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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 58

Submitted by the Committee on Transportation on OCT 01 2019

Re : House Resolution No. 409

Recommending its adoption in substitution of HR No. 353

Sponsor : Representative Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Transportation to which was referred House Resolution No. 353 introduced by Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento, entitled:

**“A RESOLUTION
RECOMMENDING THE CREATION OF A TRAFFIC CRISIS
INTER-AGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL FOR THE
PURPOSES OF CONSOLIDATING AND HARMONIZING ALL
TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC POLICIES TO ADDRESS THE
URGENT TRAFFIC CRISIS IN METRO MANILA AND IN THE
PHILIPPINES”**

has considered the same and recommends the adoption of the attached House Resolution No. 409 entitled:

**“A RESOLUTION
RECOMMENDING THE CREATION OF A TRAFFIC CRISIS INTER-
AGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSOLIDATING AND HARMONIZING ALL TRANSPORT AND
TRAFFIC POLICIES TO ADDRESS THE TRAFFIC PROBLEM IN
METROPOLITAN MANILA”**

with Representative Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento as author thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

REP. EDGAR MARY S. SARMIENTO
Chairperson
Committee on Transportation

**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 409

Introduced by Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento

A RESOLUTION

1 **RECOMMENDING THE CREATION OF A TRAFFIC CRISIS INTER-**
2 **AGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF**
3 **CONSOLIDATING AND HARMONIZING ALL TRANSPORT AND**
4 **TRAFFIC POLICIES TO ADDRESS THE TRAFFIC PROBLEM IN**
5 **METROPOLITAN MANILA**

6 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation (DoTr) is mandated to
7 establish and administer comprehensive and integrated programs for
8 transportation, and for this purpose, may call on any agency, corporation, or
9 organization, whether public or private, whose development programs include
10 transportation and communications as an integral part thereof, to participate and
11 assist in the preparation and implementation of such program; DoTr is likewise
12 mandated to formulate and recommend national policies and guidelines for the
13 preparation and implementation of integrated and comprehensive transportation
14 and communications systems at the national, regional and local levels; it is
15 likewise within DoTr scope of powers and responsibilities to assess, review and
16 provide direction to transportation and communication research and
17 development programs of the government in coordination with other institutions
18 concerned;

1 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is
2 one of the departments of the government that is mandated to undertake the
3 planning of infrastructure such as national roads and bridges, flood control,
4 water resources projects and other public works, and the design, construction,
5 and maintenance of national roads and bridges, and major flood control
6 systems;

7 **WHEREAS**, part of the powers and functions of the Department of the
8 Interior and Local Government (DILG) is to formulate plans, policies and
9 programs which will meet local emergencies arising from natural and man-
10 made disasters, and to establish a system of coordination and cooperation
11 among the citizenry, local executives and the Department, to ensure effective
12 and efficient delivery of basic services to the public;

13 **WHEREAS**, the scope of services and mandate of the Metropolitan
14 Manila Development Authority (MMDA) include performance of planning,
15 monitoring, coordinating and implementing functions where appropriate, and in
16 the process, exercise regulatory and supervisory authority over the delivery of
17 metro-wide services within Metro Manila area, and in conformity with the
18 national government policies without diminution of the autonomy of the local
19 government concerning purely local matters; Part of the powers and functions
20 of MMDA is also to set the policies concerning traffic in Metro Manila, and
21 coordinate and regulate the implementation of all programs and projects
22 concerning traffic management, specifically pertaining to enforcement,
23 engineering and education;

24 **WHEREAS**, the Land Transportation Office (LTO) is the office under
25 the DoTr directly responsible for the inspection and registration of motor
26 vehicles and enforcement of land transportation rules and regulations;

27 **WHEREAS**, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board
28 (LTFRB) is mandated to formulate, promulgate, administer, implement and
29 enforce rules and regulations on land transportation public utilities, standards of

1 measurements and/or design, and rules and regulations requiring operators of
2 any public land transportation service to equip, install and provide in their
3 utilities and in their stations such devices, equipment facilities and operating
4 procedures and techniques as may promote safety, protection, comfort and
5 convenience to persons and property in their charges as well as the safety of
6 persons and property within their areas of operations; part of their functions is
7 also to coordinate and cooperate with other government agencies and entities
8 concerned with any aspect involving public land transportation services with the
9 end in view of effecting continuing improvement of such services;

10 **WHEREAS**, the Philippine National Police – Highway Patrol Group
11 (PNP-HPG) is the unit within the Philippine National Police responsible for
12 enforcing the traffic laws and regulations, promoting safety along the highways,
13 enhancing traffic safety consciousness through inter-agency cooperation
14 concerning Police Traffic Safety Engineering, Traffic Safety Education and
15 Traffic Law enforcement functions, and developing reforms in the crime
16 prevention aspect against all forms of lawlessness committed along National
17 Highway involving the use of motor vehicles;

18 **WHEREAS**, the Philippines, specifically its metropolitan areas, is
19 experiencing crisis in the form of heavy traffic, resulting in the country ranking
20 first in the Traffic Index among Southeast Asian countries and fifth in all Asian
21 countries for 2019;

22 **WHEREAS**, to combat this crisis in traffic, there is an undeniable and
23 urgent need to consolidate and harmonize all the traffic management policies
24 and plans of all the government agencies, offices and departments responsible
25 for transportation and traffic management;

26 **WHEREAS**, there is a need for the creation and convening of an
27 executive council, with its core members consisting of the leaders of the above
28 enumerated agencies, offices, and departments, to serve as an efficient venue for
29 the consolidation and harmonization of traffic management policies and plans,

1 further consultation with the public, and implementation of the resulting
2 consolidated policies and plans;

3 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of
4 Representatives to recommend to the President of the Philippines the creation
5 of a Traffic Crisis Inter-Agency Management Council that shall be composed of
6 the DoTr, DILG, MMDA, DPWH and other concerned agencies, offices, and
7 departments for the purpose of consolidating and harmonizing all transport and
8 traffic policies to address the urgent traffic problem in Metropolitan Manila.

9 Adopted.

ISSUE BRIEF

House Resolution No. 353

“A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE CREATION OF A TRAFFIC CRISIS INTER-AGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSOLIDATING AND HARMONIZING ALL TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC POLICIES TO ADDRESS THE URGENT TRAFFIC CRISIS IN METRO MANILA AND IN THE PHILIPPINES”

Introduced by: **Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento**

Committee Referral: Committee on Transportation
Committee Chairperson: Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento

ISSUES:

- The Metropolitan areas in the country is experiencing a crisis in the form of heavy traffic congestion resulting in the country ranking first in the Traffic Index among Southeast Asian countries and fifth in all Asian countries for 2019;
- There is an urgent need to consolidate and harmonize all traffic management policies and plans of all the government agencies, offices and departments responsible for transportation and traffic management;
- There is a need for the creation and convening of an executive council, with its core members consisting of the leaders of concerned agencies, offices, and departments, to serve as an efficient venue for the consolidation and harmonization of traffic management policies and plans, further consultation with the public, and implementation of the resulting consolidated policies and plans;

ACTION TAKEN:

The Committee adopted the proposal to recommend the creation of a Traffic Crisis Inter-Agency Management Council that shall be composed of the Department of Transportation (DOTr), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the agencies, offices, and other departments for the purpose of consolidating and harmonizing all transport and traffic policies to address the urgent traffic crisis in Metro Manila and in the Philippines.