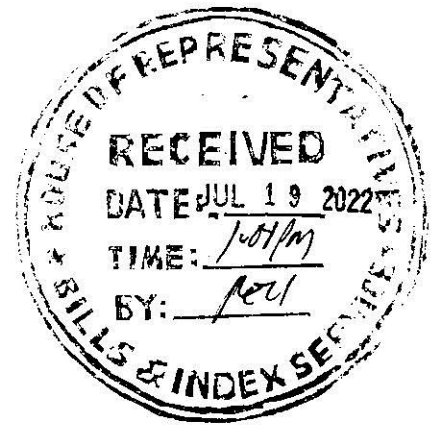


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HOUSE BILL NO. 2133



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure provides for the conversion of the provincial road stretching from the Municipality of Siocon in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte to Barangay Canatuan up to the boundary of the Municipality of Roseller T. Lim in the Province of Zamboanga Sibugay into a national road, to be known as the Siocon-Canatuan Road.

The Siocon-Canatuan Road is the only link between the fishery-abundant Municipality of Siocon and the agriculture-rich Municipality of Roseller T. Lim. Though rich in natural resources, this western part of Zamboanga Peninsula remains largely undeveloped because of poor road system. Indeed, the Regional Project Monitoring Committee described the area as "one of the most neglected areas of the region due to absence of a good road network", an account that has contributed to the classification of Zamboanga del Norte as one of the top ten poorest provinces in the country.

It is noteworthy that the Siocon-Roseller T. Lim Road has been identified by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as one of its priority projects in its "Improving National Roads for Inclusive Growth in Mindanao Project." Said ADB study culminated with the Department of Finance and ADB entering into a loan agreement in 2018 for the construction and improvement of eight road networks in Mindanao, one of which is the Siocon-Roseller T. Lim Road.

While there is already funding for the construction of Siocon- Roseller T. Lim Road, its conversion into a national road will ensure its continued maintenance and improvement through the years with regular funding from the national government. In turn, this will spur economic growth, enhanced connectivity, and efficient transportation that will benefit the whole of Zamboanga Peninsula.

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


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AN ACT
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THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROSELLER T. LIM IN THE PROVINCE OF
ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD,
TO BE KNOWN AS THE SIOCON-CANATUAN NATIONAL ROAD,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The provincial road stretching from the Municipality of Siocon in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte to boundary of the Municipality of Roseller T. Lim in the Province of Zamboanga Sibugay 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 a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,