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*Floridablanca Interchange now fully operational to better serve motorists going to this part of Pampanga.*

## Iwas "TIRIK" advisory sa SCTEX:

Para sa mabilis, matipid at maginhawang biyahe sa SCTEX, siguraduhing nasa tamang kundisyon ang inyong sasakyan. I-check muna ang mga sumusunod: **mga gulong, makina, tubig sa radiator, break, busina at iba pa.**

Gumamit ng mga service areas (e.g. gasoline stations, comfort rooms) na matatagpuan sa **North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), MacArthur Highway, Olongapo-Gapan Road, Concepcion-Magalang Road, Tarlac-Sta. Rosa Road** at iba pa bago bumiyaha sa SCTEX.

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# BCDA hails plan to ban grass burning along SCTEX, NLEX



Mabalacat Toll Plaza

The Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) hailed the quick action of the municipal council of Mabalacat in Pampanga regarding a proposed ordinance sponsored by Councilor Jerry Basilio, banning grass burning along national roads, particularly the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX) and the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX).

BCDA's spokesperson for the SCTEX Robert Gervacio said "it is about time that the indiscriminate burning of grass and such other farming practices that place the motoring public in grave danger are appropriately addressed by the authorities."

Mabalacat Vice Mayor Prospero Lagman said the measure was immediately referred to the appropriate committees, specifically the committee on public safety and the committee on health, sanitation and environmental protection, to enable its quick passage.

"The BCDA fully supports the passage by the Mabalacat municipal council of an ordinance prohibiting grass burning which brings about thick smoke that imperils travel along the expressways," Gervacio said.

The BCDA also called on the local government of the other towns through which the 94-kilometer SCTEX passes – all the way from the Subic Bay Freeport Zone to Tarlac City – to enact similar ordinances that will ensure safe and convenient travel along the toll road.

Last Dec. 28, a multiple vehicle smashup on the SCTEX portion within Mabalacat's Barangay Tabun left four people dead and several others injured. Investigators said the accident was caused by thick smoke, emanating from a grass fire set off by local residents, along the toll way. The smoke resulted in zero visibility on the affected portion of the SCTEX.

Subic-Clark Alliance for Development Council (SCAD-C) chair Edgardo Pamintuan has also expressed serious concern about the deadly smoke that often covers road networks as a result of indiscriminate grass burning. Thus, he urged the Mabalacat local government to act promptly to solve this problem.

Meanwhile, the Mabalacat municipal government, responding to a request from the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), recently turned over to the SCTEX management several streetlight sets for installation along the toll way. Mabalacat municipal administrator Rosano Pacquia said the streetlights would be set up under the SCTEX bridges in Barangays Dolores and Mabiga.

## SCTEX COMMENDATIONS

FROM: Klingermendig Teodoro & family

October 1, 2009

*I want to thank PC Gacosta, PC Navarro, SG Favorito, and SG Paclle for assisting us and for helping us fix my car. We once had a vehicle trouble at SCTEX. I hope that you keep this kind of personnel."*

FROM: Romariches

October 3, 2009

*"Gusto lang po namin magpasalamat sa inyong patrol group na sina PC Valloyas at SG Ramos sa kanilang maganda at tapat na serbisyo nang masiraan kami sa SCTEX noong madaling araw ng October 2. Sa katunayan, pinilit namin silang abutan ng pera, pero hindi nila ito tinanggap. Sana ay tularan sila ng mga iba pang mga patrol crew. Maraming salamat po."*

FROM: Unknown motorist

October 4, 2009

*"I would like to commend your office for the quick service you extended on us. Likewise, our heartfelt thanks to PC C. Roque, TCR Louie, MJ, Francis and SG Gapasin who assisted us in our ordeal."*

FROM: Leslie Vaughn

October 4, 2009

*"Maraming salamat po kina PC Roque at SG Gapasin sa pagtulong sa akin dahil tumirik po ang aking sasakyan. Maraming, maraming salamat po. God bless."*

FROM: Jenny Kenn Canonizado

October 5, 2009

*"I would like to express my sincerest gratitude and to commend the Patrol Team of SCTEX for a job well done. Last Saturday, biglang nag-stop yung ALTIS namin sa may bandang Porac, and immediately may dumating na patrol team. They were friendly and accommodating despite na medyo mainit na ang ulo ko because I was so stressed since it was my first time na masiraan ng sasakyan without my parents. So I was really confused and I didn't know what to do. Thank you very much to these patrol officers:*

1. Nold Cruz
2. Mike Torres
3. Rick Pagkalinawan

*They offered us a comfortable ride to Dinalupihan kung saan ti-now yung car namin sa isang mechanic shop. Aside from these respectful patrol officers, may apat na patrol officers pa na tumulong sa amin. Unfortunately, I can't remember their name. Thank you very much and continue your great service.*

# "Scenes from an expressway"

by: Mel Mariano



Gumain Bridge



Rice fields along SCTEX



Approaching Gumain Bridge

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## SCTEX COMMENDATIONS

FROM: Roberto Asto  
November 1, 2009

"Would like to say thanks to the two gentlemen namely PC Jeffrey Valentino and SG Randy Tacsiat for the unsolicited help and for patiently assisting me and my family in SCTEX this morning. They are your assets in your company, keep up the good work."

FROM : Jonathan Paz  
November 2, 2009

"For PC Ronie Bustamante & PC Mervin Capalad, thank you po sa assistance niyo sa akin."

FROM: Engr. Edgar Dacanay  
November 4, 2009

"Our Fuego driven by E. Tolentino had engine trouble at SCTEX last Oct. 29 at Floridablanca area. It was night time when it happened. I like to thank and commend PC Bustamante and PC Capalad for the assistance. They are honest and courteous. Again thank you and hope all SCTEX crews are similar to mobile 814. Thanks. VIVA PATROL 814!"

FROM: Mr. and Mrs. Jose Marquez of Quirino Province  
November 4, 2009

"We would like to thank PC Jovencio Jacinto and PC Arnold Cruz of the traffic management for rescuing us during our travel. MABUHAY PO KAYO! THANK YOU SO MUCH."

FROM: Unknown motorist  
November 5, 2009

"Please extend my heartfelt thanks to PC Jayson Lacson & SG Randy Tacsiat for rendering their unconditional help when my track blown up the front tire. They didn't left us until the track was finally fixed. With these two personnel, I commend your whole organization. MABUHAY PO KAYO!"

FROM: Eden Dalangin  
November 5, 2009

"I commend PC Laurel Gueco's honesty and integrity for he did not accept any monetary reward in exchange of his service."

FROM: Bert Magcalas of Tarlac City  
November 5, 2009

"PC Aries Abello and SG Randolph Galman assisted me during a vehicle breakdown I experienced in SCTEX. They are very courteous and supportive. Thank you for the excellent job and most importantly, they didn't accept any cash. Salamat po."