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# LTFRB: No stopping PUV modernization program

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**T**he Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) on Wednesday said it will continue implementing the government's public utility vehicle modernization program amid protests from transport groups because the safety of the riding cannot be compromised.

"The modernization program will continue and it will continue with urgency," said LTFRB chairperson

Martin Delgra III yesterday, when members of the Pinagkaisang Samahan ng mga Tsuper at Opereytor Nationwide (Piston) staged a protest action in front of the LTFRB main office in Quezon City.

Piston is opposing the crackdown on dilapidated, rickety jeepneys under the "Tanggap Bulok, Tanggal Usok" drive.

"Ang panawagan namin ay magbuong panibagong program na socially just, democratic, at nakabatay sa nationalized transport system na hindi yung kasalukuyan na negosyo lang (We

are calling for a new program that is socially just, democratic and based on the nationalized transportation system, not like the present program that is merely for business)," Piston president George San Mateo said.

"We are moving towards modernization, and yung nangyari sa Tacloban mangyayari all across the country (What happened in Tacloban, will also happen all across the country)," Delgra told protesters, referring to the launching of environment-friendly public utility vehicles in Tacloban City.

- \* LTFRB
- \* MODERNIZATION PROGRAM
- \* PUV