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**SUBJECT: Designation of DPWH Representatives
and Formation of the DPWH ASEAN
2026 Committee for the Preparations
for the 2026 ASEAN Summit**

In view of Administrative Order No. 17 dated 22 March 2024, mandating the Philippines' hosting of the ASEAN 2026 Summit and the establishment of the National Organizing Committee (NOC) to oversee preparations, the following designations and committee formations are hereby ordered:

Section 1. Designation of Principal and Alternate Representatives to the NOC Executive Committee

1. The Undersecretary for Planning and Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Services is hereby designated as the Principal Representative of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to the National Organizing Committee (NOC) Executive Committee for ASEAN 2026 preparations.
2. In case the Principal Representative is unavailable to attend NOC activities or meetings, the Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Chief of Staff of the Office of the Secretary shall serve as the Alternate Representative.
3. Functions and Responsibilities of the Undersecretary for Planning and PPP Services as Principal Representative:
 - a. Act as the primary liaison between DPWH and the NOC Executive Committee, ensuring active participation in ASEAN 2026 infrastructure planning.
 - b. Coordinate with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and other relevant agencies to source funds necessary for all infrastructure and related activities for the ASEAN Summit.
 - c. Oversee high-level coordination with the Infrastructure Committee and collaborating agencies (e.g., DOT, DICT, DBM, DOE, DILG, MMDA) to ensure seamless execution of infrastructure projects aligned with ASEAN 2026 requirements.
 - d. Submit regular reports to the DPWH ASEAN 2026 Committee Chairperson, who shall communicate these updates to the DPWH Secretary.

Section 2. Formation of the DPWH ASEAN 2026 Committee

To support comprehensive preparations for the ASEAN 2026 Summit, a DPWH ASEAN 2026 Committee is hereby established, chaired by the Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Chief of Staff of the Office of the Secretary. The committee shall include the following members with designated functions:

1. Chairperson: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Chief of Staff of the Office of the Secretary

Functions:

- Convene and chair committee meetings, ensuring effective coordination among Operations, Support, and Technical Services to facilitate ASEAN 2026 project implementation.
- Act as the primary liaison between the DPWH ASEAN 2026 Committee and the Secretary of Public Works and Highways, providing comprehensive updates and escalating any issues requiring the Secretary's attention.
- Serve as the Alternate Representative to the NOC Executive Committee in the absence of the Principal Representative.

2. Committee Members:

a. Undersecretaries for Regional Operations

Function: Oversee and implement all infrastructure projects assigned to DPWH in relation to the ASEAN 2026 Summit, ensuring alignment with the ASEAN infrastructure master plan and coordinating closely with the Principal Representative to meet NOC objectives.

b. Undersecretary for Support Services

Function: Facilitate the downloading of funds, manage procurement processes, and oversee human resources and other administrative logistics support required for the ASEAN 2026 preparations. Ensure that all financial and procurement activities are aligned with DPWH protocols and ASEAN summit requirements.

c. Undersecretary for Technical Services

Function: Oversee technical standards, project design, quality control, and compliance for all ASEAN-related infrastructure projects, ensuring adherence to national and international standards.

d. Undersecretary for Planning and PPP Services

Function: As the Principal Representative to the NOC, manage liaison activities with the NOC, coordinate funding requests with DBM for all DPWH infrastructure and related ASEAN activities, and report directly to the DPWH ASEAN 2026 Committee Chair. The Undersecretary for Planning and PPP Services shall provide updates on progress, challenges, and requirements, ensuring that the Committee Chair has full visibility to liaise effectively with the Secretary.

Section 3. Assignment of Regional Operations Engineers to the NOC

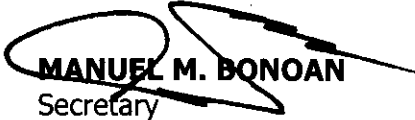
1. Each Undersecretary for Regional Operations is directed to assign at least two Engineers (minimum rank: Engineer II, permanent) from the Regional Operations team to support the NOC on a full-time basis.
2. These engineers shall report directly to the Principal Representative (Undersecretary for Planning and PPP Services) for the duration of the ASEAN 2026 Summit preparations, providing technical support, coordination, and continuous assistance with NOC infrastructure requirements.



Section 4. Oversight by the Secretary of Public Works and Highways

The Secretary of Public Works and Highways, in his capacity as the Chair of the Infrastructure Committee, shall oversee the overall planning and implementation of infrastructure-related activities for the ASEAN 2026 Summit. All directives, progress reports, and coordination efforts shall be communicated by the DPWH ASEAN 2026 Committee Chair directly to the Secretary.

This Order takes effect immediately upon its issuance and shall remain in force until the completion of the ASEAN 2026 Summit.


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