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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Bonifacio Drive, Port Area Manila



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SPECIAL ORDER

NO. 35

**SUBJECT: Creation of a Special Committee
to Conduct an Investigation on
the Collapse of Cabagan – Sta.
Maria Bridge**

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In the exigency of the service, a Special Committee is hereby created composed of the following:

- Chairman** : **Undersecretary ANNE SHARLYNE G. LAPUZ**
For Legal Service
- Co-Chairman** : **Undersecretary ERIC A. AYAPANA**
For Operations in-charge of Convergence Projects
- Members** : **Assistant Secretary MICHAEL S. VILLAFRANCA**
For Support Services
: **Director ALEX G. BOTE**
Planning Service
: **Director GLIRICIDIA C. TUMALIUAN-ALI**
Legal Service

The Committee is hereby directed to conduct a thorough and in-depth fact-finding investigation on the circumstances surrounding the collapse of the Cabagan – Sta. Maria Bridge.

To ensure an impartial investigation with the aim of determining the material and attendant circumstances surrounding the subject incident, the Committee is hereby empowered to (a) gather, collate and consolidate all pieces of evidence, (b) compel the attendance of DPWH employees knowledgeable of any circumstance in relation to the Bridge, (c) constitute a Composite Team, Technical Working Group and Secretariat to assist the Committee; (d) authorize the TWG to conduct interviews and/or ocular inspections with corresponding reports thereon, and (e) all other powers in connection and necessary to attain the purposes of this Order.

The Committee shall likewise prepare an Investigation Plan with a corresponding timeline to be presented to the Office of the Secretary within three (3) days from the issuance of this Order.

Finally, the Committee is hereby directed to submit its findings/report and recommendations to the Office of the Secretary on or before April 25, 2025.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

MANUEL M. BONOAN
Secretary

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