



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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HOUSE BILL NO. **3894**

Introduced by **Representative Katrina Reiko Chua-Tai**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State recognizes the vital role of transportation in driving socioeconomic development. In pursuit of inclusive progress, there is an urgent need to establish a sustainable and integrated infrastructure framework that supports the country's national development goals. A reliable, safe, secure, efficient, intermodal, affordable, and environmentally sustainable transport system is fundamental to improving the quality of life for all Filipinos, particularly those in underserved areas such as the First Legislative District of Zamboanga City.

One critical component requiring immediate attention is T. Taupan Road, located in Sutterville, Barangay Campo Islam, Zamboanga City. This road serves as a key connector between the Labuan-Limpapa National Highway, the San Jose Gusu Section, and the junction of R.T. Boulevard, making it one of the busiest and most essential arteries in the district. Daily, this corridor accommodates a substantial volume of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic, highlighting its strategic importance to the city's mobility and public safety.

Currently, T. Taupan Road is under local jurisdiction, which severely limits the availability of resources for its proper maintenance, rehabilitation, and improvement. Elevating its status to a national road is not only justified by its significance and usage but is also a necessary step to ensure its long-term development. Through this conversion, the road will become eligible for national government funding and support under the Department of Transportation.

This legislative measure seeks to convert T. Taupan Road into a national highway. Doing so will empower the national government to allocate the resources required for its improvement, in line with broader national objectives to decongest traffic, enhance road safety, and improve transportation infrastructure. Ultimately, this will stimulate economic activity, increase accessibility, and uplift the standard of living in the First Legislative District of Zamboanga City.

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



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AN ACT

**CONVERTING THE T. TAUPAN ROAD IN SUTTERVILLE,
BARANGAY CAMPO ISLAM, ZAMBOANGA CITY, CONNECTING
THE JUNCTION OF THE LABUAN-LIMPAPA NATIONAL HIGHWAY
IN SAN JOSE GUSU SECTION TO THE JUNCTION OF R.T. LIM
BOULEVARD, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The T. Taupan Road in Sutterville, Barangay Campo Islam,
Zamboanga City, connecting the junction of the Labuan Limpapa National
Highway in San Jose Gusu Section to the junction of R.T. Lim Boulevard, is
hereby converted into a national highway.

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.

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

3 Approved,