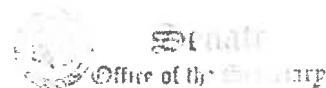


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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REHABILITATION, REPAIR, PRESERVATION OF NATIONAL ROADS, PARTICULARLY THE EDSA REHABILITATION PROJECTS, UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF REVIEWING DESIGN AND ENGINEERING STANDARDS AND ENSURING ACCOUNTABILITY IN PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

1 WHEREAS, Section 5, Article II of the Constitution provides: "The
2 maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property,
3 and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all
4 the people of the blessings of democracy";

5 WHEREAS, Section 1, Chapter 1, Title V, Book IV of the Administrative
6 Code of 1987 (Executive Order No. 292, s. 1987) declares that the State shall
7 maintain an engineering and construction arm and continuously develop its
8 technology, for the purposes of ensuring the safety of all infrastructure facilities
9 and securing the highest efficiency and the most appropriate quality in the
10 construction of all public works and highways;

1 WHEREAS, the National Government has been appropriating funds for
2 Asset Preservation Program under the budget of the Department of Public
3 Works and Highways (DPWH) which aims to improve the quality of national
4 roads to international standards and ensure resiliency to natural disasters;

5 WHEREAS, while the DPWH conducts regular preventive maintenance,
6 repairs, and rehabilitation in certain portions of Epifanio de los Santos Avenue
7 (EDSA), there has been no full rehabilitation works conducted to restore the
8 road to its optimal condition;

9 WHEREAS, the planned full rehabilitation of EDSA in 2025 was suspended
10 by the President to identify faster construction methods, mitigate traffic
11 disruption, ease commuter inconvenience, and adopt updated technologies in
12 the original plan;¹

13 WHEREAS, in June 2025, then Department of Transportation Secretary
14 Vivencio Dizon and DPWH NCR Director Loreta Malaluan announced that the
15 EDSA rehabilitation will use new technologies and procedures—rather than
16 conventional methods²—to complete the project as quickly as possible;³

17 WHEREAS, in December 2025, DPWH Secretary Vince Dizon announced
18 the launch of the EDSA rehabilitation project with the use of advanced Japanese
19 road technology, which would accelerate repair timelines, ensure durable
20 surfaces, and slash project costs from ₱17 billion to ₱6 billion;

21 WHEREAS, on December 24, 2025, the DPWH awarded the contract for
22 Phase 1 of the EDSA Rehabilitation Project—covering the stretch from Roxas
23 Boulevard to Orense Street—to Readycon Trading & Construction Corporation
24 under Contract ID No. 25O000129. Valued at One Billion One Hundred Eighty-

¹ Presidential Communications Office. (2025, June 1) President Marcos suspends EDSA rehab for a month to ease expected traffic woes. https://pco.gov.ph/news_releases/president-marcos-suspends-edsa-rehab-for-a-month-to-ease-expected-traffic-woes/

² BusinessWorld. (2025, June 2). *EDSA rehab plan scrapped in favor of new technology*. <https://bworldonline.com/economy/2025/06/02/676684/edsa-rehab-plan-scrapped-in-favor-of-new-technology/>

³ GMA News. (2025, July 5). *DPWH looking for new technology to shorten EDSA rehab*. <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/metro/951630/dpwh-looking-for-new-technology-to-shorten-edsa-rehab/story/>

1 Three Million Three Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Two
2 Pesos and Sixty-One Centavos (₱1,183,374,622.61), the contract agreement
3 was signed on January 5, 2026, with a 180-calendar-day duration. The Notice
4 to Proceed was subsequently issued on January 6, 2026;

5 WHEREAS, in April 2026, DPWH announced that the first phase of the
6 EDSA Rehabilitation has been completed two months ahead of the schedule
7 and that the agency is bidding out the second phase, thus, the DPWH advertised
8 the Invitation to Bid for the same on April 8, 2026 on its website and the
9 PhilGEPS;

