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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines, being an archipelagic country, relies heavily on an efficient and interconnected road network to facilitate trade, mobility, and socio-economic development. Roads serve as the backbone of transportation, enabling the delivery of goods and services, access to education and healthcare, and the overall integration of communities into the national economy.

Despite the government's continuing investments in infrastructure, road development across the country has often been marked by duplication, redundancy, and uneven distribution of projects. Numerous instances have been observed where road construction and rehabilitation overlap between national and local agencies, resulting in wasted public funds and delayed benefits for intended communities. In some areas, road projects are concentrated in already developed regions while underserved and remote localities remain inaccessible.

This proposed measure seeks to institutionalize a National Road Network Master Plan (NRNMP) that will rationalize road development projects across all levels of government by requiring the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), in coordination with the Department of Economics, Planning and Development (DEPDEV) and Local Government Units (LGUs), to formulate and periodically update the NRNMP, road projects shall be aligned with a coherent, evidence-based, and forward-looking framework.

Furthermore, the measure mandates harmonization of road projects funded through the General Appropriations Act (GAA), Official Development Assistance

(ODA), Public-Private Partnerships (PPP), and other financing mechanisms. This will avoid duplication, ensure equitable distribution of projects, and maximize the socio-economic impact of road infrastructure.

The bill also calls for the establishment of a National Road Development Information System (NRDIS), which will enhance transparency and accountability by publishing the status of road projects, budgets, and implementation progress.

In sum, this bill provides a clear framework to rationalize road development planning and implementation; Ensure equity and efficiency in resource allocation; Prevent duplication and wastage of public funds; Institutionalize transparency and participatory mechanisms in infrastructure governance.

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



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AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING A NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE
RATIONALIZATION, PLANNING, FUNDING, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
ROAD DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR
PRIORITIZATION, AVOIDING DUPLICATION OF PROJECTS, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Short Title - This Act shall be known as the 'Road Development Rationalization Act of 2025.'

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote equitable, efficient, and sustainable road development across the country; to ensure that road infrastructure projects are aligned with national, regional, and local development plans; to avoid duplication, redundancy, and waste of public funds in the implementation of road projects; and to enhance transparency, accountability, and participatory planning in road development programs.

SEC. 3. Definition of Terms.

- a) **Road Development Projects** – construction, rehabilitation, expansion, upgrading, and maintenance of national, provincial, city, municipal, and barangay roads.
- b) **Rationalization** – the process of prioritizing projects based on need, socio-economic impact, technical feasibility, and alignment with approved plans.
- c) **Road Network Master Plan** – a comprehensive and integrated national framework for road development formulated by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), in coordination with the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDEV), Local Government Units (LGUs), and other relevant agencies.

SEC. 4. Road Development Rationalization Framework - The DPWH in coordination with DEPDEV and LGUs, shall establish a National Road Network Master Plan (NRNMP) which shall:

- a) Identify priority road corridors and critical road links for national and regional connectivity;
- b) Ensure road projects are demand-driven and evidence-based;
- c) Provide clear criteria for project selection, prioritization, and sequencing;
- d) Integrate disaster-resilient and climate-adaptive infrastructure standards;
- e) Be updated every five (5) years to reflect changing needs.

SEC. 5. Harmonization of Road Projects - All road development projects funded under the General Appropriations Act, Overseas Development Assistance (ODA), Public Private partnership (PPP) and other financing mechanisms shall conform with the NRNMP.

No new road project shall be implemented unless certified by DPWH as consistent with the national framework.

SEC. 6. Local Government Coordination - LGUs shall align their road development projects with the NRNMP. The DPWH shall provide technical assistance to LGUs in project design and planning to ensure consistency with national standards.

SEC. 7. Appropriations- Funds necessary for the formulation, implementation, and updating of the NRNMP, as well as for capacity-building programs for LGUs, shall be included in the annual budget of the DPWH and other concerned agencies.

SEC. 8. Transparency and Accountability - The DPWH shall establish a National Road Development Information System (NRDIS), an online platform that shall:

- a) publish all road projects, budgets, and implementation status;
- b) provide open access to project beneficiaries and stakeholders;
- c) include a grievance redress mechanism for complaints related to project duplication, delays, or corruption.

SEC. 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)- Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DPWH, in coordination with DEPDEV, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Finance (DOF), and other relevant agencies, shall promulgate the necessary IRR.

SEC. 10. Separability Clause - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 11. Repealing Clause - All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 12. Effectivity - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,