



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Sorsogon  
**CITY OF SORSOGON**



*Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod*

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE EIGHTH CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL, CABID AN, EAST DISTRICT, SORSOGON CITY ON OCTOBER 18, 2022.

**PRESENT:**

**HON. MARK ERIC C. DIONEDA**  
City Vice Mayor/ Presiding Officer

**WEST DISTRICT**

Hon. Peter Joseph J. Ravanilla  
Hon. Nestor J. Baldon  
Hon. Bryan J. Pingul  
Hon. Ma. Teresa D. Perdigon

**EAST DISTRICT**

Hon. Maria Theresa H. Gonzalez  
Hon. Lester R. Lubiano  
Hon. Mark Jayson D. Jamisola  
Hon. Angelu Magda P. Ravanilla

**BACON DISTRICT**

Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda  
Hon. Reynaldo C. Taladtad  
Hon. Glenn P. Olbes  
Hon. Danilo A. Deladia

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

Hon. Bessie C. Diaz  
Hon. Renalene Mae J. Duka

**ABSENT:**

NONE

*Resolution No. 320, Series of 2022*

(Author: Hon. Nestor J. Baldon)

**RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH) NATIONAL OFFICE TO INITIATE THE LEGAL UNDERTAKINGS FOR THE RECLASSIFICATION OF ROADS COVERING THE AREA OF SORSOGON CITY'S CENTRAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT PARTICULARLY MAGSAYSAY AND RIZAL STREET FROM BEING PART OF MAHARLIKA HIGHWAY TO CITY ROADS**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine highway network is a network of national roads owned and maintained by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and organized into three classifications according to their function or purpose under the Philippine Highway Act of 1953 (Republic Act No. 917) and the series of memorandums issued by the department between 2009 and 2014:

**NATIONAL PRIMARY** are roads which form parts of the main trunkline system and directly connect three or more major cities and metropolitan areas with a population of at least 100,000. They are further classified into the north-south backbone, east-west lateral, and other roads of strategic importance. The north-south backbone refers to the main trunk line, the Pan-

Philippine Highway (N1, also designated as Asian Highway 26), which runs from Laoag in the northernmost parts of Luzon to Zamboanga City in western Mindanao, interconnecting the country's major islands. The east–west lateral roads are roads that traverse this backbone and runs east–west across the different islands. Other roads of strategic importance provide access to other areas vital for regional development and infrastructure.

**NATIONAL SECONDARY** are roads that complement the primary roads and provide access to other major population centers. They directly link smaller cities and provincial capitals, airports, seaports, and tourist centers to the primary roads.

**NATIONAL TERTIARY** was introduced in 2014 known as national tertiary roads. They include other existing roads administered by the DPWH which perform a local function.

**WHEREAS**, the classification was clearly defined by Executive Order No. 113-1955 and were subjected to various amendments, and today the DPWH classifies roads into five (5) groups:

1. National Roads (sub-classified into national primary and national secondary)
2. Provincial roads (connecting one municipality to another and any other road to be designated as such by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan)
3. City Roads (roads/streets within the urban area of the city to be designated as such by the Sangguniang Panlungsod)
4. Municipal Roads (roads/streets within the poblacion area to be designated as such by the Sangguniang Bayan)
5. Barangay Roads (PD 702-1975)

**WHEREAS**, at present, Maharlika Highway (National Secondary Road) is connected and traversing the location of the Sorsogon City's Commercial District, particularly Rizal Street and Magsaysay Street to include portion of Barangays Pangpang, Tugos, Bitan-o, Sirangan in the West District and portion of Barangays Cabid-an, Balogo and Almendras-Cogon in the East District;

**WHEREAS**, Central Commercial District of the City of Sorsogon is designated at Rizal Street and Magsaysay Street extending up to Barangay Cabid-an in East District and Barangay Pangpang in the West District as identified under the Comprehensive Land and Water Use Plan (CLWUP 2019-2029) and City Ordinance No. 27, Series of 2021, otherwise known as the "Sorsogon City Zoning Ordinance of 2021" and are all located within the Maharlika Highway;

**WHEREAS**, the presence of the Sorsogon Diversion Road (Salavador H. Escuder, III Diversion Road) and the newly established Coastal Road which are all considered National Secondary Road would reconnect Maharlika Highway in the exclusion of the Central Commercial District in the road network of Maharlika Highway in Sorsogon;

**WHEREAS**, road classification by the DPWH is mainly based on the administrative on the responsibilities and jurisdiction of the agencies concerned in the funding, planning, construction/improvement and maintenance, rather than on the functions of road;

**WHEREAS**, for planning and developing and efficient road network, functional classification is essential to identify roads according to their importance and character of services they intended to provide so that road links are organized into systems so that local road network can be planned and formed for efficient management with consistent policies, design and operation;

**WHEREAS**, when the aforesaid areas which are still considered part of the Maharlika Highway, the physical and administrative jurisdiction of which be officially transferred to the City Government of Sorsogon, the latter could have the exclusivity to plan and maintain its aesthetic physical structure and could introduce plans and strategies as well as legislative measures for transportation and traffic management, peace, public order safety, security, disaster risk reduction, tourism promotion, zoning and other similar developmental programs, projects and undertaking;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) through its Memorandum Circular No. 2020-036 directing all Local Government Units to prohibit tricycles, pedicab and motorized pedicabs from operating on the national highways and are directed to review all existing tricycle and pedicab routes within their areas of jurisdiction and to modify it accordingly pursuant to the absolute prohibition imposed under the memorandum circular;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of **Hon. Nestor J. Baldon**, duly seconded by **Hon. Peter Joseph J. Ravanilla**, resolved as it is hereby resolve to request the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) National Office, to initiate the legal undertakings for the reclassification of roads covering the area of Sorsogon City's Central Commercial District particularly Magsaysay and Rizal Street from being part of Maharlika Highway to city roads.

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that copies of this resolution be furnished to all concerned for their information and guidance.

**DATE APPROVED:**        **October 18, 2022**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

  
**ROYAN E. DOMASIAN**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Attested:  
  
**MARK ERIC C. DIONEDA**  
City Vice Mayor/ Presiding Officer