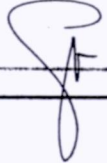


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A RESOLUTION

URGING THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT TO CONVENE A NATIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT SUMMIT WITH THE END IN VIEW OF CRAFTING A COMPREHENSIVE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT WOULD LAY DOWN THE SHORT TERM, MEDIUM TERM AND LONG TERM PROGRAMS AND SOLUTIONS TO THE TRAFFIC CRISIS

1 WHEREAS, among the findings of a survey conducted by the global firm Boston
2 Consulting Group in 2017, Metro Manila commuters and motorists alike spend more than an
3 hour, on the average, in traffic everyday, placing the Philippines' capital region the third worst
4 in traffic in Southeast Asia¹;

5 WHEREAS, the world's largest community-based traffic and navigation app, Waze,
6 describes Metro Manila traffic as the worst traffic on earth²;

7 WHEREAS, the Chairperson of the Central Visayas Regional Development Council, Mr.
8 Kenneth Cobonpue, pointed out that traffic remains to be the Province of Cebu's biggest
9 problem and will continue to be so if no concrete solutions are implemented³;

10 WHEREAS, the President of the Davao City Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr.
11 Arturo Milan, urges the need for Davao City to address its growing traffic problems as more
12 development are happening in the city⁴;

13 WHEREAS, according to the study conducted by the Japan International Cooperation
14 Agency (JICA), the economic cost of transportation in Metro Manila has risen to P3.5 billion

¹ <https://www.rappler.com/business/190016-metro-manila-traffic-southeast-asia-study-bcg-uber>

² <https://www.carmudi.com.ph/journal/philippine-traffic-problem-new-government-plans-solve/>

³ <https://www.philstar.com/the-freeman/cebu-business/2018/08/02/1838985/worsening-traffic-remains-cebus-biggest-problem>

⁴ <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1781215>

1 pesos per day and the situation can get worse to P5.4 billion a day by 2035 if interventions
2 will not be made⁵;

3 WHEREAS, the near “*carmageddon*” state of the Philippines seems inevitable as Metro
4 Manila risk of becoming uninhabitable by 2020 if vehicles continue to increase while roads
5 and infrastructure remain the same as forewarned by John Forbes, senior advisor of the
6 American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines⁶;

7 WHEREAS, without doubt, traffic is the most critical problem in the country right now
8 and it will continue to worsen if no solution is found;

9 WHEREAS, all the stakeholders – commuters, vehicle owners, car manufacturers,
10 businessmen, planners, national government officials, local government officials, transport
11 sector associations, NGOs, people’s organizations, legislators, law enforcers, and all Filipinos
12 need to come together and contribute in finding a wholeistic, more innovative and lasting
13 strategies to combat the traffic crisis;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Executive
15 Department to convene a national public transport summit with the end in view of crafting a
16 comprehensive traffic management plan that would lay down the short term, medium term
17 and long term programs and solutions to the traffic crisis.

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19 *Adopted,*


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⁵ <https://www.jica.go.jp/philippine/english/office/topics/news/180920.html>

⁶ <https://www.carmudi.com.ph/journal/philippine-traffic-problem-new-government-plans-solve/>