



# Committee Daily Bulletin

## PRE-PLenary CONFERENCE ON THE FY 2020 BUDGET

COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
Appropriations	Pre-plenary conference on the proposed FY 2020 budget, plans and programs, and major accomplishments of Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA)	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Isidro Ungab (3<sup>rd</sup> District, Davao City), held a pre-plenary conference with the MMDA to thresh out issues and concerns raised by House Members prior to the deliberations of their FY 2020 budget in the plenary.</p> <p>Committee Vice Chair, Rep. Alfredo Vargas III (5<sup>th</sup> District, Quezon City), presided over this pre-plenary conference.</p> <p>MMDA Assistant General Manager for Finance and Administration Romando Artes said that under the FY 2020 National Expenditure Program (NEP), the MMDA is set to receive a budget of P4.11 billion, which is 22% higher than its current year's budget of P3.37 billion. By expense class, MMDA's 2020 proposed budget will be distributed as follows: personnel services (PS), P57.96 million; maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE), P2.62 billion; and capital outlay (CO), P1.43 billion.</p> <p>In terms of allocation by program, Artes said MMDA's proposed budget will be utilized for the following: Solid Waste and Disposal Management, P1.99 billion; Flood Control and Sewerage Management, P1.40 billion; Metro Manila Flood Management Project – Component 2, P355.34 million; MMDA Roadside Maintenance Program, P180.57 million; Traffic and Transport Management, P103.17 million; and Pasig River Ferry Service, P73.99 million.</p> <p>Rep. Edgar Erice (2<sup>nd</sup> District, Caloocan City) proposed a 6 to 9 a.m. ban on private vehicles in EDSA as an immediate and temporary measure to decongest and improve the flow of traffic in the said highway. MMDA Chair Danilo Lim said that he would look into the suggestion of the Congressman.</p> <p>Asked for a status report on the agency's sidewalk clearing operations, MMDA General Manager Jose Arturo Garcia Jr. said that the program is on track and will be able to meet its 60-day target.</p> <p>Meanwhile, Rep. Manuel Luis Lopez (1<sup>st</sup> District, Manila) reminded the MMDA to be "diligent, humane, and mindful of the law" in the conduct of its clearing operations.</p> <p>Rep. Vargas requested the MMDA to submit to the Committee a list of its programs to be arranged by level of priority.</p>