



PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (PDC-EXECOM) HELD ON FEBRUARY 21, 2020 AT THE ATTY. JUANITO G. CAMBANGAY CONFERENCE ROOM, PROVINCIAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (PPDO), NEW PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, GOV. LINO CHATTO DRIVE, TAGBILARAN CITY

In Attendance:

Gov. Arthur C. Yap, PDC Chair and Presiding Officer

and

Majority of the Members of the PDC-ExeCom

PDC-EXECOM RESOLUTION NO. 38-A - 2020

A RESOLUTION FAVORABLY ENDORSING TO THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL 7 THE REQUEST FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE PROPOSED BYPASS HIGHWAY LEADING TO NORTHERN BOHOL FOR SUPPORT AND FURTHER ENDORSEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH) AND/OR THE JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY (JICA) FOR FUNDING.

WHEREAS, the continued progress of Bohol brought with it increases in tourist arrivals, vehicle registrations, air and sea passenger traffic that resulted in the congestions in the thoroughfares of its commercial and provincial center, the City of Tagbilaran;

WHEREAS, this bleak traffic condition in the City of Tagbilaran results in decreased productivity of the city's economy, lost of man-hour productivity of its residents and others who may perform any transactions in any institutions located in the City, and may have caused safety and security problems by the riding public;

WHEREAS, most of the municipalities located in the Northern part of Bohol is demographically considered economically deprived that made many of its constituents underprivileged, thus having poor quality of living and less opportunities for social and economic changes in their family's situations;

WHEREAS, one of the cause of such sordid state of the residents of these municipalities is its distance from the center of commerce and development in the Province of Bohol that is primarily located in the southern portion of the island, which is further envisioned to have more economic progress with the recent full operation of the Bohol-Panglao International Airport (BPIA) located in the Municipality of Panglao;

WHEREAS, one of the strategic interventions seen by the current Provincial Administration of the Provincial Government of Bohol (PGBh) is to provide a direct, smooth, safe and secure access that will connect the municipalities located in the Northern part of Bohol to the international airport in Panglao Island without passing through the congested thoroughfares in Tagbilaran City;

WHEREAS, the construction of a Bypass Highway along the coastline of Tagbilaran City is one of the best possible strategy to manage the traffic situation from the international airport to the municipalities in Northern Bohol, increase the traffic of goods and services between the said municipalities and improve the economic conditions of the targeted constituents;

WHEREAS, the proposed conduct of a feasibility study on the Bypass Highways will address the technical, economic and social viability of the project which is envisioned to be an alternate and parallel 4-way lane concrete highway that connects the Tagbilaran City and Dauis 3rd bridge leading to Bohol Panglao International Airport, with access roads to the Special Economic Zone located in the old Tagbilaran City airport, which implementation will be divided into 2 phases, such as, (1) along the coastal area from Tagbilaran City Port to Manga District, Tagbilaran City (Phase I), and (2) along the coastal area from Manga District, Tagbilaran City to Ubay, Bohol (Phase II);

WHEREAS, the project components of the said proposed feasibility study will include engineering design, traffic study, comparative alignment study, exploration of alternative routes, transport analysis, environmental analysis, and other required considerations for the project;

WHEREAS, this Body has discussed the merits of the proposal and has found the same to be in order and fully supportive of the development thrusts of the national government as well as the Provincial Government of Bohol, particularly in improving interconnectivity, public safety and promotion of seamless travel;

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


To favorably endorse to the Regional Development Council 7 the Request for a Feasibility Study on the proposed Bypass Highway leading to Northern Bohol for support and further endorsement to the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and/or the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for funding

RESOLVED FURTHER, to furnish copies of the same Resolution to the Congressmen of Bohol: Hon. Edgar M. Chatto, 1st District; Hon. Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado, 2nd District; Hon. Kristine Alexie B. Tutor, 3rd District, for their support and follow-up.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.


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

APPROVED:


ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP
Governor *lay*
Chairman, PDC-Bohol