



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL No. **2160**

Introduced by Honorable Victor F. Ortega

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to classify the San Fernando Bypass Road and the San Fernando Bypass Road Extension, located in the Province of La Union, as national roads and appropriate funds for their repair, improvement and maintenance.

The seat of national government agencies and offices for Region I, as well as the center of trade, commerce, financial and educational institutions of the region is in San Fernando City, the capital of La Union. Being at the hub of economic activity, a multitude of people and motorists travel to and from nearby towns and municipalities on a daily basis. This has allowed economic growth and made the city viable for trade and commerce, not only for its residents but also for those from the neighboring areas.

However, with the progress came congestion and pollution. To ease the city's mounting traffic of motor vehicles and to lessen pollution, the San Fernando Bypass Road and the San Fernando Bypass Road Extension were opened. Both roads served as alternate routes for motorists and diverted the traffic of those going up north to Ilocos Sur, Abra, Ilocos Norte and even to Cagayan and those going down south to Pangasinan on to Manila without having to pass through the busy Manila North Road which traverses the San Fernando City proper.

Being vital road arteries which allow motorists to save time, effort, and fuel, both the San Fernando Bypass Road and San Fernando Bypass Road Extension require regular maintenance and repairs to better serve the general welfare of the people. Declaring the San Fernando Bypass Road and the San Fernando Bypass Road Extension as national roads and thereby allowing the appropriation of funds from the national government for its regular maintenance and repair

would formalize its status as a national road and pave the way for faster flow of services including enhanced trade and commerce not only for the people of San Fernando but also for the whole Region I including Abra and Cagayan.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly encouraged.



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AN ACT
CLASSIFYING THE SAN FERNANDO BYPASS ROAD AND THE SAN FERNANDO
BYPASS EXTENSION ROAD IN SAN FERNANDO CITY, LA UNION, INTO
NATIONAL ROADS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The San Fernando Bypass Road and the San Fernando Bypass Extension Road in San Fernando City, La Union are hereby classified as national roads, under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SEC. 2. The San Fernando Bypass Road shall consist of the 4.455 kilometer road starting from Km. 266 + 578 to Km. 271 + 033, San Fernando Bypass Channel "A" starting from Km. 266 + 612 to Km. 266 + 647 and the San Fernando Bypass Channel "B" starting from Km. 279 + 407 to Km. 270 + 468. Likewise, the San Fernando Bypass Road Extension shall consist of the 4.769 kilometer road starting from Km. 269 + 585 to Km. 274 + 354, the San Fernando Bypass Road Extension Channel "A" starting from Km. 269 + 880 to Km. 270 + 226 and the San Fernando Bypass Road Extension Channel "B" starting from

Km. 274 + 301 to Km. 274 + 333.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in its program the improvement, maintenance, and repair of the said roads, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriation Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,