**Final Project Proposal Topic:**

**Analysis of Road Traffic Accident in Metro Manila**

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**Introduction**

In large cities with numerous modes of transportation, accidents are common, and roadways are becoming increasingly narrow and congested. Accidents like this cause both human and material loss. Drivers' carelessness, as well as their ignorance and disdain for traffic rules, are to blame. The variables that impact the severity of traffic collisions The severity of road traffic accidents is influenced by several factors, including driver age, driving time, driving day, and province. Accidents have grown far too common in recent years. As the number of people who own cars in Metro Manila grows, so does the incidence of traffic incidents. In addition, people are becoming more careless currently. Only a small portion of the population adheres to traffic laws. Various kinds of transportation are available, especially in large urban areas. Furthermore, streets are narrowing, and urban areas are becoming more densely populated. Furthermore, the most serious traffic incidents involve huge vehicles such as trucks and buses. To lower the number and severity of accidents, the government should improve traffic legislation. Because driving speed has been linked to accident severity, the government should consider enforcing speed restrictions, particularly late at night when traffic is light. It should act as a wake-up call to the government to build and strengthen safe driving infrastructure. The increasing number of cars on the road and, as a result, the increasing frequency of RTAs necessitates the implementation of traffic safety measures. The fast-rising economy has aided the development of further RTAs as the usage of automobiles for transportation has increased (Johansson et al., 2014). Late-night driving, according to other studies, has a consistent traffic flow. Drivers frequently speed up to take advantage of the steady flow of traffic. As a result, late-night occurrences are more likely to result in death. As a result, to reduce RTAs, additional traffic enforcement and traffic education measures are required. The purpose of this study is to investigate the level of injuries suffered by victims of car accidents in Metro Manila. In addition, by identifying critical gaps and opportunities, this study intends to raise awareness in the region and push the government to take action to improve road safety.

**Problem Statement**

Road traffic accidents are a big problem nowadays. Drivers paying less attention to various site routing signage on the road, as well as a lack of awareness of road traffic accidents, which causes harm to life and other vehicle properties. The state of Metro Manila's roadways has deteriorated significantly in recent years due to a variety of factors. Increased vehicle numbers, as well as a lack of sufficient road safety, are all contributing factors. In addition, interventions and a lack of enforcement legislation are only a few instances. Over speeding kills or injures a high number of persons on the road when drivers disregard the speed limit and drive too fast. Some drivers use their cellphones while driving, diverting their focus away from the road.

**Problem**

A road accident is commonly defined as a collision between two or more vehicles, pedestrians, or an object that causes death, disability, or property damage. These issues are mostly encountered in Metro Manila.

These are the Major reasons for traffic road accidents in Metro Manila;

**Driving too fast.** In the Philippines, exceeding the speed limit is another common complication of road-related deaths and injuries. Not only is it because there are no authorized officers to capture speeders, but some drivers are also unaware of the Philippines' statutory speed limit law.

**Alcohol-impaired driving**.The most prevalent and leading cause of vehicular accidents in Metro Manila are driving while under the influence of narcotics or alcohol. Our nervous system, which regulates our reflexes, cognition, and motor skills, is affected by alcohol usage.

**Mechanical defects.** It is not always your fault when disaster strikes. Your tires, brakes, and even your motor may wear out if your vehicle isn't properly maintained, resulting in a potentially dangerous situation on the road.

**Inadequate driver knowledge.** Ignorance is a common cause of traffic accidents. Most of the driver knowledge is gained through practice. Therefore so many unfamiliar situations result in mishaps. If you know what occurs when you speed or brake suddenly in unusual conditions like rain, snow, or a curving road, you won't speed or brake suddenly again.

Minor reasons for traffic road accidents in Metro Manila;

**Inadequate thinking.** Inadequate thinking can contribute to hazardous driving in a variety of ways. Such thinking includes believing that breaking traffic laws is fine if it does not result in an accident; racing to get to your destination even if you are not late; and viewing pedestrians on the road as barriers.

**Improper driving practices** Many drivers mistakenly feel that because they have not yet caused any traffic accidents, their bad driving behaviors are harmless. This notion can perpetuate bad practices, leading to catastrophic collisions.

