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Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY PARLIAMENT
Bangsamoro Government Center, Cotabato City



SECOND REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 425

RESOLUTION STRONGLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS-NATIONAL TO PRIORITIZE THE IMMEDIATE REPAIR, RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, IMPROVEMENT, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) - National is responsible for the planning, design, construction, repairs, and maintenance of infrastructure projects especially national highways, bridges, flood controls, and water resources development system;

WHEREAS, Section 37, Article XIII of Republic Act No. 11054 otherwise known as the "*Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao*", provides that the national government shall fund and implement the construction and maintenance of national roads, bridges, water supply and services, and flood control and irrigation systems in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region;

WHEREAS, about nine hundred ninety-two point sixty-two hundredths (992.62) kilometers of national highways and two hundred ten (210) bridges, that are located in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), are under the jurisdiction of DPWH for regular maintenance and rehabilitation;

WHEREAS, in October 2022, Tropical Storm Paeng hit the area of Mindanao, and among the most severely affected areas of BARMM are the provinces of Maguindanao del Sur and Maguindanao del Norte;

WHEREAS, among the infrastructures reported severely damaged by said tropical storm includes: the Nituan Bridge in Parang, Darapanan Bridge in Sultan Kudarat, Labu-labu 1 Bridge in Datu Hoffer, Oring Bridge in Buldon, and Kusiong-Tapian Bridge in Datu Odin;

WHEREAS, other bridges that need immediate attention from the DPWH are the Quirino Bridge and the Simuay Bridge, which although not destroyed by the typhoon, had been worn out by old age, and need rehabilitation;

WHEREAS, aside from these bridges that connect different areas of the Bangsamoro Region, national roads or highways in the region also need immediate repair and maintenance from the DPWH because of their damaged condition that poses great risk to the public;

WHEREAS, among the highways that need repair because of the number of large potholes on them that put the public in danger includes the Cotabato - Alabel - Gensan National Highway and Narciso Ramos Highway;

WHEREAS, the immediate repair and rehabilitation of these roads and bridges in the BARMM is not only crucial for ensuring the safety and well-being of its residents and commuters but also essential for maintaining the region's economic stability and facilitating the unimpeded flow of goods and services, thereby underscoring the necessity of prompt action by the DPWH:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, To strongly request the Department of Public Works and Highways-National to prioritize the immediate repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, and maintenance of the national highways and bridges in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, To furnish a copy of this Resolution to the DPWH - Central Offices, for information.

ADOPTED, *Rajab* 03, 1445/January 15, 2024.

Certified Correct:


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