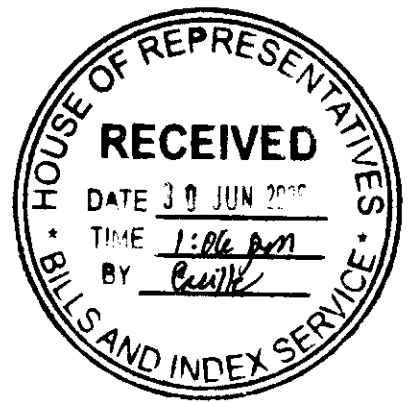




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HOUSE BILL NO. 291



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE ALYSSA MICHAELA "MICA" M. GONZALES

**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SERVICE ROAD LINKING THE EASTERN AND
WESTERN SIDES OF THE NORTH LUZON EXPRESSWAY (NLEX) IN THE
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FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) has become a major factor in the growth and development of Central Luzon particularly the Province of Pampanga. However, the use of NLEX for short distance or inter-barangay travel has become costly and impractical for many residing in the province.

It is therefore imperative for the government to provide an effective alternative that would unclog traffic jams, cut travel time, reduce cost, enhance rural productivity, and link far-flung barangays to their city and town centers.

Hence, this bill proposes to construct a service road along the North Luzon Expressway within the Province of Pampanga to help ease the transportation problems experienced most notably by farmers and the commuting public who need to go through the NLEX even for every short distance trips.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

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

SECTION 1. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is hereby mandated to construct a Twenty (20) Meter Service Road linking the eastern and western sides of the North Luzon Expressway in Pampanga, hereinafter referred to as the Pampanga Service Road.

SECTION 2. The Pampanga Service Road shall stretch from the Municipality of San Simon to the Municipality of Mabalacat, and shall link the eastern and western sides of Luzon Expressway commencing from the San Simon Exit up to Dau, Mabalacat Exit, all located in the Province of Pampanga.

SECTION 3. The DPWH shall be the agency primarily responsible for the construction, maintenance and improvement of the Pampanga Service Road.

SECTION 4. 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 the construction of said road, the funding which shall be included in the GAA.

SECTION 5. All Executive Orders, administrative regulations, and issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,