



Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF BOHOL  
City of Tagbilaran



## PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE) HELD ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 AT THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION, TAGBILARAN CITY, BOHOL, PHILIPPINES.**

In Attendance:

Gov. Edgar M. Chatto.....Chairman, Presiding Officer

and

Majority of the Members of the PDC Executive Committee

### **PDC EXECOM RESOLUTION NO. 64-2017**

**A RESOLUTION FAVORABLY ENDORSING THE PROPOSED TAGBILARAN CITY - DAUIS, (PANGLAO ISLAND) ICONIC BRIDGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH) TO THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF REGION VII (RDC VII), SUBJECT TO THE CONDUCT OF PROPER STUDY, FOR SUPPORT AND FUNDING ASSISTANCE UNDER THE AUSTRIAN-ASSISTED DPWH BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION ACCELERATION PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Panglao Island is among the major tourist destination in the Province of Bohol that has attracted significant number of local and foreign tourist as well as dwellers who decided to live and locate their residences in the island;

**WHEREAS**, the New Bohol Airport, which is currently under construction and expected to be completed in 2018, is foreseen to increase the influx of people to and from the island and correspondingly will contribute to the substantial increase in road traffic in the area;

**WHEREAS**, the said Island is currently linked to the mainland Bohol through two (2) bridges connecting Tagbilaran City and the Municipality of Dauis. One of these bridges is located at the Butalid Causeway, which is observed to have limited capacity to take on the expected volume of traffic at the present much more in the near future;

**WHEREAS**, there is a necessity for the construction better and high capacity bridges linking Panglao Island to improve accessibility and support and sustain its socio-economic development;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) has proposed for the construction of a new bridge - the Tagbilaran City - Dauis, (Panglao Island) Iconic Bridge, which involves the turnkey construction of the bridge and its approaches;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed bridge aims to connect Panglao Island, through Dauis Municipality to Bohol mainland through Tagbilaran City in lieu of the existing Butalid Causeway to facilitate the movement of goods, services, vehicles and people especially local and international tourists. Its iconic design will boost tourism and will provide high socio economic impact to each locality;

**WHEREAS**, such proposal will have a 4-lane iconic design steel cable bridge, which if completed, would also provide a new tourism attraction in Bohol, owing to its engineering design that will complement the scenic view at the Dauis-Tagbilaran Strait;

**WHEREAS**, the construction of this iconic bridge which requires a significant amount of resources is proposed for funding under the DPWH Bridge Construction Acceleration Project, which is an Austrian-assisted initiative;

**WHEREAS**, this Body, after being briefed on the salient features of the proposed bridge, has found the project to be supportive to the development thrusts of the Province particularly in enhancing interconnectivity of Panglao Island to the rest of the Bohol. It is, however, **emphasized by this Body that proper and comprehensive study and consultation be undertaken to address the following concerns (1) that a city road is at the Tagbilaran City end of the bridge while the Dauis side is a national road, (2) that the Tagbilaran City traffic flow will be taken into consideration, (3) that the scope of the project will be subjected through consultation process with the constituents of Dauis and Tagbilaran City, taking into account not just the technical soundness of the bridge but also making sure that environmental, social, and historical aspect and impacts of the entire project are considered, and (4) that the old Butalid Bridge will be possibly maintained with the opening expanded for environmental purposes and utilized as a leisure walkway, tourism site or fishing area.**

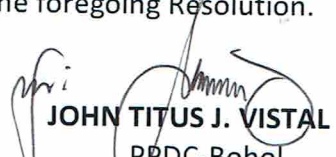
**WHEREFORE**, upon proper motion duly seconded, be it resolved by this Body in a meeting duly convened –

**To Favorably Endorse the Proposed Tagbilaran City –Dauis, (Panglao Island) Arch Bridge of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to the Regional Development Council of Region VII (RDC VII), Subject to the Conduct of Proper Study, for Support and Funding under the Austrian-Assisted DPWH Bridge Construction Acceleration Project**

**UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.**

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

  
**JOHN TITUS J. VISTAL**  
PPDC-Bohol  
Head, PDC Secretariat

APPROVED:

  
**EDGAR M. CHATTO**  
Governor, Chairman, PDC-Bohol