### Sudden turns without signaling. Dodging other vehicles is the most common cause of sudden turns. The driver moves abruptly due to the risk of colliding with other vehicles or pedestrians.

**Solution**

Street accidents are very rampant nowadays, more often on the busy roads or streets like Metro Manila. Accidents that cause deaths are driving under the influence of liquors. More often the nut are motorcycle drivers.

The Department of Land Transportation Office where restrictions start, to prevent these kinds of accidents. The said Department should implement policies for drivers to keep them away from number vehicular accidents. It is right that the Department must be strict enough in their rules before one can have his driver's license. Nobody can avail a driver's license once he has not undergone a rigid training and pass examinations both written and actual driving. All street rules and regulations should have been acquired which simply means that all safety measures; the do's and don'ts should be understood and need to be put into practice. Some of these are, the severe rules about drunk driving, prohibiting the use of mobile phones while driving, and over speeding. These are only some simple points to remember in safe driving and solutions as well to avoid traffic accidents.

All drivers should be knowledgeable with the laws, rules, and regulations that govern land transportation. They must be willing to share the road with other people. They should be aware of not just the benefits and pleasures of having a driver's license, but also the duties and responsibilities that come with it. Most essential, they should understand the basics of defensive driving because they will almost certainly encounter road users who are careless, stupid, arrogant, or flagrantly disobedient to traffic rules.

The rigorous and consistent enforcement of traffic rules, particularly those relating to drunk driving, seatbelt use, overloading, speed limits, and the use of standard motorcycle helmets and child restraints, would be a good place to start. Prioritize increased patrol visibility in accident-prone regions or, better yet, the repair of hazardous road conditions for both automobiles and pedestrians. Speed limit devices in PUVs, dashcams in private vehicles, and CCTVs at critical areas are all projects that should be implemented. At any time, sellers should be removed from sidewalks and unlawfully parked vehicles removed from side streets. Vehicles that fail a roadworthiness inspection should be impounded immediately.

**Objectives**

1. To study the causes of accidents and propose solutions at a location
2. To increase and improve the effectiveness of road safety in Metro Manila.
3. To provide factors responsible for the traffic operator's suggested enhancement and to support the proposed plan.

**Significance of the Proposed Project**

This research will specifically benefit the following:

**Driver –** This will assist drivers in avoiding a car accident, as well as saving them the stress and expense of a traffic ticket for a traffic infraction.

**Government —** By identifying critical gaps and possibilities, this will assist the government in taking action to improve road safety.

**Future Researchers —** This study will be utilized as a reference for road traffic accident researchers. This will be used as a guide to help construct the research in terms of the variables considered.

**Methods**

The application of the analytic hierarchy process approach (AHP) was developed to examine the importance of individual factors impacting road safety. It is a multi-criteria method that allows us to do a hierarchical study of the decision-making process using expert opinions. We were able to evaluate and rank the factors that affect road safety using the AHP approach. This study will also employ an analytical approach, which will necessitate the ability to think critically as well as the evaluation of facts and information relevant to the study at hand, as well as assisting the researcher in determining the individual's level of adherence to and comprehension of traffic regulations. Tortum and Atalay (2015) used a factor analysis to find variables that had a statistically significant link with the number of traffic accidents to get their conclusions. According to the analysis, the data was gathered for accident purposes and would be used as a future viewpoint. Important and useful information was gathered from police and various other transportation departments for the examination of accident-related data.

**Expected Output**

Each country must play a significant role in identifying road safety issues, with the power and duty to make decisions, manage resources, and collaborate across all government sectors, especially health, transportation, education, and law enforcement. This research intends to provide a comprehensive and strategic road safety action plan to reduce road traffic accidents in Metro Manila, as early detection of threats can assist lower the risk.

**Relevant Articles**

According to figures issued by the World Health Organization (2021), road accidents claimed the lives of 1.35 million people in 2018. In the Philippines, statistics show that 12,000 Filipinos die on the road every year. The results for Metro Manila are even more alarming. The number of car accidents has been steadily increasing, increasing from 63,072 in 2007 to 116,906 in 2018. With the increasing number of road accidents in the Philippines and around the world, concerned government and non-government organizations in the country are working to reduce, if not eliminate, the number of instances.

