DIRECTING THE PUBLIC ESTATES AUTHORITY TO ADOPT MEASURES FOR THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BOULEVARD 2000 FRAMEWORK PLAN TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEMS OF TRAFFIC AND FLOODING ...

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WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 223 (sic)*, series of 1995, directed the Public Estates Authority (PEA) to immediately implement plans, programs and projects in the Manila Bay reclamation area, in accordance with the Boulevard 2000 Framework Plan;

WHEREAS, with the onset of the rainy season and the roadworks being undertaken throughout the metropolis, traffic and flooding in the area are expected problems which need to be speedily and properly addressed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the PEA to give the highest priority to the implementation of the master drainage plan and major road components of the Boulevard 2000 Framework Plan to address the problem of flooding in the area, alleviate traffic congestion along Roxas Boulevard and link the reclamation with the circumferential and radial road system of Metro-Manila.

In the implementation hereof, the PEA is authorized to undertake the following:

(i) issue the necessary mandate to the investor-developers in Boulevard 2000 to immediately implement the master drainage plan and the major road systems in their respective areas;

(ii) utilize existing contracts, joint venture agreements or previous agreements, where legally feasible, with the various investor-developers in Boulevard 2000 to ensure that the said priority undertakings are implemented pursuant to the Boulevard 2000 Framework Plan;

(iii) authorize, pursuant to its charter (PD 1084 and PD 1085), ancillary reclamation works to put in place the drainage canals and outfalls and to negotiate and enter into such agreements including land-swapping, on a value for value basis, as may be necessary for the acquisition of rights-of-way (ROW) for the said major roads/drainage canals in order that these are undertaken at no cost or budgetary outlay on the part of PEA or the National Government; and

(iv) ensure proper coordination with concerned local government units, DPWH, DENR, MMDA and other relevant agencies for smooth implementation, and with the least disturbance to the general public while construction activities are in progress.

This administrative order takes effect immediately.

Adopted: 27 June 1997

(SGD.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

President of the Philippines

By the President:

(SGD.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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