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Subject: Minimum Design Standards for Tourism Road Projects in Special Circumstances

This has reference to the design standards for tourism road projects included in the Department of Tourism (DOT) – DPWH Convergence Program which fall under all of the following circumstances:

1. The road projects have passed the Tourism Road Infrastructure Project Prioritization Criteria (TRIPPC).
2. The projects involve the categories of National Secondary Roads and Local Roads.
3. The road projects would encounter either of the following constraints:
  - a. The road projects are located in difficult terrain and physical conditions and/or in lands inhabited by indigenous peoples – such that the civil works required would face either of the following consequences if the regular design standards were to be observed:
    - i. They would be abnormally expensive (e.g., massive earthmoving, either cut or fill, in mountainous terrain).
    - ii. They would have severe adverse impact on the environment (e.g. extensive removal of trees) and on the communities affected (e.g. dislocation of indigenous peoples).
  - b. Despite most diligent efforts by the DPWH Implementing Office (in the case of National Roads) and LGUs (in the case of Local Roads) to obtain the required right-of-way following the regular design standards, the right-of-way acquisition encounters any of the following:
    - i. The right-of-way acquisition would be very costly for the Project, from the point of view of either the LGUs or DPWH. As a general policy, the DPWH does not pay for the right-of-way acquisition of local roads.
    - ii. The right-of-way acquisition would be time-consuming such that the implementation of the Project will be significantly delayed from the point of view of the GAA timeline.
4. The DPWH Regional Director concerned shall determine and submit the certification on the applicability of the above circumstances on the Projects affected.

For these tourism road projects with the above special circumstances, the following minimum road design standards may be adopted, as an exception to the applicable provisions of Department Order No. 46, series of 2012 and Department Order No. 11, series of 2014:

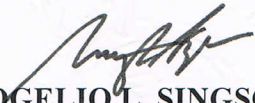
a. National Secondary Roads

Pavement width : 6.1 meters (2 lanes)  
Shoulder width : 1.0 meter  
Drainage ditch width : 1.0 meter

b. Local Roads

Pavement width : 5.0 meters (2 lanes)  
Shoulder width : 1.0 meter  
Drainage ditch width : 1.0 meter

This Order shall take effect immediately.

  
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