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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 704

Introduced by ANG PROBINSYANO
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RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION TO DETERMINE IF
THERE WAS MALFEASANCE, MISFEASANCE, OR NONFEASANCE ON
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METRO MANILA SKYWAY (MMS)
STAGE 3

WHEREAS, the Metro Manila Skyway (MMS) Stage 3 project is a 14.82
kilometer 6-lane elevated toll road and the last of the three (3) stages of the
MMS System that will connect the South Luzon Expressway (SLEX) at
Alabang and the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) at Balintawak, Quezon City.

WHEREAS, the project is intended to improve the accessibility, mobility
and connectivity in and out of Metro Manila with eight (8) strategically located
interchanges at Buendia Avenue, Pres. Quirino Avenue, Plaza Dilao and
Nagtahan, Aurora Boulevard, E. Rodriguez Avenue, Quezon Avenue, Sgt.
Rivera and Balintawak and a total of fourteen (14) toll plazas.

WHEREAS, the project is a component of the Supplemental Toll
Operation Agreement (STOA) by and between the Republic of the Philippines,
through Toll Regulatory Board (TRB), CITRA and the Philippine National
Construction Corporation (PNCC). The TRB is the project implementing
agency with the Skyway Operation and Maintenance Corp. (SOMCO) as the
operator.

WHEREAS, the construction of the project started in April 2014 with
the original plan of constructing the 14 kilometer toll road divided into four
(4) segments. However, difficulties in obtaining right-of-way forced several
changes in the alignment of Segment 2. The original alignment consisted of
the Zamora flyover crossing the Pasig River meeting up with the other NLEX-
SLEX connector tollway near the PUP campus, and passing through Old Sta.
Mesa Road and V. Mapa Street. The alignment was later moved to the right
from the Zamora flyover through the San Miguel Plastics Packaging plant, and
followed the San Juan River up to Araneta and Aurora Avenues.

WHEREAS, the fire at the San Miguel Plastic Packaging plant in
Pandacan, Manila on February 1, 2020 caused over 300 meters of the MMS
Stage 3 to collapse due to the heavy fire damage caused to the foundation of
the elevated expressway.

WHEREAS, the contractor stated that the plastic plant that was gutted
by the fire was set to be relocated out of Pandacan, Manila as it clears its
properties there to make way for the Skyway ramp and a planned integrated
transport and food terminal in the area.

WHEREAS, this lack of foresight on the part of the contractor and
failure to secure the location where the skyway expressway will be situated
will cause delay on the completion of the project, additional project costs, and
will affect the integrity of such portion of the expressway.

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the State to protect the road users
and commuters and to ensure the safety of public roads and highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that
the House of Representatives, through the Committee on Good Government
and Public Accountability, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the
implementation of the MMS Stage 3, determine the cause of the delay in the
project implementation and hold accountable all natural and juridical
persons responsible thereon including government officials and employees
involved in the project.

Adopted.

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