



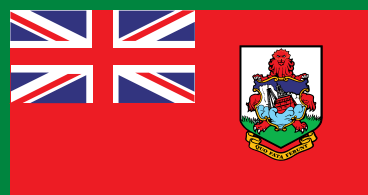
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# PROGRESS REPORT



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## Transportation Initiatives from PLP Keep Bermuda Moving Forward





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## Our National Transportation Plan Keeps Growing...and Going

Traffic has truly become a quality of life issue for all Bermudians. As the number of vehicles on our roads increases, so do traffic jams, accidents and stress! That's why, in 1999, a National Transportation Plan was implemented to develop and augment alternative means of transportation such as fast ferries, upgrading of the bus and taxi fleets, and more to keep Bermuda moving forward.

In addition, the real dilemma of the second-hand car market exists. We are currently researching viable

options to provide Bermudians a manner in which to dispose of vehicles and still realize the economic value of this property.

Rather than imposing restrictions that limit personal aspects of transportation, the National Transportation Plan is organic in nature. We have designed a plan that can shift, move and grow as Bermuda does.

**Our bottom line: Providing the means to get around, that is, above all, reliable, safe and comfortable.**



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## We've Revamped the Transport Control Center to Put You in the Driver's Seat

TCD is certainly one of Bermuda's most frequently used services. That is why we are continually upgrading its technology to better serve you in an efficient, hassle-free manner.

We have introduced a comprehensive new website to supply answers to your questions – you can even email us your question if you can't find the answer online and you'll receive pertinent, up-to-date information. In addition, you have the capability to download forms and guides to make your TCD experience faster and more convenient.





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## In the Works: Bermudian Civil Air Transportation Industry

In order to keep up with the times, we have written the legislative framework for a Bermudian Civil Air Transportation Industry by overhauling the Civil Aviation Act and Regulations originally created in 1950. This new

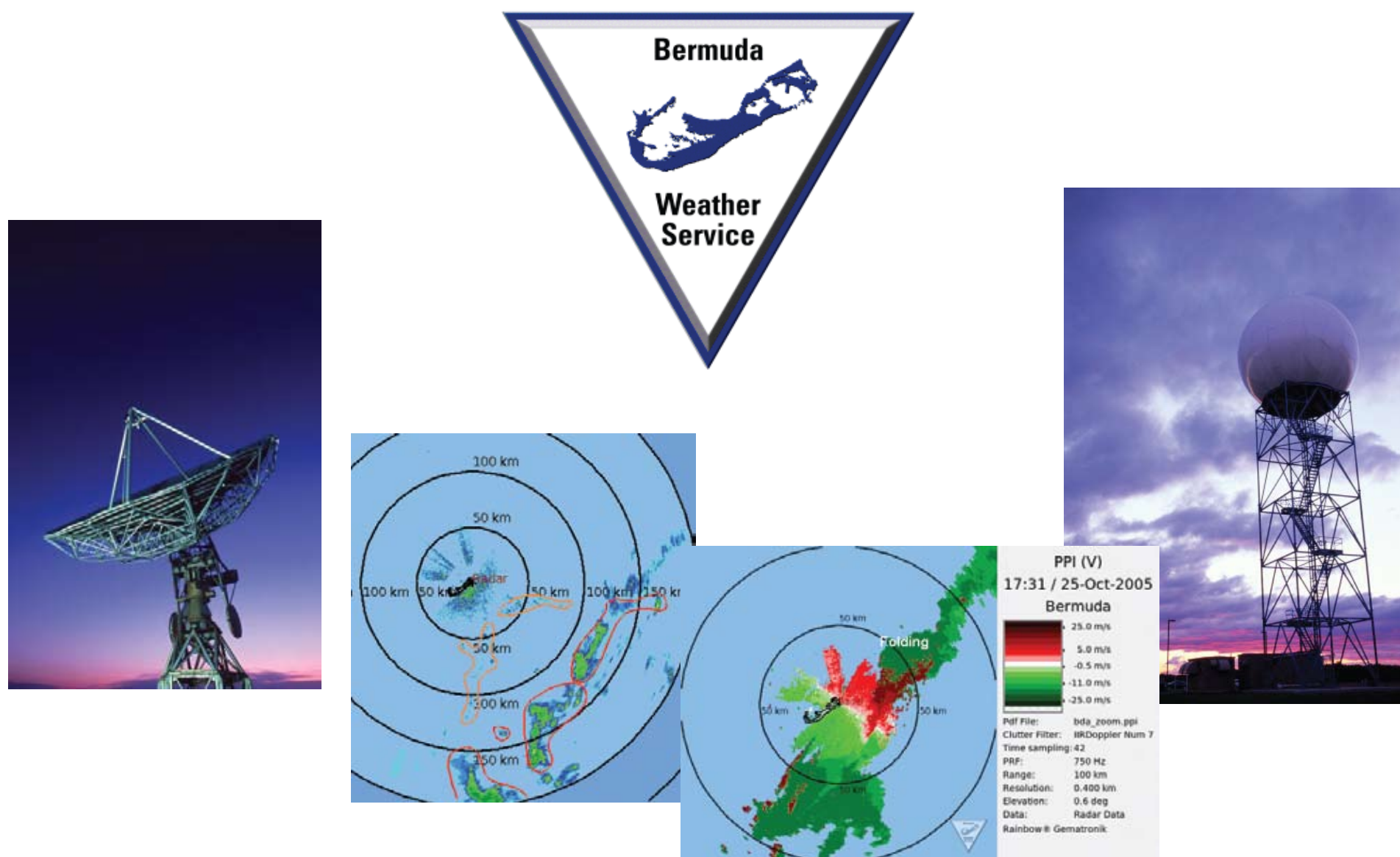
legislation will be introduced in order to ensure the steady growth (up 42% in 2006) of the Bermuda register of aircraft and keep Bermuda's aviation industry flying high.

