



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24

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CREATION OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) FOR THE FORMULATION OF THE LOS BAÑOS FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD NETWORK PLAN (FMRNP)

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8435, otherwise known as the *Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act of 1997*, declares that it is the policy of the State to enable those who belong to agriculture and fisheries sectors to participate and share in the fruits of development and growth in a manner that utilizes the nation's resources in the most efficient and sustainable way infrastructure; possible by establishing more access to assets, income, basic and support services, and infrastructures;

WHEREAS, Section 4 of RA 8435 defines "*farm-to-market roads*" (FMRs) as roads linking the agriculture and fisheries production sites, coastal landing points, and post-harvest facilities to the market and arterial roads and highways. Specifically, these FMRs such as provincial, city, municipal, and barangay roads including farm roads;

WHEREAS, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., on his first State of the Nation Address (SONA) last 25 July 2022, directed the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to formulate a national network of FMRs which shall link the production areas to markets and to ensure food security, as well as travelers and to tourist destination even in remote areas;

WHEREAS, following the directive of the President, DA, DPWH, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and the Department of Tourism DoT), issued a Joint Administrative Order (JAO) on the formulation, implementation, and updating of National Network of FMRS. The JAO covers the formulation and updating of both national and local FMR network investment plans;

WHEREAS, Section 52 of RA 8435 mandates DA to coordinate with Local Government Units, the resident-farmers, and fisherfolks to identify priority locations of FMRS, that take into account the number of farmers and fisher folks and their families who shall benefit therefrom and the amount, kind and importance of agricultural and fisheries products produced in the area;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government of Los Baños shall (MGLB) ensure accessible transportation of agricultural products from local farmers to the consumers, through the formulation of the LOS BAÑOS FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD NETWORK PLAN (FMRNP);

WHEREAS, MGLB envisions that the Los Baños FMRNP shall significantly improve local farmers and fisherfolks' market access, stimulate local economies in the beneficiary barangays, achieve food security, and promote sustainable agricultural development in Los Baños;

WHEREAS, there is a need to reorganize the Los Baños FMRNP TWG due to change in administration as a result of the May 12, 2025 National and Local Elections;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ANDREW N. NOCON, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Los Baños, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order the reorganization of the Los Baños FMRNP TWG as follows:

Section 1. COMPOSITION OF LOS BAÑOS FMRNP-TWG. The Los Baños FMRNP TWG shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson:	Ms. Twila T. Torres	MPDC
Primary Members:	Mr. Anatoly M. Guinto	EAV/Chief of Staff/ OIC-Municipal General Services Office
	Ms. Cheryll L. Gonzales	Municipal Agriculturist
	Engr. Ricky R. Estopace	Municipal Engineer
	Ms. Joyce Ann Mae L. Del Valle	Acting Municipal Budget Officer
	Ms. Edmarie Z. Calungsod	Municipal Tourism Office Head
Secondary Members:	Hon. Aldous Amiel B. Perez	Municipal Councilor/ Committee Chair on Agriculture
	Hon. Gaudencio P. Macatangay	President, Liga ng mga Barangay
	Engr. Oliver D. Manaig	Municipal Assessor
	Mr. Joseph Mario M. Navasero	OIC-MENRO
Secretariat:	Municipal Planning and Development Office Office of the Municipal Agriculturist	

Section 2. FUNCTIONS OF THE LOS BAÑOS FMRNP-TWG. The Los Baños FMRNP TWG shall have the following roles and functions:

