

Republic of the Philippines HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Quezon City

Eighteenth CongressFirst Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 2115

Introduced by Honorable Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to covert the junction (TER) Guindulman-Anda-Candijay Road and Jct. (TER) CAndijay-Mabini-Ubay Road in the Municipality of Guidulaman, Anda, Candijay Mabini, and Ubay, Province of Bohol from provincial road into a national road as vital support infrastructure to tourism destination as envisioned by the Duterte administration. This bill has been approved by the House of Representatives in the 13th, 14th and 15th Congresses

The road network links effectively the Anda Peninsula highway with white sandy beaches against the backdrop of lush, verdant forest and vegetation, to the port town of Ubay. On the seascape, the Mindanao Sea glimmers with a beautiful panorama to behold.

The roads urged to be nationalized traverse through tourist destinations in the northeastern Bohol – whose seascape could match the beauty and grandeur of the Mediterranean sea – with Ubay as the service area thereon under the Bohol Tourism Master Plan.

The roads also serve highly productive agricultural areas producing rice, corn, coconut, oil palm, cassava, camote and high value crops. Moreover the said roads will also provide access to the multi-industry cluster (MIC) of agribusinees such as bio ethanol production from seaweeds to be farmed in the five coastal towns traversed by the road network, dairy production and meat processing, irrigated ricelands and rich fishing grounds therein.

The Guindulman – Anda – Candijay – Mabini – Ubay – Highway is proposed for funding under the Korean Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) as major component of the Bohol Circumferential Road Improvement Projects Phase 3 (BCRIP 3) and covered by a favourable Economic Re-evaluation Report of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)

More importantly, the proposed BCRIP 3 represent the real and genuine coastal section of the Bohol Circumferential Road Project that will pass through the Ubay Prot, Bohol's gateway to Manila via the Port of Bato, Leyte then to Allen (Northern Samar) and Matnog, Sorsogon onwards to Manila, and Norteastern Mindanao via the Port of Maasin City (Southern Leyte) thence to

Liloan Wharf (Southern Leyte) and unto the Lipata Wharf (Surigao Del Norte) onwards to all point in Mindanao, under the Strong Republic Nautical Highway Intermodal Transport Network.

The conversion of the Guindulman-Anda-Candijay-Mabini-Ubay Highway will hasten the economic development of the towns being traversed, in particular, and Bohol, in general, as well as the over-arching national economy.

In the light of the foregoing considerations, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE JUNCTION (TER) GUINDULMAN-ANDA-CANDIJAY-ROAD AND CANDIJAY-MABINI-UBAY ROAD FROM PROVINCIAL TO NATIONAL ROADS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. The provincial roads connecting the Jct (TER) Guindulmana – Anda – Candijay – Road with a length of 35 kilometers and the Jct (TER) Candijay – Mabini – Ubay Road with a distance of 39.90 kilometers, are hereby converted into a national roads.

Section 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the improvement, repair and maintenance of the said roads, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED.