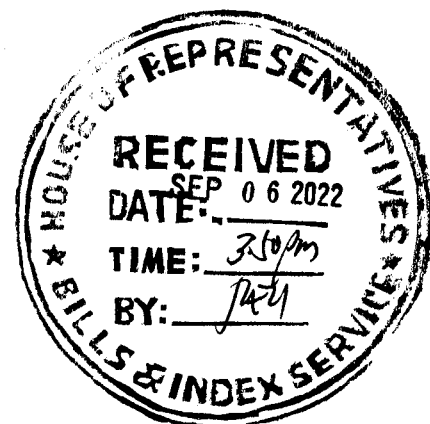


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House Bill No. **4485**



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Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVE ISIDRO D. LUMAYAG**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks for the conversion of the following provincial roads into national roads: *Banga-Tupi-Malungon Road, Polomolok-Miasong-Malungon Road, Koronadal-Tampakan-Miasong-Malungon Road, and Crossing Palkan-Palkan-Cannery-Klinan 6 Road.*

These roads form part of the road network that shall connect the 1st District of South Cotabato, its town centers and industrial zones, to neighboring towns, cities, and provinces and to the rest of Mindanao.

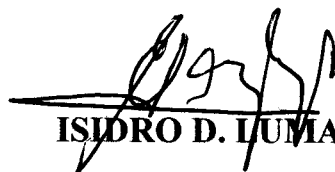
The Banga-Tupi-Malungon Road connects the Municipality of Tupi, South Cotabato to the Municipality of Banga, South Cotabato (by-passing the City of Koronadal, South Cotabato) and to Municipality of Malungon, Sarangani Province then to Davao Region (by-passing the City of General Santos). The Polomolok-Miasong-Malungon Road shall likewise connect the Municipality of Polomolok, South Cotabato to Malungon, Sarangani Province then to the Davao Region (by-passing the City of General Santos). This includes the four-lane Cannery Road – a major road network that connects the economic/industrial

zones of Dole Philippines Inc. and the tourism and cultural sites of the B'laan People to the South Cotabato-Sarangani Pan-Philippine Highway. The Koronadal-Tampakan-Miasong-Malungon Road is an alternative road connecting the Municipality of Tampakan to Koronadal City then to down to Sarangani Province. Crossing Palkan-Palkan-Cannery-Klinan 6 Road Polomolok is a circumferential road that will provide alternative route for vehicles traveling to and from the northern part of South Cotabato, the Provinces of Sultan Kudarat and North Cotabato, to General Santos City and Sarangani. It runs parallel to the South Cotabato-Sarangani Pan-Philippine Highway.

The Regional Development Council XII, through Resolution No. 141, Series of 2021, underscores the “*construction of road-based transport facilities as major drivers for economic growth*”, and had accordingly endorsed the conversion of three of these priority road projects that were proposed during the Regional Road Summit to the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

The conversion of these roads will be a major economic driver not only within the District but as well as to the whole of Region 12 and the entire Mindanao, as they will enhance the movement of people and goods, cut travel time and cost, promote tourism, and enhance physical integration among town and urban centers. Accordingly, the conversion of these roads into national roads shall enhance the upkeep, regular maintenance, construction, and expansion of these road network. As a condition precedent however, ownership and supervision of these provincial roads must be declared under the national government.

Hence, the immediate enactment of this bill is being sought.



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

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared that the provincial roads: *Banga-Tupi-Malungon Road, Polomolok-Miasong-Malungon Road, Koronadal-Tampakan-Miasong-Malungon Road, and Crossing Palkan-Palkan-Cannery-Klinan 6 Road* in the 1st District of the Province of South Cotabato, all under the ownership and supervision of the Provincial Government of South Cotabato, be converted into national roads, the ownership and supervision of which belongs to the national government.

SECTION 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall prescribe the implementing rules and regulations necessary for the evaluation, approval, and implementation of this act.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the construction, expansion, improvement, repair and/or maintenance of the said roads, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

APPROVED,