMETER VERIFICATION, TRANSMISSION, RHD/LHD, RADIATION (JAPAN VEHICLES), PICTURES OF THE VEHICLES AND ADVISED SAILING DATE AND VESSEL DETAILS

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## RECOMMENDATION #6:

**INTRODUCTION OF STAGGERED WORK TIME/FLEX TIME/TELECOMMUTING** –  
RECOMMEND LARGE EMPLOYERS, 50-100+ EMPLOYEES SUCH AS FINANCIAL  
SERVICES, GOVERNMENT COULD SEPARATE WORK SHIFTS TO 8A-2PM, AND 10AM-  
6PM

**TELECOMMUTING** - ENABLES THE ABILITY FOR EMPLOYERS TO ALLOW CERTAIN  
STAFF TO WORK FROM HOME. IN ADDITION TO REDUCING THE PRESSURE ON THE  
ROADWAYS, THIS OPTIONS ALSO SAVES THE MERCHANT ON THE NEED TO  
LEASE/BUY/BUILD SIGNIFICANT SQUARE FOOTAGE TO ACCOMMODATE LARGE  
NUMBERS OF STAFF

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## RECOMMENDATION #7:

**BUSES FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS** – RECOMMEND OFFERING DUTY INCENTIVES FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO PURCHASE THEIR OWN BUS, OR EXTENDING EXISTING “YELLOW BUS” SERVICE ALREADY PROVIDED TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**STAGGERED SCHOOL HOURS**: IT WAS NOTED DURING THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION BY NUMEROUS RESPONDENTS THAT STAGGERING THE SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT TIMES FOR BOTH PUBLIC & PRIVATE SCHOOLS WOULD ALSO SUPPORT A REDUCTION IN TRAFFIC CONGESTION. CONSIDERATION THEREFORE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ADJUSTING PRIMARY AND SECONDARY COMMENCEMENT AND CONCLUSION TIMES.

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## RECOMMENDATION #8

**IMPROVED LANE EFFICIENCIES** – UTILIZING THE MULTIPLE LANES ALREADY BUILT, BY CHANGING THE DIRECTION OF TRAVEL BASED ON PEAK TRAVEL TIMES. EX. 2-3 LANES HEADING INTO GT, 1-LANE LEAVING IN THE AM AND THEN VICE VERSA IN THE PM. [MAXIMIZES CURRENT ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE, WITHOUT THE NEED TO BUILD NEW CAPACITY]

OVERHEAD DIGITAL STREET LIGHTS COULD BE USED AS A MECHANISM TO INDICATE WHICH LANES ARE OPEN (O) OR DOWNWARD ARROW POINTING TO THE OPEN LANE, OR CLOSED (X)

THE COMMITTEE ALSO SUPPORTS THE “COMPLETE STREETS” MODEL CURRENTLY ADOPTED BY CPI WHICH INCLUDES GREATER PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE LANES AS PART OF THE NECESSARY, FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURE.

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## RECOMMENDATION #9:

**IMPROVED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION** – THIS WILL CENTRALIZE ON IMPROVED BUS SERVICE, USING LARGER BUSES RUNNING FIXED ROUTES (GT-BT-EE), SUPPLEMENTED BY SMALLER OMNI BUSES PROVIDING SHUTTLE SERVICE TO SIDE ROADS, DOORSTEP.

**DIAL-A-RIDE OR DEMAND RESPONSIVE TRANSIT** - A VAN ROAMS IN A NEIGHBORHOOD, PEOPLE CAN CALL A PHONE NUMBER AND REQUEST A VEHICLES TO TAKE THEM WHERE THEY WANT TO GO OR TO A TRANSIT HUB. THE VAN MAY STOP FOR OTHERS ALONG THE WAY. THIS CAN BE APP BASED AND GIVE CUSTOMERS THE UBER-STYLED FEEL OF BEING ABLE TO TRACK LOCATION, TIME OF PICK UP ETC. HOURS OF OPERATION (6A-10AM/4P-8PM). THIS COULD BE A SUPPLEMENT FOR PERSONS WISHING TO ENGAGE IN A TAXI SERVICE. DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICES MAY ALSO SERVE AS A USEFUL WAY TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIALIZED TRANSPORT FOR DISABLED PERSONS.

**PARK-AND-RIDE** - (OR INCENTIVE PARKING) FACILITIES ARE PARKING LOTS WITH PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONNECTIONS THAT ALLOW COMMUTERS AND OTHER PEOPLE HEADING TO CITY CENTRES TO LEAVE THEIR VEHICLES AND TRANSFER TO A BUS, OR CARPOOL FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE JOURNEY.

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## RECOMMENDATION #10:

**CARPOOLING** – ENCOURAGING LARGE STRATA'S, RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS, MAJOR EMPLOYERS TO PARTICIPATE IN A CARPOOLING PROGRAM. [85% OF VEHICLES ENTERING GT IN THE AM HAVE 1-2 PERSONS IN THEM ACCORDING TO A COMPASS SURVEY]

# End of Presentation



ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE I WISH TO THANK THE GOVERNMENT CAUCUS FOR THE ATTENTION AND CONSIDERATION OF THIS 10-POINT PLAN TO IMPROVE THE HIGH NUMBER OF VEHICLE IMPORTS WHILE ALSO REDUCING TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND DELAYS

WE WILL NOW WELCOME ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS