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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
Manila



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DEPARTMENT ORDER )  
NO. 71 )  
Series of 2025 )

**SUBJECT: Adoption of the Standard Right-of-Way (ROW) Certification Template for Local Projects**

4/24/2025

In line with existing policies of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and to ensure uniformity and accountability in the implementation of local infrastructure funded projects, the attached Right-of-Way (ROW) Certification Template is hereby adopted for use in all local infrastructure projects funded under the:

- Convergence Programs (e.g., TRIP, ROLL-IT, KATUPARAN, and Farm-to-Market Roads);
- SIPAG (Sustainable Infrastructure Projects Alleviating Gaps) Program; and
- BIP (Basic Infrastructure Program).


The Certification shall be:

1. Signed by the Municipal/City Mayor or Provincial Governor, duly authorized through a Sangguniang Resolution; and
2. Verified and endorsed by the concerned DPWH Head of Implementing Office, either the District Engineer, Regional Director, or UPMO Head.

For BIP, the Certification may be submitted any time prior to the award of contract, and no implementation shall proceed without it.

All DPWH Regional and District Engineering Offices, as well as UPMOs, are hereby directed to ensure compliance with this Department Order.

This Order shall supersede previous inconsistent issuances and shall take effect immediately.

  
**MANUEL M. BONOAN**  
Secretary

Department of Public Works and Highways  
Office of the Secretary



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### CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the Right-of-Way (ROW) for the proposed **[Name of Project]**, located in **[Location]**, is situated on an existing **government-owned property**, or is **fully acquired** through Republic Act No. 7160, Republic Act No. 10752, or other applicable laws by the **[Name of Local Government Unit, whether Municipal, City, or Provincial]**.

As such, the ROW is **clear of all known man-made and natural obstructions, encroachments, or informal settlers**, and **free from any legal claims or encumbrances**.

In recognition of the prevailing policies of the **Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)** covering local projects—such as the **Convergence Programs** (e.g., TRIP, ROLL-IT, KATUPARAN, and Farm-to-Market Roads), the **SIPAG** (Sustainable Infrastructure Projects Alleviating Gaps), and the **BIP** (Basic Infrastructure Program)—this LGU, as the beneficiary of the project, affirms that the required ROW for the above-mentioned project has been **secured in accordance with applicable laws and regulations**. Accordingly, the **DPWH shall bear no cost or responsibility** for the acquisition of the right-of-way necessary to implement this project.

For projects under the **BIP**, this Certification may be submitted at any time prior to the award of contract, and **no implementation shall proceed without the submission of this Certification**, duly verified and endorsed by the concerned DPWH Implementing Office.

In the event of any **future or potential ROW-related dispute or claim**, including those that may require legal action or court proceedings, the **[Name of LGU]** shall **assume full responsibility** for its resolution and shall hold the DPWH free and harmless from any claims, suits, or legal actions arising from such disputes.

### BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

*[Provide a concise description of the project, including its purpose, target beneficiaries, connectivity to national roads or facilities, project impact, and other relevant details.]*

This Certification is issued in support of the requirements of DPWH and pursuant to **Sangguniang Resolution No. [Resolution Number], Series of [Year]**, passed by the **Sangguniang [Bayan/Panlungsod/Panlalawigan]** of **[Name of LGU]** on **[Date of Approval]**, authorizing the undersigned to sign for and in behalf of the **[Name of LGU]**.

### CERTIFIED BY:

**(INSERT NAME)**

**Municipal/City/Provincial Mayor or Governor**  
**[Name of LGU]**

### VERIFIED & ENDORSED BY:

**(INSERT NAME)**

**District Engineer / Regional Director / Head of Implementing Office**  
**[Name of DPWH DEO / RO / UPMO]**