- 3.1. Regular Meetings.** The Los Baños FMRNP-TWG shall conduct regular meetings to ensure consistent progress on the plan.
- 3.2. Collaborate Engagement with Stakeholders.** The TWG shall conduct public consultations with local farmers/fisherfolks community leaders and agricultural cooperatives to ensure that FMRNP aligns with the community's actual needs;
- 3.3. Workshops and Technical Sessions.** The TWG shall conduct comprehensive assessments to ensure the effectiveness and sustainability of the FMRNP;
- 3.4. Identification of Priority Areas for Road Projects.** The TWG shall gather and analyze data on agricultural production and fishery zones, existing transportation infrastructure, and economic activity to pinpoint locations with the highest need for improved connectivity;
- 3.5. Addressing the Needs of the Agricultural and Fishery Communities for Better Market Access.** The TWG shall identify barriers to market access, to ensure that communities benefit from infrastructure; marginalized and remote improved of Road The TWG shall determine
- 3.6. Evaluation Feasibility.** the technical, environmental, and financial feasibility of the proposed FMRs;
- 3.7. Formulate FMRNP and Investment Plan.** The TWG shall formulate FMRP and IP, to prioritize routes for agricultural and economic growth with detailed designs, budgets, and impact assessments;
- 3.8. Approval Process.** The TWG shall submit FMRNP to Municipal Mayor and Sanggunian Bayan;

- 3.9. **Provincial Consolidation.** The approved FMRNP must be submitted to the Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator (PPDC) to integrate into provincial road network plans and enhance connectivity and agricultural market access among cities and municipalities in the province;

Section 3. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LOS BAÑOS FMRNP-TWG. Each TWG member shall have the following roles and functions:

- 4.1. The **Municipal Planning and Development Office** shall spearhead the development and implementation of the FMRNP.

The Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator shall:

- 4.1.1. Lead the creation of the FMRNP, ensuring it aligns with municipal and national development guidelines to boost agricultural productivity and market access;
- 4.1.2. Collaborate with stakeholders, including local offices and the Department of Agriculture, to maintain alignment and foster teamwork;
- 4.1.3. Identify and prioritize projects based on economic impact, connectivity needs, and alignment with sustainable practices;
- 4.1.4. Ensure alignment with the Department of Agriculture Farm-to-Market Roads Development Plan (DA-FMRDP), R.A. No. 8435, and local plans;
- 4.1.5. Assist in geotagging and road map digitization; and
- 4.1.6. Integrate environmentally and climate-resilient road designs to support long-term agricultural development.

- 4.2. The **Office of the Municipal Agriculturist** shall:

- 4.2.1. Assess agricultural and fishery production areas, which shall be used in identifying priority zones for road infrastructure improvement;
- 4.2.2. Conduct field validation and geotagging in accordance with DA- FMRDP guidelines;
- 4.2.3. Consolidate all data submitted by other TWG members;
- 4.2.4. Manage the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Management Information System (ABEMIS) and GeoAgri System;
- 4.2.5. Ensure road projects meet DA-FMRDP guidelines, emphasizing climate resilience and sustainability, and conduct socioeconomic impact assessments to enhance agricultural
- 4.2.6. Transportation; Conduct orientation seminars and trainings for TWG members and stakeholders on sustainable agriculture and proper road development, while ensuring that farmers and community leaders are involved in planning and feedback processes; and
- 4.2.7. Prioritize sustainable and organic farming practices and focus on rural infrastructure that enhances public services and economic opportunities.

- 4.3. The **Office of the Municipal Engineer** shall:

- 4.3.1. Conduct inventory of existing local FMRs, that lead to agricultural and fishery production areas, post-harvest facilities, market, tourism/agri-tourism and other areas sites, of trade and livelihood;
- 4.3.2. Ensure that the FMRNP is designed, constructed, and maintained according to engineering standards and aligns with agricultural modernization and rural development;
- 4.3.3. Conduct field validation, and feasibility studies to assess road viability based on technical, economic, and environmental factors;
- 4.3.4. Prepare road layouts and specifications, cost estimates, work duration, and other supporting documents for each FMR based on the list submitted by the TWG members, and based on the approved national standards, including but not limited to Philippine Agricultural Engineering Standards, and those required by Department of Public Works and Highways (DWPB);

- 4.3.5. Perform regular road maintenance, such as resurfacing and clearing debris, maintain functionality; and to
 - 4.3.6. Plan long-term upgrades and address structural issues caused by weather or heavy traffic.
- 4.4. **The Office of the Municipal Budget Officer shall:**
- 4.4.1. Ensure proper funding and financial management for the FMRNP to support agricultural growth, rural development, and tourism;
 - 4.4.2. Provide or approve annual appropriation for FMR that will be used in the construction, repair, and rehabilitation of roads;
 - 4.4.3. Frame the local FMR network investment plan; and
 - 4.4.4. Assesses project proposals to ensure feasibility, compliance, and efficient use of funds.
- 4.5. **The Municipal Tourism Office shall:**
- 4.5.1. Submit to the TWG an updated list of tourism development areas under the Tourism Road Infrastructure Program (TRIP);
 - 4.5.2. Promote agri-tourism under the Farm Tourism Development Act of 2016 (R.A. No. 10816) by improving access to rural tourism sites, such as agricultural and fishery zones, heritage landmarks, and eco-tourism destinations;
 - 4.5.3. Incorporate tourism-friendly features into road projects, aligning with the TRIP to enhance access to key tourist areas, by identifying and submitting FMR proposals that link to tourism/agri-tourism areas and destinations;
 - 4.5.4. Ensure that farm-to-market roads connect to DOT-accredited establishments, supporting accessibility to resorts, hotels, and cultural sites;
 - 4.5.5. Supports road signage, tourist amenities, and rural tourism infrastructure to enhance visitor experiences; and
 - 4.5.6. Promote tourism destinations through marketing campaigns showcasing agri-tourism attractions (farm/fishery tours, festivals, and local crafts) and activities that integrate agriculture and tourism.
- 4.6. **The President of the Liga ng mga Barangay shall:**
- 4.6.1. Advocate for barangay needs in planning the FMRNP, ensuring alignment with agricultural and market access priorities;
 - 4.6.2. Identify potential FMRs in barangays;
 - 4.6.3. Acts as a liaison between barangays and the Municipal Government, for infrastructure and support program requirements for potential FMRs;
 - 4.6.4. Initiate participation of the barangays through public consultations to gather input from farms, residents, and other local stakeholders;
 - 4.6.5. Facilitate negotiations on land acquisition and right-of-way issues for FMRNP; and
 - 4.6.6. Participate in TWGs to ensure barangay needs are integrated into the planning of the FMRNP.
- 4.7. **The Office of the Municipal Assessor shall:**
- 4.7.1. Identify and map land parcels affected by the FMRNP;
 - 4.7.2. Assess property values to determine compensation to landowners and the financial impacts on the local budget of the Municipal Government for land acquisition and road construction for the FRMNP;
 - 4.7.3. Track land use and property value changes post-road implementation and provide data for prioritizing maintenance and upgrades of FMRs; and
 - 4.7.4. Provide insights and solutions on matters regarding the acquisition of proposed FMRs.

4.8. The **Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO)** shall:

- 4.8.1. Conduct Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) to evaluate and mitigate environmental effects, such as deforestation and soil erosion, and ensure projects secure Environmental Compliance Certificates (ECCs), and/or Certificates of Non-Coverage (CNC), and other permits;
- 4.8.2. Develop mitigation plans and solutions for unavoidable impacts, such as cutting trees, and monitor construction activities to ensure adherence to environmental management plans;
- 4.8.3. Integrate sustainability and conservation efforts into FMR projects; and
- 4.8.4. Tracks changes in land cover, deforestation, and water quality, integrating data into systems like GeoAgri and ABEMIS for the FMR projects.

4.9. The **Secretariat** shall:

- 4.9.1. Provide technical and administrative support to the TWG;
- 4.9.2. Access and manage ABEMIS and GeoAgri systems for tracking, geotagging, and mapping agricultural and road infrastructure needs; and
- 4.9.3 Submit FMR proposals through GeoAgri systems.

Section 4. TIME FRAME. The TWG shall submit the FMRNP within six (6) months from the date of the issuance of this Executive Order, subject to extension if deemed necessary.

Section 5. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signing hereof and shall remain in full force until revoked, repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

DONE this 28th day of August 2025 in Los Baños, Laguna.


HON. NEIL ANDREW N. NOCON
Municipal Mayor