

Republic of the Philippines DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

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DEPARTMENT ORDER

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SUBJECT: Simplified Vetting Procedure for

Projects to be Funded under the Special Road Fund (MVUC) for FY

2021

In view of the restrictions and limited mobility impacting the expedient vetting of projects to be funded under the Special Road Fund caused by the calibrated community quarantine measures being implemented by the government to mitigate the impacts of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the country, the vetting procedure provided under Department Order No. 32, Series of 2020, is hereby simplified for purposes of the FY 2021 National Expenditure Program (NEP).

Submission of project requests duly vetted by the Regional Offices (RO) may be included in the Department's budget request for inclusion in the FY 2021 NEP; provided that the Bureaus, particularly BQS and BOM, shall simultaneously or subsequent to the submission vet the said projects to determine its actual implementability.

In all instances, the Head of the Procuring Entity (HoPE) has the authority to exercise the reservation clause under Section 41 of Republic Act No. 9184, which grants the HoPE the right not to award the contract if, for any justifiable or reasonable ground, the award of the contract will not redound to the benefit of the government.

All issuances of the Department inconsistent with the provisions of this Department Order are hereby suspended accordingly.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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