**TRANSPORT SERVICES IN KARACHI**

**INTRODUCTION**

Assalamualikum, everyone my self BH and the social issue that I am gonna talk about “**Transport Services in Karachi**”.

**COMPARISON WITH APP BASED SERVICES**

Well, being a Karachiite don't you think how hard it is for all of us to travel from one place to another. We can't even find a good, reliable and affordable public transport here in Karachi. That’s why services like **Careem** and **Uber** came so now you can’t find careem, uber and public transport. So how many of you use careem and uber to reach to the university? The reason why ppl are not using careem and uber anymore because their fares are going higher day by day, poor service(in such a way that in some cases the captain will cancel your ride whether you are waiting for him or not), their peak factor(which itself responsible for increment in fares)

Now most of you may think why don’t ppl use **Airlift** and **Swvl** these are the viable options for them. So, the loophole in these services is that they have their fixed routes. They have their particular point to pick you up. So, the problem people face is what they have to travel 10 to 15 minutes from their place to the pickup point. Undoubtedly their fares are much reasonable, and they provide you a good customer service.

**HARDSHIPS OF TRAVELLING**

Now let’s discuss what problem do people face while travelling in a public transport. First of all, the driver and the conductor, they don’t even know what customer service is, right. What they do know is that you’re gonna pay them and that’s what all the transaction is between you and him. Have you ever seen? the condition of transport services in Karachi its really worst. However, keeping in mind that the current transport route system makes people change several buses to reach their destination. Most of the drivers don’t know what traffic rules are. He derives the bus so fast, especially when the his favorite 90’s song playing in the bus and this itself a frustrating part for a traveler . We all know that speeding will always lead to accidents.

**SOME STATISTICS REGARDING ACCIDENTS**

When it comes to statistics, approximately 20 people out of 100k die in accidents every year making Pakistan rank 67 globally for a higher percentage of accidents.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO) report (published in 2013) road accidents will become the fifth major cause of deaths by 2030.

**SOME NEWS REGARDING REFORMS**

As we all know that Karachi is facing massive shortage of public transport. So, recently **CJP Justice Gulzar Ahmed** asked mayor Karachi, “where have all the Karachi buses gone?” and as expected no answer came so far.

**SOLUTIONS FROM AUDIENCE**

So, has anyone got an idea/solution regarding how can we solve this problem so feel free to share.

**MY SOLUTIONS TO THIS PROBLEM**

Now what are some major steps that government should take to overcome this problem.

1. Firstly this problem can easily be solved by increasing the number of public buses.

2. Secondly government can start effective awareness programs regarding traffic safety rules.

3. ­Thirdly government can invest in services like airlift and swvl which will surely lower the fares of these services.