

Ondo Boosts Transportation, Commissions N92 million Towing Truck and Vans

The Ondo State Government on Tuesday gave practical fillip to its vowed determination to ease transportation in the State and reduce traffic accidents on its highways and roads with the commissioning of two towing vans and one giant towing truck valued at Ninety two Million naira (N92million) The State Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko who performed the commissioning disclosed that hard times now await traffic offenders in the state and disclosed that the list of various traffic offences would soon be made available to the public.

Speaking at the ceremony held at the Gani Fawehinmi Freedom Arcade in Akure the state capital, the Governor noted that government had taken various measures to address the increased rate of road traffic in the state.

The equipment, which Governor Mimiko described as the latest technology in the world would play significant roles in the speedy evacuation of accident victims and vehicles within the shortest period.

He noted that many productive lives had been lost to road accidents in the country and called on road users to always obey traffic rules and regulations in their best interest.

His words “We have not lost sight that these pieces of equipment would be very useful for accident rescue operation across the state, as accident is unavoidable occurrence in a modern productive environment. It is worthy of note that the growth of road traffic has increased significantly in the state and if not properly managed, it could lead to systemic failure and impact negatively on the state economy through loss of productive hours”.

He added “Let me point out that traffic offenders will no more have a field day, as they will be apprehended and punished, especially through fines thereby generating revenue to the coffers of the state government. The list of the various traffic offences would soon be made available to the public through the state ministry of transport”. The deployment of the towing vans/truck for use would contribute significantly to our urban renewal efforts where we have envisioned an unhindered traffic flow all the time”.

Mimiko who was full of commendations for the former Commissioner for Transport, Otunba Omoniyi Omodara and his team in the Ministry for the wonderful jobs they did however disclosed that the ultra modern motor park along Ondo road in Akure would soon be commissioned to add values to the transport system and make transportation convenient for the people as all conveniences have been provided at the park.

He solicited the support of the people of the state, calling on the ministry of transport to jealously protect, maintain and service the equipment appropriately so as to derive maximum benefit from them.

Earlier in her speech, the Permanent Secretary in the state ministry of transport, Mrs. Tola Oyebade revealed that a yard had been acquired at Oba-Ile in Akure where all towed vehicles would be parked until appropriate fines were paid by the owners.

Mrs Oyebade added that vehicle inspection stations have been constructed at Oka-Akoko and Ifon where impounded vehicles would also be kept, stressing that the state inland waterways office in Igbokoda had been completed.