EXPLANATORY NOTE

The attached bill seeks the construction of a Bridge from Cebu City to the Municipality of Cordova, Province of Cebu and a Coastal Road / Expressway to the Mactan-Cebu International Airport, Lapu-Lapu City, as well as a Bridge from the Municipality of Consolacion, Province of Cebu to the Mactan-Cebu International Airport, Lapu-Lapu City.

As the full development of Cebu City and Municipalities of the Province of Cebu has become a matter of national concern, necessary complementary infrastructure facilities must be in place and in top shape. And any infrastructure strategy must consider the expanded and accelerated economic growth of the area.

The expansion of the Mactan-Cebu International Airport and the increase in domestic and international flights to Cebu, coupled with the traffic volume flowing from an expanding growth center, point up the imperative need for additional access routes from the Mactan-Cebu International Airport to Cebu City’s downtown area and the Southern and Northern Cities and Municipalities of the Province of Cebu. For accessibility is one factor that allows Cebu to keep pace with the demands of local and foreign trade and commerce and tourism.

Very soon the traffic movements across the existing Mandaue City - Lapu Lapu City bridges and roads shall exceed its accommodation capacity but the expansion of these bridges is simply not feasible.
In this light, the construction of a Bridge, connecting Cebu City to the Municipality of Cordova, Province of Cebu and a Coastal Road / Expressway to the Mactan-Cebu International Airport, Lapu Lapu City, as well as a Bridge from the Municipality of Consolacion, Province of Cebu to the Mactan-Cebu International Airport, Lapu-Lapu City are needed because of the existing traffic situation given Cebu’s already economic growth.

This same measure was already approved on third and final reading by the House of Representatives in the last 17th Congress but was not approved by the Senate for lack of time before adjournment of Congress.

In view hereof, approval of the bill is earnestly recommended.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 20

Introduced by: REP. RAUL V. DEL MAR

AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE FROM CEBU CITY TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF CORDOVA, PROVINCE OF CEBU AND A COASTAL ROAD / EXPRESSWAY TO THE MACTAN-CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, LAPU-LAPU CITY, AS WELL AS A BRIDGE FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF CONSOLACION, PROVINCE OF CEBU TO THE MACTAN-CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, LAPU-LAPU CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be constructed under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) a Bridge from Cebu City to the Municipality of Cordova, Province of Cebu and a coastal road / expressway to the Mactan-Cebu International Airport, Lapu-Lapu City, as well as a Bridge from the Municipality of Consolacion, Province of Cebu to the Mactan-Cebu International Airport, Lapu-Lapu City.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary to defray the cost of construction of these projects and other activities related thereto shall be included in the current General Appropriations Act (GAA). Thereafter, the Secretary of the DPWH shall include in the Department’s program the completion of construction of said projects, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of the year following the approval of this Act.
SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,