

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

Seventeenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. **6192**



Introduced by HONORABLE MARK. O GO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide for the rehabilitation and maintenance of Kennon Road situated in the Benguet Province under the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

Kennon Road has the stretch of 33.534 kilometers connecting the City of Baguio to the municipalities of Rosario and Pugo, La Union. This road is built in the year 1903 making it one of the oldest access roads going to Baguio. Given its short distance compared to the 50 kilometers Marcos Highways, commuters frequently use this road to and from Baguio.

When a magnitude 7.6 earthquake hit the area in 1990, the road was vastly damaged which prompted DPWH to close the road indefinitely. It was only after a year when it was opened for public use.

The said road is branded as one of the "killer road" in the country due to numerous reported accidents caused by major landslides. More often than not, authorities issue advisories closing the Kennon Road during heavy rains and typhoons affecting the northern part of the country.

For years now, small rehabilitation and maintenance works are being laid down on Kennon Road for it to be passable. Due to the current "open close" situation of Kennon Road, it is imperative that a full rehabilitation and maintenance be done to the said road under the supervision of DPWH making it an all-weather road for the safety of the commuters. Furthermore, this will address the influx of vehicular traffic during peak tourism season making it more accessible and convenient to all tourists visiting Baguio City.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

MARK O. GO

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE FULL REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE OF
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HIGHWAYS

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

SECTION 1. *The Project*- There shall be a full rehabilitation and maintenance of the 33.534 kilometers stretch of Kennon Road situated from Rosario, La Union to Baguio City

SEC. 2. *Implementing Agency* – The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall be the implementing agency of this project.

SEC. 3. *Evaluation and Assessment* – The DPWH in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) Regional Office shall evaluate and assess the current condition of Kennon Road to identify the necessary rehabilitation needed for the said road.

SEC. 4. *Feasibility Study* – A feasibility study shall be conducted by DPWH to primarily plan the extent and duration of rehabilitation of Kennon Road making it an “all weather” road.

SEC. 5. *Appropriations*. - The amount necessary for the rehabilitation and maintenance of Kennon Road shall be charged to the current appropriation of the DPWH.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity* -This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,