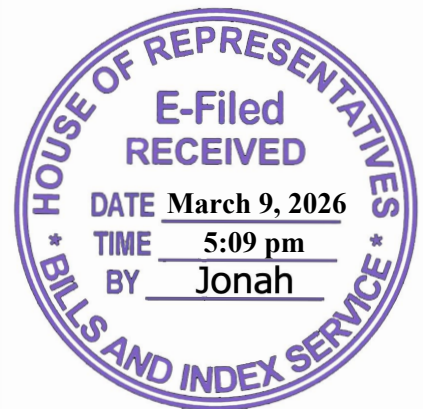


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HOUSE BILL NO. 8386



Introduced by Rep. FERDINAND ALEXANDER A. MARCOS
1st District, Ilocos Norte

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Pursuant to Section 9, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the State mandates the promotion of a just and dynamic social order to ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation. This constitutional directive requires the implementation of policies that provide adequate social services and improve the quality of life for all citizens.

The Laoag Rizal Street–East F. Siazon–Bypass Road is currently classified as a local road under the jurisdiction of the City Government of Laoag. Despite its local classification, the road performs functions that are consistent with national road criteria. It connects adjoining national roads and divert through traffic away from urban centers. This road provides a linkage between two major national corridors: the Laoag–Sarrat–Piddig–Solsona Road and the Rodolfo G. Fariñas Bypass Road, each forming part of the broader Ilocos Norte provincial road network. By diverting through-traffic away from the dense urban core of Laoag, the road contributes to reduced congestion, smoother traffic flow, and better accessibility to business districts, educational institutions, healthcare facilities, and tourism destinations within the city and province. Laoag City’s growing status as a regional hub for tourism and commerce heightens the importance of efficient connective infrastructure.

The said road also supports the efficient movement of goods and people. Transport economics and infrastructure studies show that improved connectivity and road quality directly reduce travel time and vehicle operating costs. Reduced operating costs improve agricultural supply chains by lowering freight transport expenses, and they increase labor market accessibility for workers commuting across municipalities.

Given the demonstrated functional importance of the Laoag Rizal Street–East F. Siazon–Bypass Road in facilitating traffic decongestion, inter-municipal connectivity, and economic activity in Laoag City and surrounding municipalities, conversion to national road status is necessary.

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


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AN ACT

**CONVERTING THE LAOAG RIZAL STREET-EAST F. SIAZON-BYPASS ROAD,
LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAOAG, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE 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. *Conversion to National Road.* - The Laoag Rizal Street–East F. Siazon–Bypass Road in the City of Laoag, Province of Ilocos Norte is hereby converted into a national road.

Sec. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall issue the necessary rules, order, and circulars to implement the provisions of this Act within (60) days from its effectivity.

Sec. 3. *Appropriations.* - 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 (GAA). Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued improvement and maintenance of the national road shall also be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

Sec. 4. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,