

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 61

Introduced by : **REP. RAUL V. DEL MAR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The attached bill seeks the construction of RORO Ferry landing facilities at the Cebu City Pier and at the Municipality of Cordova, and a coastal road from the Municipality of Cordova to Lapu Lapu City.

As the full development of the Province of Cebu (and its component cities) and Cebu City, has become a matter of national concern, necessary complementary infrastructure facilities must be in place for additional access routes between Cebu City and Lapu Lapu City. And any infrastructure strategy must consider the expanded and accelerated economic growth of the area.

The expansion of the Mactan-Cebu International Airport (MCIA) and the increase in domestic and international flights to Cebu (which is projected to increase even more in view of the new national policy of competition in the airline industry), coupled with the traffic volume flowing from an expanding growth center, point up the imperative need for additional access routes from the MCIA to Cebu City's downtown area. For accessibility is one factor that allows Cebu to keep pace with the demands of local and foreign trade and commerce and tourism.

It is anticipated that the traffic movements across the existing Mandaue City-Lapu Lapu City bridges shall certainly exceed therein its accommodation capacity in the future. A third bridge between Lapu-Lapu City and Cebu City will likewise not be feasible because it will hamper the entry of International sea carriers into the port of Cebu City. Financial constraints negate the construction of an undersea tunnel between Cebu City and the Municipality of Cordova and a coastal road from the Municipality of Cordova to Lapu Lapu City.

All told, a new approach must be adopted. In this light, the construction of RORO ferry landing facilities at the Cebu City pier and at the Municipality of Cordova, and a coastal road from the Municipality of Cordova to Lapu Lapu City, is perceived to be a valid option. This project is called for by the traffic situation projected over the long term, given Cebu's already rapid economic growth.

In view hereof, approval of the bill is earnestly recommended.



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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF RORO FERRY LANDING
FACILITIES AT THE CEBU CITY PIER AND AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF
CORDOVA, AND A COASTAL ROAD FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF
CORDOVA TO LAPU LAPU CITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR.

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There shall be constructed under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways RORO ferry landing facilities at the Cebu City Pier and at the Municipality of Cordova, and a coastal road from the Municipality of Cordova to Lapu Lapu City.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the construction and completion of RORO ferry landing facilities and a coastal road, including feasibility and detailed engineering studies, acquisition of sites, equipment, materials and services to be used directly for the project, shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Public Works and Highways under the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,