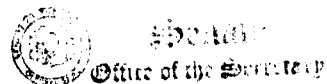


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**RESOLUTION**  
**URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS IN**  
**COORDINATION WITH THE METROPOLITAN MANILA DEVELOPMENT**  
**AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE, DEVELOP, AND IMPROVE BICYCLE LANES IN**  
**METRO MANILA FOR THE DURATION OF THE COMMUNITY QUARANTINE**

1           WHEREAS, means of transportation remain limited in various parts of the  
2 country as part of the counter measures adopted by the government to curb the  
3 spread of COVID-19;

4           WHEREAS, Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging  
5 Infectious Diseases Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community  
6 Quarantine in the Philippines provides that public transportation shall be suspended  
7 and only company shuttles and government point-to-point transport services are  
8 allowed;

9           WHEREAS, with the lifting of certain restrictions and the permission given to  
10 identified industries resulting from the modification of the rules of the community  
11 quarantine in Metro Manila, there would be an influx of commuters who would now  
12 need to use the existing limited transportation services to enable them to report  
13 back to their respective work places;

14           WHEREAS, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board  
15 estimates that there will be over two million commuters that are expected to avail of  
16 public transportation in Metro Manila as it transitions to General Community  
17 Quarantine;

1           WHEREAS, the existing public transportation services allowed in Metro Manila  
2 are not enough to serve the returning workers and there is a need to find innovative  
3 ways to safely meet their transportation needs;

4           WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging  
5 Infectious Diseases in Section 3.12 of its Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation  
6 of Community Quarantine in the Philippines provided that the use of bikes and other  
7 non-motorized transportation is strongly encouraged;

8           WHEREAS, the 1968 Vienna Convention on Road Traffic to which the  
9 Philippines is a signatory to and which we have made part of our laws by virtue of  
10 PD No. 207 in 1973 provides that contracting parties shall be bound to admit to their  
11 territories in international traffic cycles and mopeds which fulfil the technical  
12 conditions laid down in the Convention shall not require the drivers of cycles or  
13 mopeds in international traffic to hold a driving permit;

14           WHEREAS, in a study conducted by the Pew Research Center, in the  
15 Philippines, only 6% of Filipinos own cars while 24% have bicycles;


16           WHEREAS, citizen groups have claimed that motor vehicles, especially private  
17 cars, occupy the roads more than pedestrians and cyclists and have been pushing  
18 for a more equitable Road Sharing Principle that protects citizens' health and make  
19 the air less polluted;

20           WHEREAS, there are existing PUV and bus lanes within Metro Manila that are  
21 currently unused because of the suspension of public transportation which can be  
22 converted into bicycle lanes;

23           WHEREAS, by encouraging the use of bicycles, the government would be able  
24 to address the transportation requirements during this pandemic and as well as  
25 improve overall health by reducing air pollution;

26           NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the  
27 Department of Public Works and Highways in coordination with the Department of  
28 the Interior and Local Government and the Metropolitan Manila Development  
29 Authority to designate, develop, and improve bicycle lanes in Metro Manila for the  
30 duration of the Community Quarantine.

Adopted,

  
**FRANCIS "TOL" N. TOLENTINO**