

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1986



Introduced by Honorables Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado and Arthur C. Yap

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Junction (TER) Guindulman-Anda-Candijay Road and Jct. (TER) Candijay-Mabini-Ubay Road in the Municipalities of Guindulman, Anda, Candijay, Mabini and Ubay, Province of Bohol from provincial road into a national road as vital support infrastructure to tourism destination as envisioned by the Aquino administration. It has been approved by the House of Representatives in the 13th and 14th Congresses.

The road network links effectively the Anda Peninsula highway with white sandy beaches against the backdrop of lush, verdant forest and vegetation, to the port town of Ubay. On the seascape, the Mindanao Sea glimmers with a beautiful panorama to behold.

The roads urged to be nationalized traverse through tourist destinations in northeastern Bohol – whose seascape could match the beauty and grandeur of the Mediterranean sea – with Ubay as the service area thereon under the Bohol Tourism Master Plan.

The roads also serve highly productive agricultural areas producing rice, corn, coconut, oil palm, cassava, comote and high value crops. Moreover, the said roads will also provide access to the multi-industry cluster (MIC) of agribusiness such as bio-ethanol production from seaweeds to be farmed in the five coastal towns traversed by the road network, dairy production and meat processing, irrigated ricelands and rich fishing grounds therein.

The Guindulman-Anda-Candijay-Mabini-Ubay Highway is proposed for funding under the Korean Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) as a major component of the Bohol Circumferential Road Improvement Project Phase 3 (BCRIP 3) and covered by a favorable Economic Re-evaluation Report of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

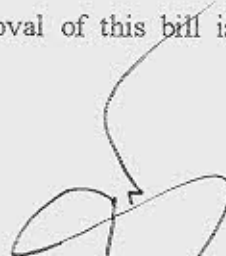
More importantly, the proposed BCRIIP 3 represents the real and genuine coastal section of the Bohol Circumferential Road Project that will pass through the Ubay Prot, Bohol's gateway to Manila via the Port of Bato (Leyte) then to Allen (Northern Samar) and Matnog (Sorsogon) onwards to Metro Manila, and Northeastern Mindanao via the port of Maasin City (Southern Leyte) thence to Liloan Wharf (Southern Leyte) and unto the Lipata Wharf (Surigao Del Norte) onwards to all points in Mindanao, under the Strong Republic Nautical Highway Intermodal Transport Network.

The conversion of the Guindulman-Anda-Candijay-Mabini-Ubay Highway will hasten the economic development of the towns being traversed, in particular, and Bohol, in general, as well as the over-arching national economy.

In the light of the foregoing considerations, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE JUNCTION (TER) GUINDULMAN-ANDA-CANDIJAY
ROAD AND CANDIJAY-MABINI-UBAY ROAD FROM PROVINCIAL TO
NATIONAL ROADS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. The provincial roads connecting the Jct (TER) Guindulman - Anda-Candijay Road with a length of 35 kilometers and the Jct (TER) Candijay - Mabini - Ubay Road with a distance of 39.90 kilometers, or a total of 74.90 kilometers, are hereby converted into national roads.

Section 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the improvement, repair and maintenance of the said roads, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED.