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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES H.B. NO. 3528

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE EMMARIE "LOLYPOP" OUANO-DIZON

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRI-LEVEL INTERCHANGE ALONG M.C. BRIONES STREET CORNER U.N. AVENUE, MANDAUE CITY, PROVINCE OF CEBU AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the construction of a Tri-Level Interchange along M.C. Briones Street corner U.N. Avenue, Mandaue City, Province of Cebu.

According to initial results of a study conducted by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the unresolved traffic congestion in Metro Cebu has resulted in at least a billion pesos in economic losses a day. Cebu continues to suffer from the worsening traffic problem, and road congestion has been identified as one of the major problems in the bustling metropolis. According to a study, at least a hundred and thirty-two million pesos worth of man-hours was wasted daily due to traffic congestion.

This problem is apparent in the area along M.C. Briones Street and United Nations Avenue (U.N. Avenue) in Mandaue City. U.N. Avenue is a major thoroughfare which connects to the Marcelo Fernan Bridge, the second bridge linking the Mactan-Cebu International Airport (MCIA) and the City of Lapu-Lapu and the Municipality of Cordova. This part of Mandaue City has some of the worst traffic in Metro Cebu and is a traffic chokepoint as this is a major connecting point

not only to the Mactan Island but also to the North and South of Cebu. The usual commute that normally takes ten to fifteen minutes within the city now stretches up to an hour or more. The existing road infrastructure simply cannot cope with the growing number of vehicles.

Furthermore, with the expansion of the MCIA and the influx of tourists, coupled with the traffic volume towards this area, these factors all lead to the imperative need for this tri-level interchange to alleviate the monstrous traffic congestion that has affected all sectors of society.

In light of this, the construction of this project is needed to help decongest traffic along M.C. Briones Street corner U.N. Avenue in Mandaue City.

In view thereof, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

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

Section 1. There shall be constructed under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), a Tri-Level Interchange along M.C. Briones Street corner U.N. Avenue, Mandaue City, Province of Cebu.

Section 2. The amount necessary to defray the cost of construction of this project and other activities related thereto shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA). Thereafter, the DPWH Secretary shall include in the Department's program the completion of construction of said project, the funding of which shall be included in the GAA of the year following the approval of this Act.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,