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Sec. GIOVANNI Z. LOPEZ

Acting Secretary
Department of Transportation
The Columbia Tower
Brgy. Wack-wack, Ortigas Avenue
Mandaluyong City

Subject: Reallocate Funds to the EDSA Busway

Dear Secretary Lopez:

Greetings from the Management Association of the Philippines (MAP)!

The MAP, as the proponent of the EDSA Busway System, urges the inclusion in the 2026 budget of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) the funds to complete the badly needed infrastructure component of this long-delayed project.

This pioneering Busway System is being depended on by close to 100,000 bus commuters for their daily commute, which they do so with great inconvenience that is visible to all.

The Congress now has the opportunity to provide the budget for the vital Busway-dedicated stations which can be easily completed in 2026 when bidded out in batches to large reputable contractors.

These stations are: Kamuning, Cubao/Araneta, Santolan, Camp Aguinaldo, Corinthian Gardens, Highway Hills, Estrella St. (Rockwell), Ayala/EDSA, Magallanes, Malibay, F.B. Harrison, MOA/J. Diokno, Aseana/Macapagal and PITX.

For 5 years now, the MRT3 stations have been used by Busway commuters as access to Busway stations. While this interim arrangement has been acceptable during the initial test period, severe congestion has been a daily grind for both MRT3 and Busway commuters in the already over-crowded MRT3 stations.

Of the over 20 Busway-dedicated stations needed, only 4 have been completed by the government so far. They are the Guadalupe, Buendia, Taft Avenue and Roxas Blvd stations. Two others - North EDSA and Ortigas stations - are being provided through private sector donation and are currently under construction.

As a proper transport system in Metro Manila (MM), the Busway requires its own dedicated stations. In addition to other ancillary facilities, this system must be equipped with overhead bridgeway to the station platforms along the road median beside the MRT3 trackway, and provided with convenient access for the physically-challenged commuters.

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But to date, sadly, there has been no meaningful budget allocation for this infrastructure, except for a few hundred million pesos while the Busway project has been waiting for the long-delayed privatization to happen.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. correctly stated that the extant car-centric policy is no longer appropriate as it has deprived the public of much needed road space. Mass commuter transport is the answer to mobility.

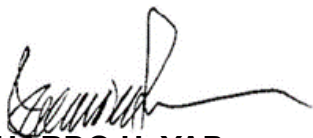
The government's commitment to ease the plight of bus commuters must be met. Since the government is not inclined to appropriate funds for flood control projects, funds there can be more ideally reallocated to the Busway System.

We also recommend finalizing a Schematic Busway System Plan that can service MM to complement the EDSA Busway, that will link, at least, Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City and other major routes, like Quezon Avenue, C5, Sucat, Alabang Zapote and many others.

We should have a roadmap for programming a comprehensive MM Busway System that will complement the other rail systems now existing and under construction or being planned.

This EDSA Busway System is the only mass transport system that can be completed within one year and it should be done as soon as possible.

Thank you!



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Chair, MAP Transportation and
Infrastructure Committee

Very truly yours,



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