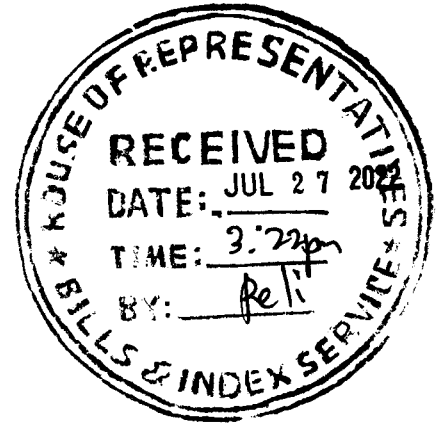


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HOUSE BILL NO. 2537



Introduced by Representative Ambrosio "Boy" C. Cruz, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The attached bill seeks the construction of a coastal road that will connect Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas and Valenzuela area (CAMANAVA) to the provinces of Bulacan, Pampanga, and Bataan, which shall be known as the "BulPamBa National Coastal Road".

Based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH) of the Philippine Statistics Authority, the National Capital Region (NCR) is the second most populous region in the country with its total population reaching a record high of 13,484,462 or 12.37% of the total population of the Philippines.

The rapid population growth in the NCR can be largely attributed to the employment opportunities it offers as it is the melting pot of commercial and industrial growth.

However, the development of the NCR has also brought forth several problems such as traffic congestion, inadequacy of public transportation, pollution, and lack of sufficient housing, among others.

With these predicaments, fast, safe, and easy access to the surrounding provinces of the NCR has become more vital.

Meanwhile, with the increase in the volume of cars in Region III, traffic jams have increased in frequency, clogging major roads in the region, including the

McArthur Highway and the North Luzon Expressway, which link the region to the NCR.

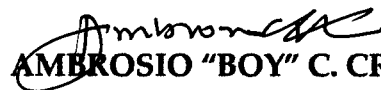
Given this context, the construction of the BulPamBa National Coastal Road aims to provide an alternative route that can ease the flow of traffic and facilitate the movement of goods and services between Metro Manila and nearby provinces in Region III.

Concurrent with the ease of travel and facilitation of the movement of goods, the project can also spur unprecedented economic development by attracting investments and boosting local tourism. In return, more jobs would be available such that people would consider working and living in areas other than the NCR.

Lastly, the access that the BulPamBa National Coastal Road would provide can rouse inter-regional and inter-provincial connections in such a way that communities that used to be isolated from each other can now interact freely and easily especially the bayside municipalities of Obando, Bulakan, Paombong, and Hagonoy in Bulacan, and Macabebe, Masantol, Sasmuan, Guagua, Lubao, and Hermosa in Pampanga.

This same measure was already approved on third and final reading by the House of Representatives in the last 18th Congress, but was not approved by the Senate for lack of material time before the adjournment of Congress.

Considering the foregoing, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT MANDATING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COASTAL ROAD
CONNECTING THE CALOOCAN, MALABON, NAVOTAS, AND VALENZUELA
AREA (CAMANAVA) TO THE PROVINCES OF BULACAN, PAMPANGA, AND
BATAAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

Section 1. There shall be constructed a coastal road that will connect Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas and Valenzuela area (CAMANAVA) to the provinces of Bulacan, Pampanga, and Bataan, which shall be known as the “BulPamBa National Coastal Road”.

Section 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall be the lead implementing agency of this Act.

Section 3. The amount necessary to defray the cost of undertaking and completing the feasibility study and detailed engineering design for this project and other activities related thereto shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA). Thereafter, the Secretary of DPWH shall include in the Department’s program construction of said road, the funding of which shall be included in the GAA.

Section 4. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the DPWH shall, in consultation with the stakeholders, formulate and promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 5. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules, and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. This Act shall take effect 15 days following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,