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Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto

**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MASS TRANSIT ROADMAP OF THE GOVERNMENT, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF DETERMINING ITS VIABILITY AND ENSURING A SAFE, RELIABLE, EFFICIENT AND AFFORDABLE PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM**

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution mandates the State to promote a just and  
2 dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation  
3 and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social  
4 services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved  
5 quality of life for all;

6 WHEREAS, the Philippine railway network consists of one commuter rail  
7 service provided by the PNR, and a rapid transit system operated by the Light Rail  
8 Transit Authority and Metro Rail Transit Corporation (LRT-MRT);

9 WHEREAS, the three railway networks are integrated, which aims to provide a  
10 "reliable, seamless and integrated mass transit system that would be at par with  
11 international standards" through the unification of already-existing rail infrastructure  
12 under one transit system and fare structure;

13 WHEREAS, the Manila Light Rail Transit (LRT) System is the main  
14 metropolitan rail system serving the Metro Manila area of the country, consisting of  
15 two lines: the LRT-1 which runs from Baclaran in Parañaque City to EDSA-Calocan  
16 City, called the Yellow Line, and the newer LRT-2, called the Purple Line, which links  
17 C.M. Recto Avenue to Santolan in eastern Metro Manila;

18 WHEREAS, the Manila Metro Rail Transit System has a single line called MRT-  
19 3 or the Blue Line, which was originally built to decongest Epifanio de los Santos

1 Avenue (EDSA), one of Metro Manila's main thoroughfares;

2 WHEREAS, a P6-billion loop was built to link the LRT-1 system to MRT-3 in  
3 EDSA and unify the two elevated rail networks, which have yet to happen even after  
4 completion of the connecting rail structure in 2010;

5 WHEREAS, the elevated railway systems especially MRT-3 are operating  
6 beyond their passenger capacity as commuters spill over in long queues during peak  
7 hours;

8 WHEREAS, "The Roadmap for Transport Infrastructure Development for  
9 Metro Manila and Its Surrounding Areas" was conducted by the National Economic  
10 and Development Authority (NEDA) with the help of the Japan International  
11 Cooperation Agency (JICA);

12 WHEREAS, the proposed Mega Manila Subway, North-South Commuter  
13 Railway and other mass transportation projects are deemed as the "more important"  
14 components of the roadmap;

15 WHEREAS, the previous administration has adopted the JICA Study as a road  
16 map and has already started to implement components of that roadmap;

17 WHEREAS, on November 27, 2015, the JICA signed a loan agreement with  
18 the previous administration to provide a Japanese Official Development Assistance  
19 (ODA) loan of up to US\$2 billion for the North – South Commuter Railway Project  
20 (Malolos - Tutuban);

21 WHEREAS, the Japanese government is also funding the feasibility study on  
22 the proposed Mega Manila Subway Project to accommodate increasing  
23 transportation demand of Mega Manila by constructing an urban railway line  
24 including a subway section;

25 WHEREAS, the government has yet to accomplish a mass transit road map  
26 that would efficiently move people and cargo through a state-run mass transit  
27 system throughout the archipelago;

28 WHEREAS, a Senate inquiry is needed to revisit the weaknesses of the  
29 previous mass transit programs, avoid committing the same missteps and also look  
30 into the present mass transit road map of the government to determine its viability,  
31 particularly using rail system as the core of a holistic mass transit plan: Now,  
32 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, To direct the Senate  
2 Committee on Public Services to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the mass  
3 transit roadmap of the government, with the end in view of determining its viability  
4 and ensuring a safe, reliable, efficient and affordable public transit system.

Adopted,



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