



Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

20th CONGRESS

First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1213



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Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE FRANCISCO PAOLO P. ORTEGA V**

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**AN ACT**  
**CONVERTING THE PANTAR-SAN FRANCISCO PROVINCIAL ROAD IN BALAOAN,**  
**LA UNION, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE**  
**MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT THEREOF**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to convert the Pantar-San Francisco Provincial Road in Balaoan, La Union into a national road.

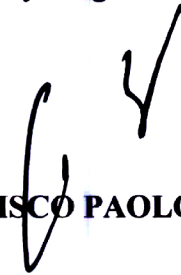
Road projects serve as an important part of the development strategy for any region.

In the wake of rapid economic growth and poverty reduction programs implemented by the government, the demand for excellent road networks increases. Roads are crucial to economic development. The mobility and relative ease in the transport of goods and prime commodities as well as the effective delivery of basic services are affected and determined by the conditions of the access roads.

Being a definitive factor towards progress, it is not enough that roads are just constructed. Roads must be regularly repaired and maintained. The Pantar-San Francisco Provincial Road needs appropriate funding for its maintenance in order that it will not deteriorate and eventually fall into disrepair, setting back whatever economic growth the road's opening had spurred.

With the conversion of Pantar-San Francisco Provincial Road into a National Road, funds from the national government, through the Department of Public Works and Highways, will ensure the improvement and maintenance of the road and sustain the socio-economic development in La Union.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill 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 Pantar-San Francisco Provincial Road in Balaoan, La Union is hereby converted in to a national road under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways

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

**SECTION. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*