10 WHEREAS, on May 25, 2026, the DPWH awarded the second phase of
11 the EDSA rehabilitation, from Orense Street to Monumento (Northbound and
12 Southbound), to the same contractor, Readycon Trading & Construction
13 Corporation, in Joint Venture with Dumduma Construction & Trading Corp.,
14 under Contract ID No. 25O000132, the contract having been signed on June 4,
15 2026, with contract amount of Four Billion Nine Million Four Hundred Seventy-
16 Three Thoudand Eighteen Pesos and Eighty-eight Centavos
17 (₱4,009,473,018.88), and with contract duration Five Hundred Forty (540)
18 calendar days, the Notice to Proceed was issued on June 8, 2026;

19 WHEREAS, for nearly a week, persistent southwest monsoon (*habagat*)
20 rains have drenched parts of Luzon, including Metro Manila; damaging several
21 main thoroughfares, including recently rehabilitated sections of EDSA. The
22 presence of fresh potholes means the newly repaired avenue will already
23 require another round of maintenance;

24 WHEREAS, rapid deterioration of recently rehabilitated roads, most
25 notably EDSA, just months after completion exposes deep-seated flaws in the
26 planning, design, construction, and management of high-cost public
27 infrastructure projects;

28 WHEREAS, Secretary Dizon, while inspecting the newly rehabilitated
29 portions of EDSA where potholes formed, blurted "*Dapat na-anticipate natin ito*

1 *eh... Barado eh, oh?*⁴ reflects the widespread anger of citizens especially after
2 the government had promised a complete rehabilitation of EDSA using modern,
3 durable technologies to prevent a repeat of 2012, when torrential rains severely
4 damaged major thoroughfares. Even back then, DPWH Secretary Rogelio L.
5 Singson recognized the core issue: "*The enemy of asphalt is water. So if there*
6 *is no efficient drainage... that aggravates the quality of our roads. So when the*
7 *roads are submerged in floodwaters, the asphalt [overlay] doesn't last*";⁵

8 WHEREAS, Section 8 of Republic Act No. 12009 (RA 12009), or the New
9 Government Procurement Act, provides that no bidding and award of contract
10 for Infrastructure Projects shall be made unless the detailed engineering
11 investigations, surveys, and designs for the project which shall consider among
12 others, the impact on the environment, have been sufficiently carried out and
13 duly approved in accordance with the standards and specifications prescribed
14 by the Head of Procuring Entity (HoPE) concerned or the duly authorized
15 representative;

16 WHEREAS, Section 90(b) of RA 12009 provides for the defects liability
17 period for infrastructure projects, one (1) year from project completion up to
18 final acceptance, wherein the contractor shall undertake the repair works, at its
19 own expense, of any damage to the infrastructure on account of the use of
20 materials of inferior quality, defects in the construction, or due to any violation
21 of the terms of the contract, within ninety (90) calendar days from the time the
22 HoPE has issued an order to undertake repair. In case of failure or refusal to
23 comply with this mandate, the Procuring Entity shall undertake such repair
24 works and shall be entitled to full reimbursement of expense incurred
25 thereupon upon demand;

⁴ Inquirer (2026, Aug. 10). *Dizon curses over potholes at newly rehabilitated Edsa in Makati*.
<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2281019/dizon-curses-over-potholes-at-newly-rehabilitated-edsa-in-makati>

⁵ Inquirer (2012, Aug. 13). *Floods damaged many asphalt roads in Metro— DPWH*.
<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/249221/floods-damaged-many-asphalt-roads-in-metro-dpwh>

1 WHEREAS, it is imperative for Congress to review the mandate of the
2 DPWH in setting the necessary standards and the specifications, including those
3 that have been foreseen and are foreseeable, in the designs and construction
4 of our public works, to exercise its oversight function over the implementation
5 of the Asset Preservation Program funded under the annual appropriations, and
6 determine the compliance of the contractors with the design and engineering
7 standards; Now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved to direct the Senate
9 Committee on Public Works to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the
10 status of the rehabilitation, repair, preservation of national roads, particularly
11 the Edsa Rehabilitation Projects, undertaken by the DPWH with the end in view
12 of reviewing the design and engineering standards and ensuring accountability
13 in public works.

Adopted,


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