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Introduced by Senator MARK A. VILLAR

RESOLUTION
INQUIRING, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, AS TO THE CURRENT STATUS OF
THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN IN THE PHILIPPINES PENDING THE
END OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

1 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused drastic changes in the
2 mobility of the general public due to lockdowns, social distancing rules, quarantine
3 regulations, and suspension of the transport system in the country;

4 WHEREAS, a dramatic reduction in traffic demands during the COVID-19
5 pandemic and a lesser traffic delay due to limited number of car visibility on the
6 roads was evident;

7 WHEREAS, under the strict movement restrictions, the traffic flow dropped
8 almost ninety-four percent (94%) across the three metropolitan areas in the
9 Philippines;

10 WHEREAS, as the end of the pandemic is already in sight, the state was
11 approached by a sudden increase in the movement of people and the return of
12 traffic situation to its normal congested state;

13 WHEREAS, as of today the volume of vehicles traversing the roads of Metro
14 Manila alone had already returned to a pre-pandemic level which is about 398,000
15 daily or a difference of only around 7,000 vehicles;

16 WHEREAS, as we adapt the "new normal", it should include a lighter traffic
17 burden to the public through the establishment of a traffic management plan
18 towards this goal;

1 WHEREAS, the only visible activity of the Executive is the re-implementation
2 of the coding scheme in major public roads and thoroughfares which, however, does
3 not effectively address the worsening traffic in the country as the volumes of
4 vehicles owned by the public had also dramatically increased during the pandemic;

5 WHEREAS, there is a necessity to establish an efficient management plan to
6 address the worsening traffic condition and maintain the order of traffic in this post-
7 pandemic period;

8 WHEREAS, by the initiative of the Metro Manila Development Management in
9 coordination with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and 17 Metro
10 Manila local government units and concerned national agencies, a comprehensive
11 traffic management plan was created;

12 WHEREAS, there is a need to ascertain that this management plan is fully
13 supported by all branches of the Government in order to determine that there will be
14 no gap from legislative measures that may cause a delay in its implementation;

15 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the appropriate
16 Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the status of the
17 traffic management plan in the Philippines pending the end of the COVI-19
18 pandemic in the Philippines.

Adopted,


MARK A. VILLAR