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In line with the Department's efforts to expeditiously implement infrastructure projects, a Legal Task Force for UPMO-ROW is hereby created.

The UPMO-ROW Legal Task Force shall be composed of the following:

- Chairperson : **Assistant Secretary MEL JOHN I VERZOSA**
Legal Services and Special Concerns
- Members : **Atty. ABDUL HALIM DIRON**, Legal Service
Atty. REINALD KURT VILLARAZA, Legal Service

The UPMO-ROW Legal Task Force shall have the following duties and functions:

1. Provide legal support to the existing UPMO-ROW Task Force under Department Order 119, series of 2017 (DO 119);
2. Recommend and execute solutions to right-of-way issues identified by the Undersecretary for UPMO Operations and Technical Services and UPMO Cluster Directors;
3. Coordinate with relevant offices and agencies;
4. Conduct meetings with the existing UPMO-ROW Task Force and Technical Working Group (TWG) every two (2) weeks; and
5. Provide updates and submit corresponding meeting minutes to the Undersecretary for Legal Services.

The UPMO-ROW Legal Task Force shall be supported by two (2) representatives from the Office of the Undersecretary for UPMO and Technical Services and the entire TWG referred to in DO 119. It may also call upon any relevant office for cooperation, support, and assistance in the performance of its functions.

The appropriate signing authorities under DO 119 and relevant rules and regulations shall remain and must be strictly observed.

Nothing herein shall be construed as a grant of authority to the UPMO-ROW Legal Task Force to sign vouchers, papers or documents which would entail disbursement of funds or payment of right of way claims.

This Order supplements and amends Department Order No. 119, series of 2017. Effective Immediately.



MARK A. VILLAR
Secretary

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