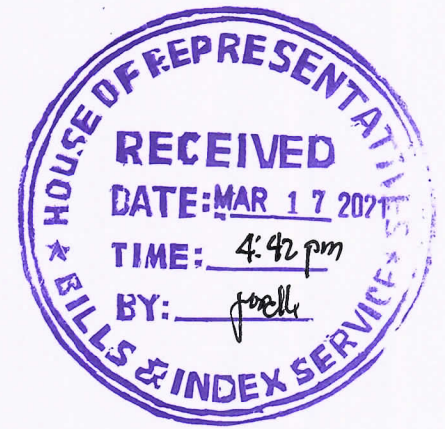


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House Bill No. 9033



Introduced by Representative EVELINA G. ESCUDERO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 30.90-kilometer Matnog–Sta. Magdalena–Bulusan Road traverses the coastal barangays of the Municipalities of Sta. Magdalena, Bulusan and Matnog in the Province of Sorsogon. An important tourism access road that leads to the beautiful beaches of these rustic coastal towns of the province. The road network benefits from the Administration’s Build Build Build Program and it is currently undergoing major repairs and development.

This coastal road network is of vital importance to the constituents of the three of the municipalities as it facilitates the transport of goods to-and-fro the various municipalities of the province. The good road network will also bring in more economic activities with the great tourism potential of the area. Further, it also improves the mobility of the residents and enables them to access vital government services in Sorsogon City.

It has been long recognized that the economic development of a region is greatly facilitated by its road network. The quality of roads influences regional productivity through the facilitation of efficient movement of goods and labor. Not only does this facilitate economic development, but also people’s access to social, health and education services of the government. Thus, a well-kept road network is crucial in improving the quality of life of the constituents of the province.

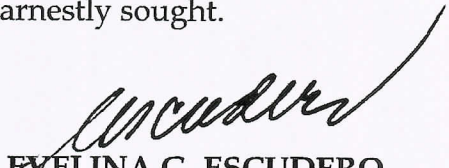
As the 30.90-kilometer vital road network is categorized as a local road, it is maintained and rehabilitated by the Province of Sorsogon. The limited resources of the provincial government hinders it from sufficiently allocating annually what this important road network actually needs for its upkeep.

Therefore, this Bill seeks to convert the locally maintained 30.90-kilometer Matnog–Sta. Magdalena–Bulusan Road into a National Road to ensure that it will be properly and efficiently maintained by the Department of Public Works and Highways

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with the adequate funding from the national government. This conversion will definitely create a significant positive impact in the life of the residents of the three municipalities of the Province of Sorsogon.

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



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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY CAMCAMAN, MUNICIPALITY OF MATNOG TO BARANGAY SAN RAFAEL, MUNICIPALITY OF BULUSAN, ALL OF PROVINCE OF SORSOGON INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. The 30.90-kilometer road stretching from Barangay Camcaman, Municipality of Matnog to Barangay San Rafael, Municipality of Bulusan, all of Province of Sorsogon, otherwise known as the Matnog- Sta. Magdalena- Bulusan Road, is hereby converted into a national road.

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

Sec. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,