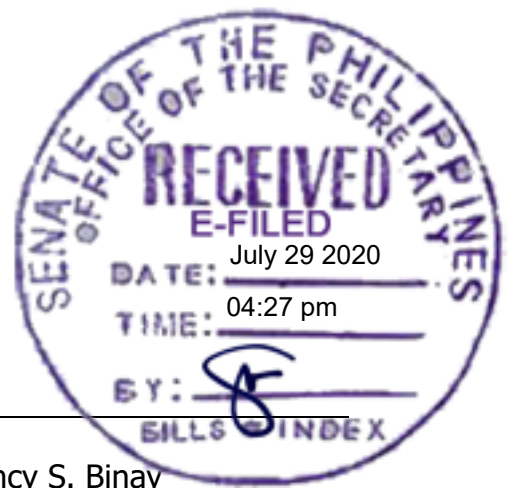


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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

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**RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EDSA BUSWAY PLAN OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) is the primary policy, planning, programming, coordinating, implementing and administrative entity of the executive branch of the government on the promotion, development and regulation of a dependable and coordinated network of transportation systems, as well as in the fast, safe, efficient and reliable transportation services;

WHEREAS, pursuant to its mandate, the DOTr has the duty to provide road public transport services in a manner which is reliable, safe, accessible and efficient;

WHEREAS, according to the DOTr, it started the interim operations of its EDSA Busway program on July 01, 2020 to help transport commuters in Metro Manila amid the general community quarantine being enforced;

WHEREAS, according to the DOTr, the EDSA Busways are dedicated and controlled lanes exclusively for accredited public utility buses. Under the EDSA Busway plan, the dedicated bus lanes from the outermost lanes were transferred to the innermost lanes;

WHEREAS, according to the DOTr, it has procured a total of 36,000 concrete barriers which will be established to segregate the bus lanes located on the innermost lanes of EDSA from the other lanes of the highway. The concrete barriers were procured at Php4,300 per piece;

WHEREAS, the Philippine News Agency has reported that on July 17, 2020, a bus of JoannaJesh Transport sideswiped multiple concrete barriers in

1 EDSA, causing one barrier to hit a civilian vehicle while another fell on the road
2 and created an obstruction¹;

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4 WHEREAS, on July 28, 2020, it was reported that a bus belonging to MJS
5 Tours has slammed into the concrete barriers set up along the dedicated bus
6 lane in EDSA, the third such accident since its opening²;

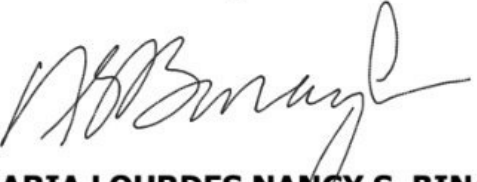
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8 WHEREAS, motorists are urging authorities to place additional safety
9 devices along the busway to help minimize accidents, following the incidents of
10 public utility buses crashing into concrete barriers in EDSA;

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12 WHEREAS, as the country continues to face the ravages of the COVID-
13 19 pandemic, the current situation requires a reliable, practical, efficient and,
14 most importantly, safe transportation solutions, to ease the burden of the
15 pandemic to the already bludgeoned Filipino commuters, rather than unreliable
16 and experimental solutions;

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18 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the government and its
19 instrumentalities to promote, develop and implement a road public
20 transportation system with safety and reliability as the paramount concern;

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22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate directs the
23 appropriate Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on
24 the EDSA Busway Plan of the Department of Transportation.

Adopted,



MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY

¹ Raymond Carl Dela Cruz, Edsa barriers up to standard, rogues to blame for crashes: DOTr, Philippine News Agency (July 28, 2020), <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1110401>.

² Krixia Subingsubing, Third bus hits concrete barrier on Edsa, Inquirer.net (July 28, 2020), <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1313019/third-bus-hits-concrete-barrier-on-edsa>.