The study of MMDA's Metro Manila Accident Reporting and Analysis System (2019), there were 31,279 motorcycle-related traffic accidents reported in 2019, averaging 86 events per day. This represents a 17% increase over the 26,652 motorcycle-related accidents reported in 2018, averaging 73 per day. Thankfully, the number of fatalities has only increased by 8%, with 221 reported in 2019 compared to 204 in 2018.

According to the MMDA General Manager, Jojo Garcia, expressed concern over the number of vehicular accidents in the city, particularly those involving concrete barriers on Epifanio Delos Santos Avenue (EDSA). "It's past time for us to reconfirm our commitment to improving road safety and collaborating on how to sanction erring motorists and drivers," Garcia added. According to the Road Crash Statistics in Metro Manila 2020, there were at least 31,811 incidents reported from January to August, with 136 fatalities, 6,614 non-fatal accidents, and 25,061 property damages. This year, there were at least 618 accidents on EDSA, 509 of which caused in property damage and 105 barrier-related accidents. Driving under the influence of alcohol, physical exhaustion, over speeding, inattentive driving, unlawful use of equipment, and vehicle roadworthiness difficulties are all common causes of barrier-related accidents.

The study that was discussed by Metro Manila Accident Reporting and Analysis System (2019), 3465 road crashes were reported in March, the month when Metro Manila and other portions of the country were originally quarantined. There were 1221 traffic crashes in June, the most recent data available, with at least 12 persons killed. While the figure is down from 6876 cases prior to the lockdown in February, the continued incidence of road crashes at a time when there are fewer people and vehicles on the road and more police officers monitoring the streets raises concerns. Advocates presented several reasons why road crashes occur despite the lockdown during a road safety webinar hosted by public interest law firm Imagine Law on Oct. 2. A road traffic accident kills an estimated 1.35 million people every year around the world. The World Health Organization confirms this (WHO). Furthermore, between 20 and 50 million more people have non-fatal injuries, with many of them resulting in disability. Pedestrians, cyclists, and motorcyclists, as well as their passengers, account for more than half of all road traffic deaths and injuries, according to the organization, with the young being particularly vulnerable on the world's roadways.

According to Laurel (2019), automobile accidents Philippines report, 394 people have died in road-related incidents in the Metro (including adults and children). This is a good thing because it is lower than the 2017 data. In total, 14,553 people have died or been injured in traffic accidents involving passengers, drivers, and pedestrians. This equals an average of 40 people every day.

According to the World Health Organization (2021), road accidents claimed the lives of 1.35 million people in 2018. In the Philippines, statistics show that 12,000 Filipinos die on the road every year. More alarming are the statistics for Metro Manila. The number of car accidents has been steadily increasing, from 63,072 in 2007 to 116,906 in 2018. In fact, for children and young adults aged five to 29, road traffic injuries are the greatest cause of death. According to statistics, young males under the age of 25 are more likely than girls to be engaged in traffic accidents, accounting for 73 percent of all road traffic deaths. Road traffic injuries are more common in developing nations, such as the Philippines, with 93 percent of fatalities occurring in low- and middle-income countries.

In the study of World Health Organization (2018), Road Traffic Accident Deaths in Philippines reached 10,624 which accounted for 1.74% of total deaths in the country. The age adjusted Death Rate is 11.40 per 100,000 of population ranks Philippines #118 in the world.

**Recommendation**

The roads in Metro Manila are becoming increasingly congested, with many motorized vehicles and pedestrians sharing the road. The interaction of motorized and non-motorized road users does not end well, resulting in debilitating and expensive traffic injuries.

To reduce the number of road accidents in Metro Manila the researchers recommend the following:

1. Evaluate and assess the environmental effects of changes in the road system, traffic volume, vehicle mix, structure modifications, and network adjustments must be monitored. Monitoring data could then be used to assess previous assessments and, in the long run, improve understanding of ecological impacts.
2. The Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) can increase the existing penalties for violators.
3. Traffic enforcers are visible on major roads and highways, and traffic rules and regulations are strictly enforced.
4. Strongly advised that before the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) will issue a student license, the applicant must attend a mandatory seminar and training on road safety and traffic rules.
5. Select a government agency to oversee the national highway safety program and create a nationwide model for road safety.

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