



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Cagayan  
TUGUEGARAO CITY



NINTH CITY COUNCIL

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

May 29, 2025

Submitted by:

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND ORDER AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

**PRESENT:**

**HON. MARK ANGELO B. DAYAG**

-Chairman, Committee on Public Safety and Order and Disaster Preparedness

**HON. RESTITUTO C. RAMIREZ**

-Vice Chairman, Committee on Public Safety and Order and Disaster Preparedness

**HON. JUDE T. BAYONA**

-Member, Committee on Public Safety and Order and Disaster Preparedness

**HON. RONALDO S. ORTIZ**

-Member, Committee on Public Safety and Order and Disaster Preparedness

**HON. GRACE B. ARAGO**

-Member, Committee on Public Safety and Order and Disaster Preparedness

**RESOURCE PERSONS:**

**ARTHUR T. BLAQUERA**

- Head, Public Safety & Security Office

**RICHARD B. PASTOERS**

- OIC, Maintenance Section, Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)  
Cagayan Third District Engineering Office (CTDEO)

**GUESTS:**

**HON. ARNEL T. ARUGAY**

-City Councilor

**HON. IMOGEN CLAIRE M. CALLANGAN**

-City Councilor (via Zoom)

**FOR THE PRESIDING-OFFICER:**

The Joint Committee met and deliberated on the referral:

**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 121-2025**

**SUBJECT:**

***"Draft Resolution Activating the Traffic Lights in the City of Tuguegarao in preparation for the Opening of Classes for School Year 2025-2026 – introduced by Hon. Arnel Arugay"***

**ACTION TAKEN:**

The members of the committees met to discuss the subject matter with the presence of the resource persons.

**FINDINGS:**

- 1.) Republic Act No. 4136 or the *Land Transportation and Traffic Code* provides the legal framework for the installation, operation, and maintenance of traffic signals, including traffic lights.

- 2.) The City Government has established traffic lights to serve the primary purpose of regulating traffic flow, preventing accidents, and ensuring the safety of all road users and help to regulate the movement of vehicles through intersections.
- 3.) The Department of Education has announced that classes for School Year 2025–2026 will start on June 16, 2025.
- 4.) It has been observed that there are some traffic lights in the city which are not functional because of the lack of proper maintenance by the appropriate technicians.
- 5.) The City recognizes that the public will benefit from the activation of traffic lights in time for the opening of classes to manage increased vehicular and pedestrian traffic, especially for students and commuters.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

After a thorough discussion, the committee finds merit in the subject draft resolution, thus favorably recommending for the passage of a city resolution activating the traffic lights in the Tuguegarao City in preparation for the opening of classes for School Year 2025-2026.

Further, let a copy of the subject resolution along with this committee report be respectfully furnished to the Office of the City Mayor for appropriate action.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

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**DRAFT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND  
HIGHWAYS CAGAYAN THIRD DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE, FOR THE PAINTING  
OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS IN FRONT OF AND WITHIN THE VICINITY OF ALL  
SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES WITHIN TUGUEGARAO CITY IN  
PREPARATION FOR THE OPENING OF CLASSES THIS JUNE 2025**

Sponsored by:

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**WHEREAS**, Section 2, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that “The State shall establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society,” which includes ensuring the safety of students accessing educational institutions;

**WHEREAS**, Section 5, Article II of the Constitution provides that the State shall maintain peace and order, protect life, liberty, and property, and promote the general welfare of its citizens, especially the youth;

**WHEREAS**, Section 42 of Republic Act No. 4136 or the Land Transportation and Traffic Code provides Right of Way Rules such that the driver of any vehicle upon a highway within a business or residential district shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing such highway within a crosswalk, except at intersections where the movement of traffic is being regulated by a peace officer or by traffic signal;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), pursuant to its mandate under Executive Order No. 124, series of 1987, is responsible for the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of national roads and highways, which necessarily includes traffic safety infrastructures like pedestrian crossings;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the foregoing, the DPWH Cagayan Third District Engineering Office is empowered to implement road safety features and markings including pedestrian crossings in all school zones as part of the agency’s continuing road safety initiatives within its territorial jurisdiction;

**WHEREAS**, the start of classes for the academic year 2025–2026 is scheduled in June, and there is an urgent need to enhance road safety and visibility of pedestrian crossings in the vicinity of schools, colleges, and universities in Tuguegarao City to prevent accidents and ensure the protection of students, faculty, and pedestrians;

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes the necessity to promote student safety and urges the concerned agency DPWH to take proactive measures in ensuring road safety for all students this upcoming school year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to respectfully request the Department of Public Works and Highways Cagayan Third District Engineering Office to undertake the repainting and installation of pedestrian crossings in front of and within the vicinity of all schools, colleges, and universities within Tuguegarao City in preparation for the opening of classes in June 2025;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the DPWH CTDEO, the Office of the City Mayor, and other concerned agencies for their information and appropriate action.

**ON JOINT MOTION**, the said Resolution was **APPROVED** under suspended rules.



**DRAFT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF  
CAGAYAN THROUGH THE PROVINCIAL ENGINEER'S OFFICE, FOR THE PAINTING  
OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION IN FRONT OF AND  
WITHIN THE VICINITY OF ALL SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES  
WITHIN TUGUEGARAO CITY IN PREPARATION FOR THE OPENING OF CLASSES  
THIS JUNE 2025**

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**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied there from, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare."

**WHEREAS**, Section 17 b (3) (vii) of the Local Government Code states that local government units such as the Provincial Government of Cagayan shall exercise duties and powers to deliver basic services and facilities such as "infrastructure facilities intended to service the needs of the residents of the province and which are funded out of provincial funds including, but not limited to, provincial roads and bridges," which necessarily includes pedestrian crossings;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the foregoing, the Provincial Government of Cagayan through its Provincial Engineer's Office (PEO) is empowered to implement road safety features and markings including pedestrian crossings in all school zones as part of the agency's continuing road safety initiatives within its territorial jurisdiction;

**WHEREAS**, the start of classes for the academic year 2025–2026 is scheduled in June, and there is an urgent need to enhance road safety and visibility of pedestrian crossings in the vicinity of schools, colleges, and universities in Tuguegarao City which are under the province's maintenance to prevent accidents and ensure the protection of students, faculty, and pedestrians;

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes the necessity to promote student safety and urges the Provincial Government of Cagayan through the PEO to take proactive measures in ensuring road safety for all students this upcoming school year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to respectfully request the Provincial Government of Cagayan through its Provincial Engineer's Office to undertake the repainting and installation of pedestrian crossings in front of and within the vicinity of all schools, colleges, and universities within Tuguegarao City and under their jurisdiction, in preparation for the opening of classes in June 2025;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Provincial Governor of Cagayan, the Provincial Engineer's Office, and other concerned agencies for their information and appropriate action.

**ON JOINT MOTION**, the said Resolution was **APPROVED** under suspended rules.