



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
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Donald C. Barcinas
Chairman
Transportation Committee

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-2
DATE: FEBRUARY 09, 2017
RE: H.J.R. NO. 20-002

The Honorable Rafael S. Demapan
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Twentieth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Transportation to which House Joint Resolution No. 20-002 was referred, entitled:

“Respectfully requesting the Secretary of the Department of Public Works to include Kannat Tabla road under the Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) and for other purposes”

begs leave to report as follows:

I. RECOMMENDATION:

After reasonable discussion and deliberation on the resolution, the Committee recommends that the House adopt House Joint Resolution No. 20-002 in its current form.

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Committee on Transportation
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II. ANALYSIS:

A. Purpose:

The purpose of House Joint Resolution No. 20-002 is to respectfully request the Secretary of the Department of Public Works to include Kannat Tabla road under the CNMI Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP).

B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee finds that Department of Public Works (DPW) submits a Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The TTIP thoroughly illustrates how federal funds will be expended on eligible projects in order to provide a safe, efficient, and reliable transportation system within our beloved Commonwealth. Unfortunately, your Committee finds that Kannat Tabla Road is at present not included within the TTIP.

Your Committee finds that the number of residents within the village of Kannat Tabla has increased throughout the years. Due to the increase in residents, the usage of Kannat Tabla Road has increased accordingly. However, due to the inclement weather that Saipan has experienced, Kannat Tabla Road continuously faces severe erosion and drainage damages. Despite temporary measures taken by the DPW, Kannat Tabla Road continues to undergo the same damages which continue to add financial strains to the CNMI Government. In addition, the Saipan Mayors Office continues to invest in man power hours, equipment and rentals to fix the Kannat Tabla road, because it is a road that has become a main motorway for the growing residents of the village of Kannat Tabla.

The Committee finds that House Joint Resolution No. 20-002 is respectfully requesting the Secretary of DPW to include Kannat Tabla Road into the TTIP in order to implement a more durable solution and increase the lifespan of Kannat Tabla Road so that it develops into a safe, efficient, and main reliable transportation system within the CNMI most specifically for the growing population of Kannat Tabla.

Therefore, your Committee agrees with the intent and purpose of House Joint Resolution No. 20-002 and recommends its adoption in its current form.

C. Legislative History:

House Joint Resolution No. 20-002 was formally introduced to the full body of the House on January 31, 2017 by Rep. Francisco C. Aguon and was subsequently referred to your House Standing Committee on Transportation for disposition.

A similar legislation, House Resolution No. 19-34, was introduced in the 19th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature by Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero. It was adopted by the full body of the House on December 12, 2015.

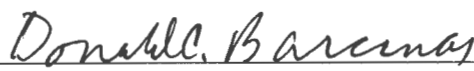
D. Cost Benefit:

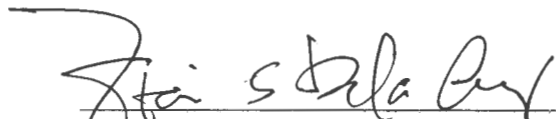
The enactment of House Joint Resolution No. 20-002 will not result in additional costs to the CNMI Government. It will in turn help the CNMI alleviate the financial burden of continuously repairing Kannat Tabla road.

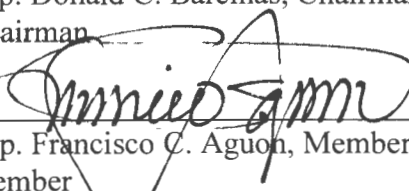
III. CONCLUSION:

The Committee is in full accord with the provisions of House Joint Resolution No. 20-002 and recommends the adoption of this legislation in its current form.


Respectfully submitted,

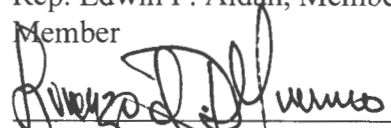

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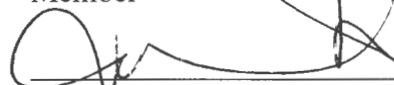

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A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Respectfully requesting the Secretary of the Department of Public Works to include Kannat Tabla road under the Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) and for other purposes

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Legislature finds that the population in the Kannat Tabla
- 2 area has grown tremendously over the past several years; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, the Legislature finds that the road in Kannat Tabla is a coral
- 4 road; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, the Legislature finds that every rainy season the people of
- 6 the Kannat Tabla area suffer because of flooding and bad road conditions; and
- 7 **WHEREAS**, the Legislature further finds that the run-off water not only
- 8 damages the Kannat Tabla area but the neighboring areas of Dan Dan and Chalan
- 9 Kiya due flooding and road damages; and
- 10 **WHEREAS**, the Legislature finds that it is necessary to include Kannat
- 11 Tabla road under the Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) due to
- 12 the rapid growth in population;
- 13 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the House of
- 14 Representatives of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
- 15 that the House hereby requests the Secretary of the Department of Public Works

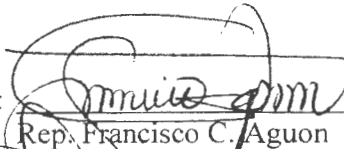

1 to include Kannat Tabla road under the Territorial Transportation Improvement
2 Plan (TTIP); and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Saipan Mayors Office
4 continues to invest in man power hours, equipment and rentals to fix the Kannat
5 Tabla road; and

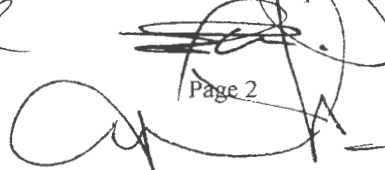
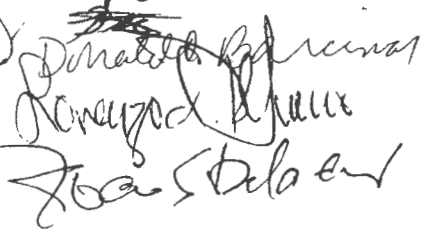
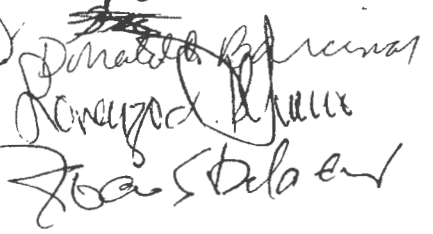
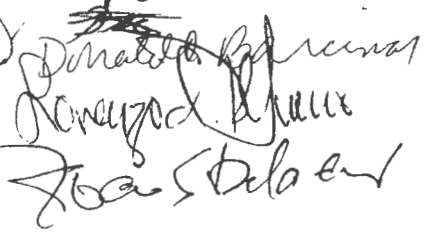
6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that by included the Kannat Tabla road
7 under the Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP), not only will it
8 allow the Saipan Mayors Office to use the much needed funding in other areas of
9 its responsibilities it will also provide safety for the travelers and passersby's of
10 Kannat Tabla; and

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of the House of
12 Representative shall certify and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this
13 resolution and thereafter transmit certified copies to the Honorable Ralph DLG.
14 Torres, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Mr.
15 James A. Ada, Secretary of the Department of Public Works, Mr. Anthony
16 Camacho, Director of the Technical Division of the Department of Public Works,
17 Ms. Lorraine Seman, Highway Coordinator Administrator, the Honorable David
18 M. Apatang, Mayor of Saipan, and to the office of Federal Highway Administrator
19 in Honolulu Hawaii.


Prefiled: 1/30/17
Date: 1/30/17

Introduced By: 
Rep. Francisco C. Aguon 





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