## Weather or Not? Check the Doppler!

We have provided Bermuda with its first Doppler Radar system, the most up-to-date technology in reporting weather systems. This land-based radar has been successfully utilised by meteorologists at the Bermuda Weather Service to observe and predict upcoming weather patterns, including detailed

information on hurricanes, storms, breezes and high-winds...a must for island life.

And, the radar image, shown as Surface Rainfall Intensity or SRI, is shown on our weather channel and updated every ten minutes for timely reports.



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## Fast Ferries Ease Traffic Congestion

Getting around Bermuda is a breeze...an ocean breeze! Our introduction of fast ferries to public transport has helped to ease traffic congestion, not just at rush hour, but around the clock. Initially five fast ferries were brought into the public transportation mix. Now, this mode of water-borne transport is operating at near maximum capacity and a sixth fast ferry will be arriving in Bermuda any day to provide support and additional lift for the established commuter routes. A sixth fast

ferry will also allow for increased scheduling and less waiting time!

To accommodate the popularity of the fast ferry service, we have improved the ferry docks, introduced a Park and Ride system and minibus service to assist ferry commuters.

And, our fast ferry concept has proved to be so successful it was used as a model to be considered by other Caribbean nations.





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## The New Digital Dispatch System has Transformed the Taxi Industry

Working closely with the Taxi Industry we have implemented a modern digital dispatch system which not only gets the taxis to customers more quickly, it aids in augmenting drivers' incomes as they have the ability to pick-up more fares. This part of the public service vehicle network was in need of reform and has brought a new,

increased service element to transportation. In addition, we have made certain there are taxis on the road that are able to service physically challenged passengers.

During peak hours we have permitted shared rides from the airport and have worked with this growing industry to establish a dedicated limousine service.



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## Bermuda's Buses Really Get Around

We have consistently reduced the average age of our bus fleet by regularly replacing aging hardware. This, taken in conjunction with the completion of the new Lightbourne Central Terminal and an upgraded schedule, has made Bermuda's buses an excellent and reliable means of transportation.

We are proud to allow free bus transportation to the members of the Bermuda Regiment. And, have implemented a plan whereby we allow private schools to rent busing, again as a course to alleviate traffic congestion.

We have also encouraged the development of mini-bus services to alleviate the north-south and neighbourhood connectivity issues. This service is improving daily and is becoming a dependable method of travel.



Walter Lister, MP on PTB Bus Ride



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