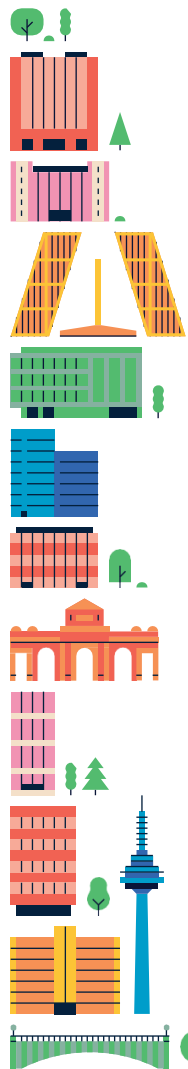


Short-Term

Action Plan

for Reducing Fuel Consumption & Dollar Expenditure



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GoSL leadership and immediate launch of national programs

The immediate launch of a government-led **national program** through the media that will appeal to all citizens to consciously contribute towards reducing fuel consumption and declare a policy of accelerated public transport enhancement.



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GoSL leadership and immediate launch of national programs

Government should **prioritize the import of diesel** over petrol and improve the logistics of distribution. Use smart technology to prevent the formation of queues and manage limited fuel issues, which will in turn limit imports.



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GoSL leadership and immediate launch of national programs

The interim budget should make an allocation of Rs 30 billion (being 1/4th of the expenditure on expressways per year) to develop public and alternative transport solutions and to **stop spending on expressways**, other than up to Mirigama.



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GoSL leadership and immediate launch of national programs

Embark on a **national awareness program** on the revised transport policy approach that prioritizes public transport, cycling, and walking to create a knowledgeable people and informed society, particularly through social media/mass media.



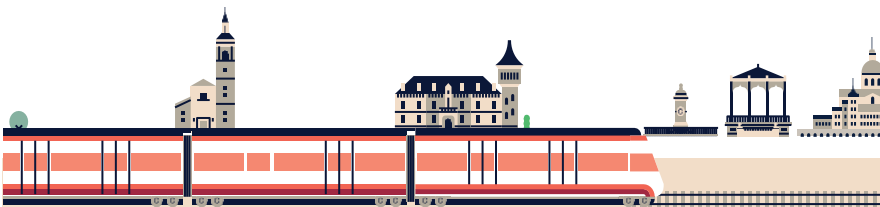
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Public transport enhancement to attract private vehicle users

The National Transport Commission (NTC) should immediately **double the school bus services** including air-conditioned services, under its Sisu-Saeriya program.



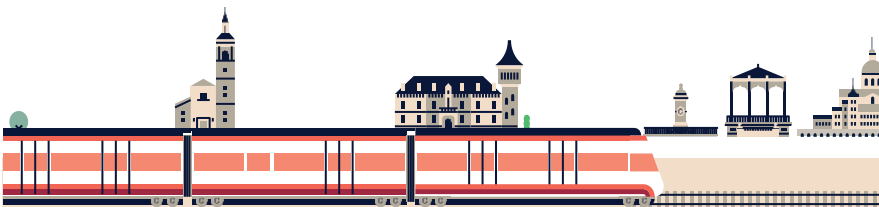
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Public transport enhancement to attract private vehicle users

The NTC and SLTB should ensure that the **first and last bus mandatorily operates** on all routes under the Nisi Saeriya program to reduce dependency on private vehicle use.



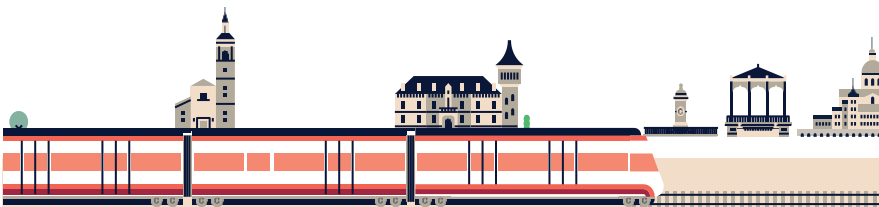
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Public transport enhancement to attract private vehicle users

Implement the **Sahasara bus reform model** on major corridors in Colombo and Kandy, connecting buses to a passenger app and bus management system, and integrate the app with railway services, last-mile taxi/ three-wheeler services and passengers.

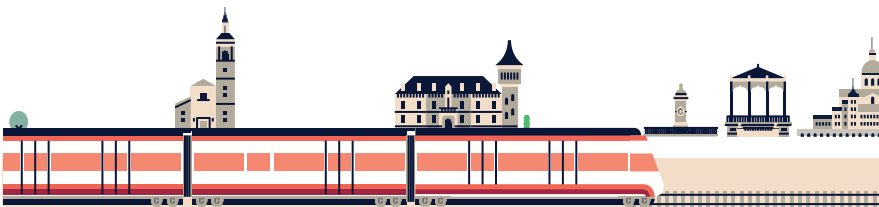


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Public transport enhancement to attract private vehicle users

The Ministry should re-implement the **bus priority lane system** adding low floor buses, card based payments, and improved customer services.

