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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY MANILA

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: All Regional Directors District and City Engineers Project Managers and Engineers Others Concerned

SUBJECT : <u>Guidelines for the Realignment of Infrastructure</u> Projects Under the 1988 Infrastructure Program.

In order to expedite the implementation of the infrastructure projects under the 1988 Infrastructure Program, you are hereby directed to strictly observe the following guidelines in the realignment of funds thereof viz:

1. As provided for in Section 47, Page 562 of the General Appropriations Act for 1988, known as Republic Act No. 6642, the realignment of the funds allocated for the construction, replacement, rehabilitation and completion of infrastructure projects (i,e. roads, water supply, municipal ports, flood control, shore protection and elementary schoolbuildings) may be considered provided that:

a) any realignment shall be made in consultation with the representative/congressman of the district concerned?

b) it is within the congressional district for which the funds were originally allocated; and

c) the realignment shall be made for projects within the same category and the realignment shall not exceed the total amount originally allocated for the congressional district.

2. The project for realignment must be endorsed in writing by the concerned Provincial and Regional Development Councils. In addition, for elementary schoolbuildings realignment shall only be considered if it is accompanied by a written endorsement of the Schools Superintendent.

3. Since funds under the DPWH Infrastructure Program are intended only for national, provincial and barangay roads/bridges; municipal ports; flood control and drainage; artesian wells/springs; shore protection; and elementary school classroom purposes including home economics, industrial arts and construction of toilets within the school compound, realignment shall be made only for projects under these categories, subject to Item 1(c) above.

4. The project for realignment must be ready (with the required engineering surveys, plans and designs completed) for implementation within the budget year.

5. Every realignment must be supported with a written certification of the Accountant concerned to the effect that the fund has not yet been obligated to the original project.

6. Realignment not exceeding P200,000 shall be approved by the District and City Engineers, up to P500,000 by the Regional Director, up to P1,500,000 by the Secretary of Public Works and Highways and more than P1,500,000 by the Secretary of Budget and Management. No splitting of realignment shall be allowed to circumvent the above-mentioned level of authorities. The Planning, and the Comptrollership and Financial Management Services should be furnished copies of such approved realignment.

7. No work on the substitute project shall be undertaken without the prior approval of the realignment of the corresponding funds therefor.

8. No further 'realignment of funds shall be considered after October 31, 1988, so as to ensure that all projects being undertaken under the 1988 program would be in place at the start of the remaining two months of the year.

Compliance is enjoined.

J. NERY FERRER Secretary

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