

## **ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE NO. 01-96**

To Provide for Use of Various Government-Owned Boats and Vehicles  
and Requisite Personnel by the Transportation Committee of the Disaster Plan Task Force

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 150 was issued by President Nakamura on September 26, 1996, declaring a state of emergency caused by the collapse of the K-B Bridge which affected public facilities, including roads; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 150 designated the Vice President, as the Chairman of the Disaster Plan Task force, to be charged with coordinating efforts among the ministries, public utilities and public communications to respond to this emergency; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Transportation Regulations were implemented effective September 28, 1996, providing for regular public transport across the Toachel Mid Channel, and to and from the K-B Bridge on both the Koror and Airai sides of the Bridge, all to be made available free of charge from 4:00 a.m. to midnight on every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and from 6:00 a.m. to midnight on every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and

WHEREAS, despite the progress made in the first ten days of the emergency, the effects of the K-B Bridge collapse continue to present significant difficulties for the population of Palau, such that President Nakamura issued Executive Order No. 151 to continue the limited state of emergency in accordance with Article VIII, Section 14 of the Constitution, and other applicable provisions of law, and therein provided that the Vice President should continue, as Chairman of the Disaster Plan Task Force, to coordinate efforts among the ministries, public utilities, public communications, private persons and private entities to respond to this emergency; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 1996, the Vice President did establish a Koror-Airai Transportation Committee and charge its members with reviewing the current situation and, taking into consideration the volume of visitor traffic associated with incoming and outgoing flights plus the volume of local traffic, especially during the morning and evening rush hours, and assessing the extent of the transportation needs, and to make recommendations for intermediate and long-term solutions for accommodating all the various transportation which was cut off when the Bridge went down; and

WHEREAS, in its meeting on October 9, 1996, the Koror-Airai Transportation Committee did recommend that a directive be sent to those Ministers with boats to the effect that they be required to make their boats available to assist with the transportation effort at the K-B Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Vice President/Chairman, Disaster Plan Task Force did concur with the recommendation of the Koror-Airai Transportation Committee;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, pursuant to the Constitution and applicable laws of the Republic, it is hereby directed

that;

1. The Minister of Health (Hospital boat), the Minister of Education (Food Service and Bureau of Curriculum and Instruction boats and Bureau of Education small buses), the Minister of State (Land and Survey Boat), Director of Palau Land Commission (Land Management boat), Minister of Justice (ASAP boat), Minister of Resources and Development (Marine Resources boat), the Vice President (NEMO boat and office pickup), Coordinator of State Office on Aging (Old Age boat and van), the Director of Head Start (Head Start boat and Head Start buses) and the President of the Republic of Palau shall henceforth and until further notice cooperate with the Koror-Airai Transportation Committee under the direction of the Vice President/ Chairman, Disaster Plan Task Force to permit necessary and appropriate use of their respective vehicles and vessels by the Transportation Committee.

2. Each Minister or Agency Head listed above shall provide the Transportation Committee with a list of all qualified drivers and boat operators currently employed by the ROP under their respective offices to be scheduled by the committee as needed to provide non-stop service between the hours specified in the Emergency Transportation Regulations.

3. The Transportation Committee shall take all responsibility for providing fuel for the vessels and vehicles assigned to the disaster relief effort to be supplied first from donations of fuel made to the ROP and thereafter to be purchased through funds made available under RPPL 4-56.

4. The Transportation Committee shall develop a schedule of vehicles/vessels such that at least one and no more than three of the assigned government vehicles and at least one and no more than three of the assigned government vessels shall be operating at any one time, depending upon the given demand, except that the Head Start buses and Bureau of Education buses shall be scheduled only for use during evening and weekend hours.

5. The Transportation Committee shall develop a schedule of drivers/boat operators assigned to it not to exceed 40 hours per week except under unusual and clearly justified circumstances and shall certify and submit all hours which are worked actually operating vehicles assigned to the disaster relief effort. For planning purposes, the Transportation Committee shall prepare schedules in advance and present them to the supervisor of each driver/boat operator. Any driver/boat operator assigned fewer than 40 hours per week shall report to his/her own respective office for the remaining hours to equal 40 hours, those remaining hours to be submitted by the respective supervisor. The Transportation Committee shall submit copies of all workers' hours certified by it to the respective Ministry or Agency for normal payroll processing.

6. The Transportation Committee shall not be authorized to purchase any foods for the workers under its charge. Drivers and other workers involved in the disaster relief effort shall be responsible for providing their own meals.

7. The Transportation Committee shall take responsibility for maintaining all vehicles/vessels assigned to it in good operating condition and make any repairs which shall arise

