

Standards for Vehicle Imports & Transportation Committee

[Recommendations At-a-Glance]

1. **Import restrictions for Caymanians** be allowed to Import a Maximum of 2 vehicles per year. Caymanians Importing 3 or more vehicles per year should be defined in one of two categories; Re-Seller or Collector
 - If a **Re-Seller** – persons should be required to have a Trade & Business License and other requirements similar/identical to the Licensed Car Dealers (be the New Cars or Used) combined with other restrictions.
 - If a **Collector** – persons should be subject to annual registration fee, identified with a special edition “Collectors Plate” for each new import

Action required:

2. **Ownership restrictions for short term work permit holders** - should not be allowed to own a vehicle and in particular an automobile (3mths – 12mths) – renting, co-oping and carpooling recommended. Motorbikes under 125cc also allowed.

Action Required:

3. **Import restrictions for Long Term Work Permit holders** - (12mths +) may own a vehicle but are restricted from Importing the same and should be required to purchase from Local Suppliers&/or Supply only vehicles. Exception may be made for individuals wishing to import their personal vehicle upon moving to the island.

Action Required:

4. **Age restriction on Imported Vehicles** - persons allowed to import vehicles no older than 10 years old, with a goal to further reducing this age to 6 years, over a 5yr period or as Public Transportation improves, whichever is less.

Action required:

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. This would include 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.

Action required:

6. **Introduction of Staggered Work time/Flex Time/Telecommuting-** recommend large employers (50-100 staff) such as financial services, Government could regulate working shifts for example of 8a-2pm / 10am - 6pm for their employees. COVID19 proved its effectiveness.

Telecommuting - enables the ability for Employers to allow certain staff to work from home. In addition to reducing the pressure on the roadways, this option also saves the Merchant on the need to Lease/Buy/Build significant square footage to house large numbers of in-house staff.

Action required:

7. **Requirement for Buses for Private Schools/Staggered School Hours** –recommend offering incentives such as Duty Waivers may be offered to offset these costs of purchasing their own. . And alternative would be to expand the existing School Bus Service to include private schools.

Staggered School Hours - Recommend staggering the school opening and possibly closing hours for Private & Public Primary & Secondary Schools.

Action required: Cabinet Policy

8. **Improved Lane Efficiencies** – Recommend using multiple lanes already constructed by alternating their direction of travel based on peak travel times. (Ex. 2-3 Lanes heading into GT in the AM, with only 1 exiting GT during the AM period & then alternating the same during the PM hours). The system may be managed by a series of Overhead Traffic Lights.

Action required: Cabinet Policy

9. **Improved Public Transportation (Buses)** – This recommendation focus around improved Bus Service, using larger buses running Fixed Routes/Hubs (GT-BTE-EE), supplemented by smaller Omni Buses that would provide a Shuttle Service to side roads, even offering Doorstep Service. This recommendation could also be further supplemented by:

Dial-A-Ride or Demand Responsive Transit - This recommendation requires that a Van services a route in specific neighborhoods or communities, people may call a phone number and request vehicles to take them where they want to go (for short trips) or to deliver them to fixed transit hubs. The Van may stop and collect others along its route. This can be an App-Based service that offers customers an Uber-styled approach to transportation. Dial-A-Ride services may also serve as specialized transport for Disabled and Elderly Persons. This may further be supplemented by:

Park-And-Ride - Otherwise known as Incentive Parking offers a parking lot facility for motorists seeking to connect on to fixed transit hubs. Persons would park their vehicle in a specific location, catch a shuttle to the primary Bus transit hub and continue their journey

Action Required:

10. **Carpooling** - Recommends encouraging Large Stratas (Ocean Club etc), and Residential Communities & Major Employers to participate in a Carpooling Program. Incentives such as Fuel Vouchers may be used, or discounts on Vehicle Licensing, etc.

Action Required: