

Republic of the Philippines PROVINCE OF BOHOL City of Tagbilaran



PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (PDC-EXECOM) HELD ON JANUARY 30, 2017 AT THE BOHOL TROPICS RESORT, TAGBILARAN CITY

In Attendance:

Gov. Edgar M. Chatto, PDC Chair and Presiding Officer

and

Majority of the Members of the PDC-ExeCom

PDC-EXECOM RESOLUTION NO. 19-A - 2017

A RESOLUTION FAVORABLY ENDORSING THE CONDUCT OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND CONSTRUCTION ON THE PROPOSED INTER-ISLAND BRIDGES AND ROADS THROUGH THE HIGHLANDS OF BOHOL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH), RELEVANT NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AND TO THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF REGION VII (RDC-7) FOR SUPPORT AND FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Visayas Spatial Development Framework has identified, as one of its strategy of improving interconnectivity among its island provinces, the construction of inter-island bridges to provide direct link of provinces of the Visayas region;

WHEREAS, among the proposed bridges are the Bohol-Cebu Friendship Bridge, linking Getafe, Bohol and Cordova, Cebu, and the Ubay, Bohol - Maasin, Southern Leyte Bridge, connecting Bohol and Leyte provinces;

WHEREAS, essential part of this proposed inter-island connection, is the development of the well-paved roads passing thru the scenic highlands of Getafe, Talibon, Trinidad and Ubay, completing the link between the two bridges within the province of Bohol;

WHEREAS, the construction and eventual use of these bridges will greatly benefit the provinces of the Visayas region, where interconnected transportation system through bridges and highways will enhance further economic growth most notably tourism, agriculture, and trade;

WHEREAS, these bridges will become a new backbone of economic development, opening opportunities for other industries to be established in provinces to complement existing ones, supporting equally-beneficial interprovincial development;

WHEREAS, the construction of these bridges will definitely facilitate the seamless interconnectivity of the provinces thru affordable land travel, essential in transporting goods and services even during bad weather, which usually hinders sea-based travel;

WHEREAS, considering its complexities and financial requirements, a Feasibility Study need to be undertaken to consider all aspect of its development covering technical, financial, social, environmental and administrative feasibility;

WHEREAS, this Body, after due deliberation, found that such inter-island bridges and highland highways essential for the future development of Bohol, consistent with the Spatial and Development Framework of the Province, and supportive to the overall development of the Visayas region, thus worthy of support and endorsement to relevant national government agencies for funding and technical assistance;

WHEREFORE, upon proper motion duly seconded, be it resolved by this Body in a meeting duly convened -

to favorably endorse the conduct of a feasibility study and construction on the proposed inter-island bridges and roads through the highlands of Bohol to the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), relevant national government agencies, and to the Regional Development Council of Region VII (RDC-7) for support and funding

RESOLVED FURTHER, to furnish copies of the same Resolution to the DPWH Regional Office and to Hon. Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado, 2nd Congressional District of Bohol for their support and follow-up.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

Head, PDC Secretariat

EDGAR M. CHATTO

Chairman, PDC-Bohol