

# Republic of the Philippines HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS

First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 3862



### Introduced by Representative JOEL MAYO Z. ALMARIO

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to establish a national highway from Barangay Lavigan, Municipality of Governor Generoso to Barangay Dawan, City of Mati, both in the Province of Davao Oriental, connecting the Tibanban – Lavigan National Secondary Road and the President Diosdado P. Macapagal National Highway.

The City of Mati, Davao Oriental's capital, is a fast-developing city with a population of over 150,000 people. It is a popular destination owing to its numerous tourist destinations, educational institutions, and industrial centers such as the Industrial Technopark established by the Philippine Export Zone Authority (PEZA). It is often the host of regional conventions, conferences, national government exams, and other similar gatherings. Meanwhile, the Municipality of Governor Generoso is a second-class municipality composed of twenty (20) barangays with a population of more or less 60,000 citizens. Composed of beautiful coastal terrains, it boasts of several tourist destinations including the Calvary Hill, Pink Beach and Parola at Cape San Agustin. There is frequent travel and movement to and from both areas for business transactions, delivery of goods, educational purposes and leisure. However, there is no existing road directly linking the two major areas of the province, causing the travel to become arduous, expensive, and time consuming.

Further, the City of Mati is composed of 26 barangays, 23 of which are contiguously located around the city proper while the other three – Barangays Lanca, Luban, and Cabuaya – are clustered and located approximately 120 kilometers away. As there are no direct roads to the city proper, constituents from these barangays needing to go to the center of the city have to travel roughly two and a half hours via the Tibanban- Lavigan National Secondary Road, which passes through the Municipalities of Governor Generoso and San Isidro before reaching the City of Mati.

With the passage of this bill, the tripartite goal of a) connecting three clustered barangays separated from the City of Mati proper; b) connect two existing roads; and c) create a road linking two major areas of Davao Oriental – the City of Mati and the Municipality of Governor Generoso will be achieved.

A similar version of this bill was filed during the  $17^{th}$  Congress. Support for this bill is again earnestly sought.

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#### AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGHWAY FROM BARANGAY LAVIGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF GOVERNOR GENEROSO TO BARANGAY DAWAN, CITY OF MATI, BOTH IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL, CONNECTING THE TIBANBAN – LAVIGAN NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD AND THE PRESIDENT DIOSDADO P. MACAPAGAL NATIONAL HIGHWAY, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. - A national highway from Barangay Lavigan, Municipality of Governor 1 Generoso to Barangay Dawan, City of Mati, both in the Province of Davao Oriental, 2 connecting the Tibanban - Lavigan National Secondary Road and the President Diosdado 3 4 Macapagal National Highway is hereby established under the supervision of the 5 Department of Public Works and Highways. 6 SECTION 2. - The amount necessary for the construction of the national highway 7 shall be charged to the current appropriation of the Department of Public Works and 8 Highways. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the repair and maintenance of the 9 national highway shall be included in the General Appropriations Act. 10 11 SECTION 3. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the 12 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation. 13

14 Approved.