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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Metro Cebu stands as one of the Philippines' fastest-growing metropolitan regions and serves as the primary economic gateway of the Visayas. Rapid urbanization, expanding tourism, industrial development, and increasing population density continue to generate substantial transportation demand across the metropolitan corridor.

Cebu City functions as the administrative and commercial center of the region, while Lapu-Lapu City hosts export processing zones, tourism establishments, and the country's second-busiest international gateway through the Mactan-Cebu International Airport.

Existing bridge connections linking mainland Cebu and Mactan Island are presently operating beyond designed capacity, resulting in severe traffic congestion, logistical inefficiencies, increased travel time, and economic losses.

The proposed **Metro Cebu Mega Bridge**, aligned with the long-term **Metro Cebu Expressway Network**, seeks to establish a high-capacity, resilient, and future-ready transport corridor that will:

- Provide direct connectivity between Cebu City and Lapu-Lapu City;
- Integrate with planned expressway and circumferential road systems;
- Decongest existing bridge corridors;
- Improve cargo mobility and airport access;
- Strengthen tourism and investment flows;
- Enhance disaster evacuation and emergency response capability; and
- Support sustainable metropolitan expansion.

Declaring the project as a **Priority National Infrastructure Project** ensures accelerated implementation and integration into the national infrastructure modernization agenda.

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


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AN ACT
DECLARING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE METRO CEBU MEGA BRIDGE CONNECTING CEBU CITY AND LAPU-LAPU CITY AS A PRIORITY NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT IN SUPPORT OF THE METRO CEBU EXPRESSWAY NETWORK, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as the “Metro Cebu Mega Bridge and Expressway Connectivity Act.”

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote integrated, intermodal, and climate-resilient transportation infrastructure systems that enhance metropolitan mobility and regional economic competitiveness.

SEC. 3. *Declaration as Priority National Infrastructure Project.* The construction of the Metro Cebu Mega Bridge, forming part of the Metro Cebu Expressway and regional transport network connecting Cebu City and Lapu-Lapu City, is hereby declared a Priority National Infrastructure Project.

All national government agencies are directed to prioritize and expedite its planning, approval, financing, and implementation.

SEC. 4. *Project Description.* The Metro Cebu Mega Bridge shall consist of a modern, high-capacity bridge system designed to accommodate present and future traffic demand and integrated with expressway infrastructure.

SEC. 5. *Scope and Components.* The Project shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. Multi-lane bridge structure suitable for expressway-standard traffic;
- b. Dedicated lanes for public transport where feasible;
- c. Interchanges linking the Metro Cebu Expressway system;
- d. Approach viaducts and connector roads;
- e. Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS);
- f. Pedestrian and bicycle facilities where practicable;
- g. Disaster-resilient and climate-adaptive engineering design; and
- h. Tolling or traffic management infrastructure, when applicable.

SEC. 6. *Implementing Agency.* The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall serve as the lead implementing agency in coordination with:

- Department of Transportation (DOTr)
- National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
- Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA), when applicable
- Local Government Units of Cebu City and Lapu-Lapu City
- Other concerned agencies

SEC. 7. *Integration with Metro Cebu Expressway Network.* The Project shall be planned and implemented to ensure interoperability and seamless integration with existing and proposed expressways, circumferential roads, airport access roads, and logistics corridors within Metro Cebu.

SEC. 8. *Funding.* Funding shall be sourced from:

- General Appropriations Act;
- Official Development Assistance (ODA);
- Public-Private Partnership (PPP) arrangements;
- Infrastructure financing institutions; and
- Other lawful resources approved by government.

SEC. 9. *Right-of-Way Acquisition.* Right-of-way acquisition shall comply with Republic Act No. 10752 and related laws to ensure timely implementation.

SEC. 10. Environmental Compliant shall comply with environmental protection laws, coastal ecosystem safeguards, and climate resilience standards.

SEC. 11. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* Within ninety (90) days from effectivity, the DPWH shall promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations.

SEC. 12. *Separability Clause.* If any part or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 13. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, orders, or regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 14. *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.