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**DEPARTMENT ORDER ) SUBJECT : Creating the Committee for the Biliran-**  
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In the interest of the service and to develop a comprehensive, integrated approach and support mechanism in the planning, project preparation, and funding for an effective and expeditious implementation of infrastructure projects aimed at to spur economic development activities in the island provinces of Biliran, Leyte and Samar comprising Region VIII, a Committee for BiLeSam Infrastructure Development Program is hereby created.

The Committee is hereby tasked to undertake the following functions:

1. Assist the Planning Service and the DPWH Regional Office VIII in the conceptualization, identification and preparation activities of infrastructure development projects in the Region consistent with the provincial and regional development plans;
2. Coordinate with the Planning Service for the inclusion of the funding requirements in the Annual General Appropriation Act using local and/or ODA funds;
3. Perform site inspections and conduct meetings as needed;
4. Submit report every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month; and
5. Perform other tasks as directed by the Secretary.

The Committee shall be chaired by the Undersecretary for the Office of the Secretary, co-chaired by the Regional Director of DPWH VIII, and the members coming from the various offices, professions, and sectors shall be designated by the Secretary. The Committee shall be supported by a Secretariat. The Committee is authorized to create Technical Working Groups (TWGs) necessary in order to attain its purpose and objectives. The Office of the Committee will be at the Office of the Secretary.

The Committee shall hold regular bi-monthly coordination meetings with the TWG every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month (or as the need arises), to discuss/monitor the progress of the Development Program.

The Committee may call on any official or employee of the Department, as maybe deemed necessary, to carry out its tasks and responsibilities. The Committee may also tap the assistance of Professional Organizations and Academic Institutions for consultations.

The Regional Director of DPWH Region VIII is authorized, subject to accounting and auditing procedures, to properly charge to the Engineering, Administrative and Overhead (EAO) and/or to any available Funds of the Regional Office for the hiring of personnel salaries, wages, and allowable expenses incurred by personnel assigned to render services to this undertaking.

This Order takes effect immediately.



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