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P.S. Resolution No. 228

Introduced by **SENATOR CYNTHIA A. VILLAR**

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO LOOK INTO THE SEEMING LACK OF AN ORDERLY SYSTEM BY THE PARAÑAQUE INTEGRATED TERMINAL EXCHANGE (PITX) ADMINISTRATION THAT HAS RESULTED IN ALLOWING PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES, SUPPOSEDLY STATIONED WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE PITX COMPLEX, TO INSTEAD USE AS THEIR WAITING AND PARKING AREAS CERTAIN ROADS OUTSIDE THE PITX COMPLEX, THEREBY CAUSING INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC WHO ARE SUPPOSEDLY ENJOYING THE USE OF THE SAID ROADS.

WHEREAS, the State recognizes the important role of transportation as an enabler and driver of socioeconomic development towards achieving inclusive and sustainable growth¹;

WHEREAS, it is envisioned that the State adopts a "safe, secure, reliable, efficient, integrated, intermodal, affordable, cost-effective, environmentally sustainable, and people-oriented national transport system that ensures improved quality of life of the people"²;

WHEREAS, based on a 2015 Global Driver Satisfaction Index conducted by Waze, Metro Manila emerged as having the "worst traffic on Southeast Asia";

¹ Excerpt of Whereas Clause, NEDA Board Resolution No. 5 (s. 2017)

² Ibid.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to encourage private enterprise and expand the base of investment in the country, with the goal of providing efficient, reliable and basic services to all;

WHEREAS, in order to help in reducing traffic congestion in Metro Manila by reducing the number of provincial buses plying Metro Manila (particularly along Roxas Boulevard, Pasay, and EDSA-Taft) and to offer upgraded services to the commuters, the Parañaque Integrated Terminal Exchange (PITX) was opened in November 2018 to serve as a hub for public utility buses, jeepneys, and other public utility vehicles (PUVs) headed for areas south of Metro Manila, including the provinces of Cavite and Batangas, and vice versa;

expected to reduce the number of provincial buses plying Metro Manila, specifically along Roxas Boulevard, Pasay, and EDSA-Taft once operational. The landport will provide connectivity between different transport modes and services, allowing efficient and seamless travel for the riding public.

WHEREAS, the PITX, built and operated by the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and Megawide Construction Corporation under a Public-Private Partnership arrangement, is located on a 4.5-hectare site in AsiaWorld, a subdistrict of Bay City in Tambo, Parañaque, and situated near the north end of the Manila–Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) just off Macapagal Boulevard and a couple of blocks south of NAIA Road; the terminal is also planned to connect with the Asia World station of the proposed Line 1 Cavite extension³;

WHEREAS, the PITX is the first-ever integrated and multimodal transport (landport) hub in the Philippines and houses multiple buses, jeepneys, and UV express terminals and areas for taxis and transport network services. It can accommodate up to 400 buses an hour and up to 100,000 passengers per day.⁴;

WHEREAS, commuting to the terminal was made convenient by the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) as it issued a memorandum ordering all city buses, UV express service and jeepneys, whose endpoints are Baclaran and the Mall of Asia, to extend and facilitate the transfer of passengers to PITX; further, it likewise ordered all provincial public utility buses, UV Express service and public utility

³ <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/973192/pque-modern-transport-hub-nears-completion-dotr-dotr-transport-terminal-paranaque-lrt-1>

⁴ <https://metronewscentral.net/para%C3%B1aque/metro-cities/pitx-opens-today#:~:text=it%20can%20accommodate%20up%20to,planned%20for%20completion%20by%202021.>

jeepneys originating from provinces southwest of Metro Manila entering via Coastal Road and Manila Cavite Expressway to end their routes at the PITX;

WHEREAS, given the volume of public utility vehicles that go to and from the PITX, it is expected that the PITX administration has installed an orderly system for the drivers and operators of PUVs to follow to ensure that these PUVs do not cause disruptions and instigate disarrays in the vicinity where PITX operates;

WHEREAS, despite the expanse and state of the art facilities of PITX meant to accommodate a huge volume of public utility vehicles and the commuting public, it has been observed that there are many PUVs, particularly public utility buses, that illegally occupy and use as their waiting and parking area certain roads in the vicinity of PITX, particularly the newly-completed road forming the Diosdado Macapagal Extension that leads to the Parañaque proper, the Parañaque Bulungan Market, the Cavitex service road and the Las Piñas – Parañaque Wetland Park;

WHEREAS, the said new road was constructed by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to provide a viable alternative road for motorists and the commuting public, who are going to the Parañaque proper, the Parañaque Bulungan Market and the Las Piñas – Parañaque Wetland Park in order to help boost tourism activities in the area;

WHEREAS, the said new road was not constructed to be used as parking lot and waiting area for public utility buses, which are supposedly stationed and using the facilities of the PITX;

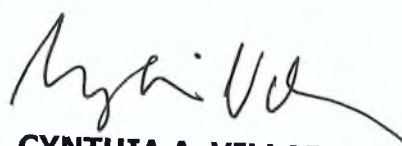
WHEREAS, the said new road was not built to serve as an extension of the PITX, to be used by the public utility buses and other public utility vehicles carelessly;

WHEREAS, the unwarranted occupation of the said new road by public utility vehicles, which use the road as their waiting and parking area, undermines the purpose for which the road and deprives the public of using it in going to the the Parañaque proper, Parañaque Bulungan Market and the Las Piñas – Parañaque Wetland Park;

WHEREAS, this situation may have resulted due to the seeming lack of an orderly system imposed by the PITX in instilling discipline to public utility vehicles that are supposedly stationed at PITX and using its facilities inside the PITX complex;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the seeming lack of an orderly system imposed by the Parañaque Integrated Terminal Exchange (PITX) administration that has resulted in allowing public utility vehicles, supposedly stationed within the confines of the PITX Complex, to instead use as their waiting and parking areas instead certain roads in the vicinity that are outside the PITX Complex, thereby causing inconvenience to the public who are supposedly enjoying the use of the said roads.

ADOPTED,



CYNTHIA A. VILLAR