

Republic of the Philippines DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT ORDER)

NO. _______)

Series of 2017 (01.17-17)

SUBJECT:

Conduct of Feasibility Studies and Project Proposals of Potential High Impact Projects by the Unified Project Management Office (UPMO), in coordination with the Planning Service (PS)

In line with the Department's decentralization efforts to streamline procedures for a more effective and expeditious implementation of urgent high impact national roads, bridges and various flood control projects, the Office of the Undersecretary for Unified Project Management Office (UPMO) Operations thru the UPMO Clusters may undertake Feasibility Studies and Project Proposals, in coordination with the Planning Service (PS) for possible financing.

The identification of these high impact projects, such as but not limited to the construction of disaster-resilient roads, bridges and flood control infrastructures, could provide groundwork that will greatly promote inter-provincial and inter-regional linkages that will connect various communities towards the center of development, and will ensure livable, sustainable and resilient communities, as emphasized in the Administration's agenda of maintaining accelerated inclusive economic growth.

The UPMO shall submit to PS the feasible projects for coordination, evaluation and subsequent inclusion in the medium-term infrastructure program for fund appropriations. The Secretary shall submit the proposed projects to the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) for the Investment Coordination Committee review and approval, and to the Department of Finance (DOF) for the Revised Financing Framework Technical Working Group evaluation for appropriate financing. The PS shall coordinate with the said agencies regarding those projects. The detailed engineering design, in coordination with the Bureau of Design (BOD), shall be undertaken in preparation for actual implementation under the annual infrastructure programs.

The funds to be utilized for the conduct of the above activities shall be charged against the allocation for feasibility studies, master plans, project proposals and/or ongoing consultancy projects as provided in the GAA. Further, a Team, comprising of personnel of various disciplines from each UPMO Cluster and from PS, shall be formed to oversee the conduct of these activities. Other Offices and Bureaus which may have specific concern on the project preparation may be included in the working group, as the need arises, on per project basis.

This Order shall take effect immediately and supersedes Department Order No. 202, series of 2016.

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