



Tagum-Davao-Digos Leg of Mindanao Railway Project Secure RDC XI's Endorsement



Davao City - Atty. Timothy John Batan, Assistant Secretary for Rail of the Department of Transportation presented to the RDC XI the Mindanao Railway Project – Tagum-Davao-Digos Line which comprises of a 102.8-km commuter railway from Tagum City in Davao del Norte to Digos City in Davao del Sur with an estimated project cost of Php 35.9B.

Davao City – Chaired by Governor Anthony G. del Rosario of Davao del Norte, the Regional Development Council XI convened for its 2nd Quarter Regular Meeting on June 9, 2017 at the NEDA-RDC XI Center.

During this meeting, the Council endorsed to the NEDA Board the Mindanao Railway Project's (MRP's) Tagum-Davao-Digos (TDD) segment. The project intends to facilitate greater connectivity in the island of Mindanao. It aims to provide more efficient, reliable, and affordable mode of transport that will deliver the benefit of reduced travel time and increased opportunities for economic activities.



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The MRP-TDD Line forms the first phase of the proposed 830-kilometer (km) MRP loop. The project involves the establishment of a 102.8-km commuter railway from Tagum City in Davao del Norte to Digos City in Davao del Sur. The proposed stations will be located in Tagum City, Carmen, Panabo City, Mudiang (Davao City), Toril (Davao City), Sta Cruz and Digos City, with its central terminal located in Davao City.

The MRP-TDD segment shall have 6 passenger train sets with 5 cars per train set. It is designed to have a maximum speed of 160 kilometers per hour. Since frequency of travel is up to six trains per hour or 1 train every 10 minutes, time savings from Tagum City to Digos City will be around 2.2 hours, or from 3.5 hours to only 1.3 hours. The MRP-TDD's estimated project cost amounts to Php 35.911 billion and is scheduled for implementation as early as 4th quarter of 2017.



Davao City – MGen Noel S. Clement, Commander of the 10th Infantry Division of the Philippine Army, gave RDC XI a briefing on the Armed Forces of the Philippines' Guidelines on the Implementation of Martial Law in Mindanao.

The meeting likewise resulted in, among others, the Council's declaration of Davao Region as the Cacao and Chocolate Capital of the Philippines; the approval of the Davao Region Development Plan, 2017-2022 Communication and Advocacy Plan; and the creation of a Regional Research, Development and Innovation Committee under the Council. The Council also received a briefing on the Armed Forces of the Philippines Guidelines on the implementation of Martial Law in Mindanao.