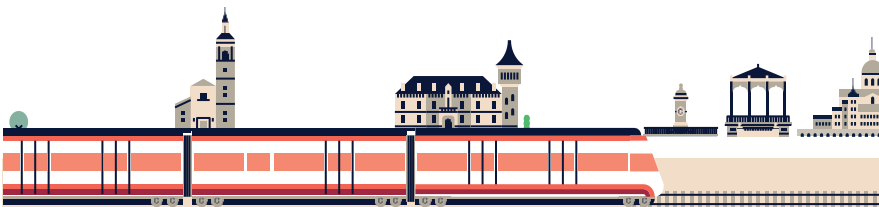


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Public transport enhancement to attract private vehicle users

Train services including long-distance services should be increased and measures are taken to make uniform commuter train frequency through modern demand-based scheduling while prioritizing more fuel-efficient locomotives/ DMUs.

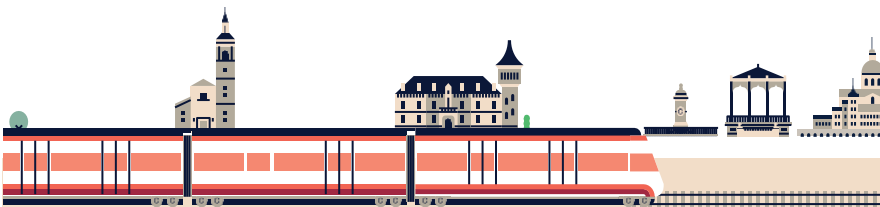


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Public transport enhancement to attract private vehicle users

Encourage the private sector to develop **digitally based micro-mobility**, ride sharing, carpooling, park and ride at bus terminals and railway stations, including for bicycles, and other alternate transport solutions.



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Reducing the use of cars including all four-wheeled passenger vehicles

The Ministry of Public Administration to temporarily remove private **vehicles assigned to government officers** and replace them with a transport allowance.

All ministries to limit the fuel purchase and introduce measures that aim to reduce overall fuel use by 50%.



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Reducing the use of cars including all four-wheeled passenger vehicles

The Government encourage the private sector and even households to **target a 50% reduction in travel**. Make arrangements for carpooling, office transport services, and other alternative **fuel-efficient transport methods**.



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Reducing the use of cars including all four-wheeled passenger vehicles

Impose restrictions on cars, vans, and SUVs carrying less than **three passengers** from entering specific urban centers during work hours and any area that experiences regular traffic congestion.



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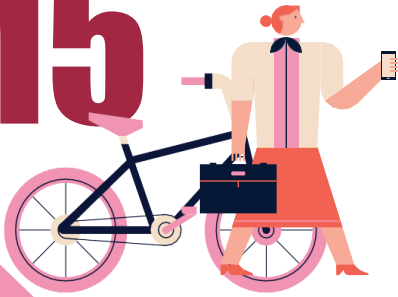
Reducing the use of cars including all four-wheeled passenger vehicles

After considering minimizing the impact on livelihoods, the government should impose a **three-month restriction on the use of private cars** on specific days of the week by the last digit of the registration number.



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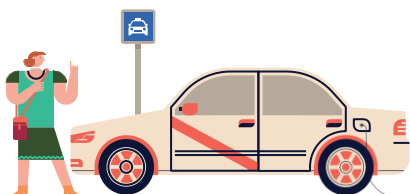
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Encouraging cycling and walking

Assign the 22nd of September 2022 the **International Car-Free day** in selected urban areas and continue monthly.

Encourage pedestrians and cyclists by simultaneously improving sidewalks and providing cycle lanes.



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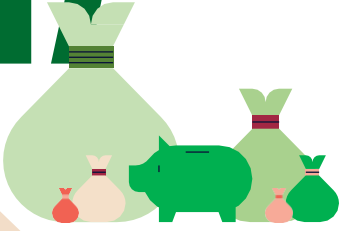
Making travel more productive

The Ministry of Public Administration should implement **compressed work weeks** (3-4 days) which would reduce physical travel to work. Study the possibility of extending this practice to schools where appropriate.



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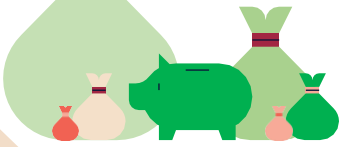
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Impose a **2% surcharge on petrol** or a substantial increase in annual vehicle licensing fees as a dedicated levy for developing public transport measures such as school bus services, night services, bus lanes and smart technology.



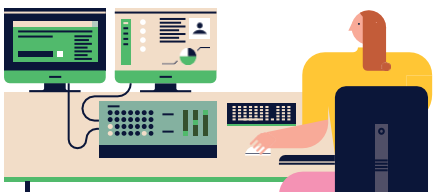
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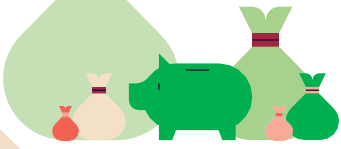
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Revise the **transport sector pricing mechanism** by integrating vehicle import taxes, fuel pricing, expressway tolls, parking charges, congestion pricing, public transport fares and target public transport subsidy programs.



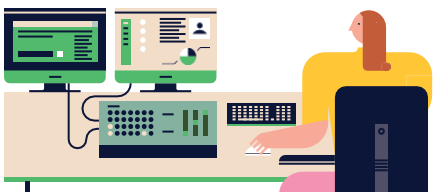
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Financing and monitoring

All transport stakeholders to collaborate in data sharing, service delivery and in urgently **seeking climate change mitigation and carbon-neutral grants** and introduce **quality electric or hybrid low floor buses**, and **railway** operational improvements



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Improving logistics and freight movements

In Government should encourage **digital technology** in transforming the **food supply chain** to reduce waste. The use of the railway for the transport of fuel, construction materials, and heavy goods including containers, must be encouraged.



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