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RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH) SECRETARY VICENTE "VINCE" DIZON FOR HALTING UNNECESSARY ROAD REBLOCKING, ALSO DIRECTING REFORMS FOR TRANSPARENT, NEEDS-BASED ROAD WORKS AND URGING CLOSE COORDINATION WITH THE CITY OF MANILA

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WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XI of the 1987 Constitution declares that public office is a public trust and that public officers must at all times be accountable to the people and serve with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency, and further mandates in Section 27, Article II of the said Constitution that the State shall maintain honesty and integrity in public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption;

WHEREAS, the State's policy against corruption is concretized in Republic Act No. 3019 (Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act) and in Republic Act No. 6713 (Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees), which requires transparency, accountability, and the primacy of public interest in government decisions and projects;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9184 (Government Procurement Reform Act) establishes principles of transparency, competitiveness, accountability, and public monitoring in government procurement, and reforms by line agencies to prevent waste or abuse in public works align with these principles;

WHEREAS, as publicly reported in various news sources, Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Secretary Vicente "Vince" Dizon has ordered the indefinite suspension of all road reblocking activities nationwide, except in cases where there is clear and visible structural damage requiring immediate repair, and further directed the formulation of stricter technical and regulatory guidelines to govern future road repair and maintenance works, in order to ensure that only truly necessary projects are implemented in the public interest;

WHEREAS, Secretary Dizon likewise warned that district engineers and officials who disregard his directive shall face appropriate administrative sanctions, and immediately issued showcause orders to those involved in questionable reblocking activities, underscoring the Department's renewed commitment to integrity and accountability in the use of public funds;

WHEREAS, in line with the national policy of good governance, the Secretary also announced a series of transparency and equity reforms aimed at promoting a more just, evidence-based, and needs-driven allocation of infrastructure resources, thereby restoring public trust and ensuring that government projects genuinely serve the people;

WHEREAS, for decades, the commuting public and local communities have expressed frustration over repeated reblocking of roads that appear to be in good condition, resulting in traffic, economic disruption, and the perception of waste, especially when works occur near election seasons;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160), the Sangguniang Panlungsod is expressly empowered to enact ordinances and adopt resolutions necessary and proper for the promotion of the general welfare of the city;

WHEREAS, the General Welfare Clause under Section 16 of the same Code mandates every local government unit to exercise its powers in a manner that ensures the preservation of life, liberty, property, and the promotion of the general welfare, which includes maintaining safe, passable, and efficient road networks and ensuring the prudent, transparent, and accountable use of public funds;

WHEREAS, Sections 26 and 27 of the Code requires national agencies and government-owned or controlled corporations to conduct prior consultation and coordination with local government units before undertaking any project or program that may affect local communities, thereby reinforcing the principles of local autonomy, transparency, and participatory governance in the implementation of national infrastructure works;

WHEREAS, better alignment between DPWH projects and City of Manila priorities, through the City Engineer's Office and other concerned departments, will help ensure that only needs-based, safety-critical, and life-cycle-justified road works proceed, while minimizing traffic and economic disruption to residents and businesses: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to commend and support, as it hereby commends and supports the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Secretary Vicente "Vince" Dizon for halting unnecessary road reblocking, also directing reforms for transparent, needs-based road works and urging close coordination with the City of Manila; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Secretary Vicente "Vince" Dizon.

PRESIDED BY:



ANGELA LEI "Chit" I. ATIENZA
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This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on October 14, 2025.

ATTESTED:



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