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## The Department of Transport Officially Opens Its Independence Office

Belmopan, January 17, 2025.

The Department of Transport announces the inauguration of its new office at the George Murray Bus Terminal in Independence. This milestone marks a significant advancement in the Department's mission to provide accessible services and ensure efficient management of motor vehicles and road traffic across Belize.

The official opening ceremony, held on January 17, 2025, was attended by distinguished officials, community leaders, and members of the public. The event featured a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony, remarks from key stakeholders, and a guided tour of the new facility.

The Independence Office now offers a full range of essential services, including:

- 1. Vehicle Registration
- 2. Issuance of Driving Licenses
- 3. Issuance of Motor Vehicle Licenses
- 4. Traffic Management
- 5. Traffic Enforcement

Hon. Rodwell Ferguson, Minister of Youth, Sports, and Transport, emphasized the importance of the new office, highlighting it as a testament to improving access and convenience for residents. He described the project as a milestone demonstrating progress and his commitment to advancing Belize's transport sector while expressing gratitude to all contributors to its success.

Chief Executive Officer Valentino Shal underscored the Department's vital role in delivering essential services to Independence and surrounding villages, ensuring reliable and efficient community support.

The Department of Transport remains committed to ensuring safety, efficiency, and sustainability within Belize's transport sector. By delivering these services, the Department continues to play a crucial role in fostering economic growth, enhancing mobility, and improving the well-being of citizens.

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