

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. 4442



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE EMIGDIO P. TANJUATCO III**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the JICA Highway Provincial Road to a National Road in the Province of Rizal. Considering the highway's contribution serving as a major commercial route to all types of vehicles and the evident fact that its transformation will abbreviate the travelling time and distance route from Metro Manila, and other neighboring provinces, to the Rizal Province, the conversion of JICA Highway into a national road becomes a necessity.

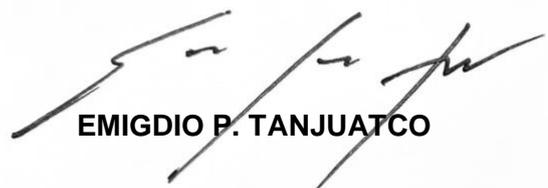
The JICA highway traverses the coastal barangays of the Municipalities of Jalajala, Pilillia, and Baras in the Province of Rizal. A significant tourism access road that ushers to the homespun vibe and rustic sceneries of the various towns of the province.

The conversion will further boost tourism development for the entire province of Rizal, particularly, in Barangay Bayugo and Punta, where some main attractions in Jalajala are located;

Given the continuity of development in the Municipality of Jalajala and the relevant municipalities in general, of the Second District of Rizal, there will be an unavoidable increase of vehicle density, thus exposing JICA Highway to major utilization. This road conversion is well-appreciated development given the growing resources required for the highway's upkeep and maintenance.

Furthermore, the improved accessibility and ease of transport, promised by the conversion, will attract more stakeholders to invest on Eco-Tourism business in the province, thus, creating more revenues for the aforementioned municipalities in the district.

Given the notable positive impact in the lives of the residents of the relevant municipalities and the socio-economic benefits that the conversion will create, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought


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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE JICA HIGHWAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
JALAJALA, PROVINCE OF RIZAL FROM A MUNICIPAL INTO A NATIONAL
ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

Section 1. The JICA Highway in the Municipality of Jalajala, Province of Rizal, is hereby converted into a national road under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the DPWH shall include in its program the improvement, maintenance and repair of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,