

Republic of the Philippines Province of Cagayan TUGUEGARAO CITY



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#### OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR

02 October 2025

## THE HONORABLE MEMBERS

Sangguniang Panlungsod This City

Thru: HON. ROSAURO RODRIGO G. RESUELLO

Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer

## Dear Honorable Members of the Sanggunian:

Herewith is the letter from Ms. Ronalyn P. Ubiña, Assistant Regional Director of the Department of Public Works and Highways relative to the Coordination and Collaboration on Traffic Flow Scheme (Buntun Bridge), for your information and appropriate action.

Taking into account the urgency of the matter, the same is certified as **URGENT** pursuant to Article 107 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991.

In accordance with Section 52, paragraph b, of the Code, you are also notified to convene a SPECIAL SESSION on October 03, 2025 (Friday) to adopt the corresponding legislative action.

Thank you!

In the name of public service,

MAILA ROSARIO S. TING-QUE City Mayor

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- DPWH
- City Legal Office





## Republic of the Philippines DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS REGIONAL OFFICE II

Dalan na Pavvurulun, Regional Government Center, Carig Sur, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan



October 1, 2025

Honorable MAILA ROSARIO TING-QUE

City Mayor

Tuguegarao City, Cagayan 3500

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Subject

: Coordination and Collaboration on Traffic Flow Scheme (Buntun

Bridge)

## Dear Mayor Ting-Que:

This Office is earnestly taking steps to safeguard the Buntun Bridge, which has long served as one of the most vital links in our region. However, with the increasing volume of traffic and the growing number of overloaded vehicles, the bridge faces heightened risks that, if not addressed, may result in serious structural damage and, in the worst case, a catastrophic collapse, considering its age and condition.

The situation is further aggravated by the frequent heavy traffic along the entire stretch of the bridge, particularly during peak hours in the morning and afternoon. At these times, vehicles are often forced to stop or move slowly while occupying the full length of the bridge, especially when vehicle congestion builds up at the Pallua Intersection along the National Highway. The waiting vehicles cause a chain reaction that leads to traffic piling up across the entire length of the bridge, placing immense strain on its load capacity.

Such occurrences significantly compromise the bridge's structural integrity, particularly as it is already nearing the end of its service life. <u>If left unresolved, this may potentially lead to a catastrophic collapse</u> while vehicles are on the bridge, posing a grave risk to lives and property.

To proactively respond to this challenge, we respectfully propose the following **Traffic Management Scheme** to help address the piling up of vehicles along Buntun Bridge:

#### A. Traffic Flow Adjustments

To ensure continuous traffic flow, prevent unnecessary stops, and reduce congestion on the bridge, the following shall be observed:

All vehicles traversing the bridge and entering Tuguegarao City shall not be allowed to make a LEFT TURN at the intersection going to Pallua. Instead, vehicles shall continue straight along the National Road or TURN RIGHT onto the road going to Cataggaman.

Vehicles from Tuguegarao City traversing the National Road that will pass through the bridge shall continue straight. Those bound for Pallua shall take a RIGHT TURN onto the Road after JL Gasoline Station or use the Diversion Road.

Vehicles coming from Cataggaman towards the intersection shall not be allowed to make a LEFT TURN towards the bridge. Instead, they shall TURN RIGHT along the National Road and eventually make a U-TURN at a designated U-turn slot to be identified.

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## B. Implementation Schedule

This traffic scheme shall be enforced only during peak hours in the morning and afternoon, when traffic congestion is observed. During light traffic conditions, the normal traffic flow shall be restored.

## C. Deployment of Personnel

Personnel from this Office shall be assigned to assist in the effective implementation and monitoring of the proposed scheme.

If this proposed traffic scheme will be implemented upon your approval, public advisories will be posted in conspicuous places and disseminated through social media platforms at least three (3) days prior to its implementation. For your kind perusal, we are submitting herewith the Proposed Traffic Plan Scheme.

We look forward to working closely with your office and would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet at the earliest possible time to jointly discuss and finalize the necessary arrangements. While we recognize that the scheme may cause some inconvenience to motorists, such is minimal compared to the above-stated potential risks and consequences that may arise should the piling up of vehicles and overloading on the bridge remain unaddressed.

For any queries or concerns, you may coordinate with Atty. Franz Andrew P. Valdez, of the Right of Way Acquisition and Legal Division at +639353590756.

Thank you very much for your continued support and collaboration.

Very truly yours

MATHIAS L. MALENAB Regional Director

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# Republic of the Philippines DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS REGIONAL OFFICE II

Dalan na Pavvurulun, Regional Government Center, Carig Sur, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan



THE OF THE

September 29, 2025

Honorable MATLA ROSARTO TING-QUE

City Mayor

Tuguegarao City, Cagayan 3500

Subject

: Coordination and Collaboration on Traffic Flow Scheme (Buntun

Bridge)

## Dear Mayor Ting-Que:

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Regional Office No. 2 is earnestly taking steps to safeguard the Buntun Bridge, which has long served as one of the most vital links in our region. With the increasing volume of traffic and the growing concern of overloaded vehicles, the bridge faces heightened risks that, if left unaddressed, may lead to serious structural damage. This concern is further aggravated by the heavy traffic conditions frequently experienced along the entire stretch of the bridge, where vehicles are often temporarily stationed or moving slowly, occupying its full length. Such occurrences significantly strain the bridge's load capacity and, over time, threaten its structural integrity, especially as it is already approaching the end of its service life.

To proactively respond to this challenge, our office will be installing **portable weigh bridges** in strategic areas near the bridge within Tuguegarao City. We recognize, however, that this initiative cannot be fully effective without the active support and collaboration of the City Government of Tuguegarao. In particular, your City Traffic Management Office plays an indispensable role in ensuring that an appropriate **traffic scheme** is put in place to manage the continuous and free flow of vehicles while minimizing inconvenience to the public.

We also wish to respectfully raise the possibility that, in the course of implementation, certain roads or portions thereof may need to be temporarily closed or rerouted to accommodate the weighbridge operations. As this authority properly falls under the jurisdiction of the City Government, we seek your guidance and concurrence in identifying and approving such measures. Your inputs and recommendations in shaping a traffic plan that is both practical and responsive to local conditions will be highly appreciated.

We look forward to working closely with your office and would be grateful for the opportunity to meet at the earliest possible time to jointly discuss and finalize the necessary arrangements.

For any queries or concerns, you may coordinate with Atty. Franz Andrew P. Valdez, of the Right of Way Acquisition and Legal Division at +639353590756.

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By Authority of the Regional Director:

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