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JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 02

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SUBJECT : ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL FARM-TO-MARKET ROADS NETWORK PLAN 2023-2028

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

In response to the State of the Nation's Address of the President last year, the Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Department of Tourism (DOT) issued Joint Administrative Order (JAO) No. 1, series of 2023, the "Formulation, Implementation and Updating of the National Network of Farm to Market Roads."

Following the various consultations conducted, the DA, DPWH, DILG, DTI and DOT formulated and finalized the National Farm-to-Market Roads Network Plan (FMRNP) 2023-2028. The National Coordination and Monitoring Committee (NCMC) organized by JAO No. 1 adopted Resolution No. 1,¹ endorsing the FMRNP 2023-2028 for approval by the Secretaries of DA, DPWH, DILG, DTI and DOT.

During the preparation and consultation process of FMRNP, the role of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) was recognized as it presently funds the farm-to-market roads (FMRs) and bridges. Thus, the DAR form part in the implementation of FMRNP.

In view of the forgoing, the DA, DPWH, DILG, DTI, DOT and DAR hereby:

Section 1. Adoption of FMRNP. The National Farm-to-Market Roads Network Plan 2023-2028 or the FMRNP is hereby adopted and approved for implementation.

¹ Approval and Adoption of the National Farm-to-Market Roads (FMRs) Network Plan 2023-2028

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SECTION 2. Strategic Framework. The FMRNP has the following strategic framework:

- 1) Build efficient road networks by improving and interconnecting linkages between agricultural and fisheries key production areas and markets in the Philippines;
- 2) Adapt an integrated planning and implementation approach to FMR development and management; and
- 3) Sustained FMR Project's Operations, Maintenance and Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E).

SECTION 3. Target. From 2023-2028, a total of 64,155.20 kilometers of FMRs are targeted to be concreted and 67,255.46 km of existing FMRs to be maintained. This also include road openings as applicable.

SECTION 4. FMRNP Projects. In order to efficiently and effectively manage the construction, operation and maintenance of the above targeted FMRs for concreting, and ensure sustainability and road worthiness of the existing FMRs, the following projects shall be implemented:

- 1) Digital transformation by enhancing the ABEMIS to serve as an integrated portal that will be shared to all FMR implementing agencies, its beneficiaries, and the public.
- 2) Strengthening the process of partner agencies by the review of the prioritization criteria as well as the entire process of FMR development from identification to maintenance. This will form part of the microservices/module of the enhanced ABEMIS.
- 3) Technical and science-based approach to rural road development- a scientific way of building roads wherein existing technologies on land-use planning and mapping will be tapped to integrate a technical and science-based approach on rural development.
- 4) LGU FMR Capacity Building which shall be formulated by the DA-Bureau of Agricultural and Fisheries Engineering (BAFE) and DILG.

SECTION 5. Formulation and Implementation of Regional and Local FMRNP. The FMRNP Regional Coordination and Monitoring Committee shall facilitate the formulation of Regional and Local FMRNP. The Local Planning and Development Offices and the

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Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Units/Offices of the LGUs shall prepare the local (provincial, city and municipal) FMRNP. These local FMRNPs integrates the list of FMRs funded and to be funded by the LGUs and concerned national government agencies, the road conditions and to be encoded in the ABEMIS. The Regional Agricultural Engineering Division (RAED) of DA-RFOs shall consolidate these local FMRNP into Regional FMRNP.

The Regional and Local FMRNP shall likewise provide the investment plan from 2024-2028 to be funded by the LGU's National Tax Allocation (NTA) and the General Appropriations Act (GAA). The BAFE shall consolidate the Regional FMRNP Investment Plans into a National FMRNP Investment Plan.

SECTION 6. Inclusion of DAR. The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) is hereby included as development partner of FMRNP and as member of the National and Regional FMRNP Coordinating and Monitoring Committees.

SECTION 7. Roles and Responsibilities. The roles and responsibilities of DA, DPWH, DILG, DTI and DOT on FMRNP implementation are enumerated in Section 5 of the JAO No. 1, Series of 2023 issued by these Departments.

Likewise, Section 5, item c of JAO No. 1, pertaining to the roles and is hereby amended to read as:

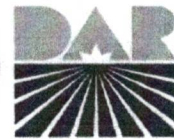
"Section 5. Roles and Functions of Involved Agencies- XXX c) Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG). The DILG is responsible in ensuring the full support and participation of the LGUs in the formulation and updating of local FMR Network plan and its implementation at the provincial, city, municipal and barangay levels. It shall:

- 1) Monitor the LGU's compliance with their roles and responsibilities mandated by RA No. 8435, Local Government Code and other policy issuances with regards to the construction, repair, rehabilitation and maintenance of provincial, city, municipal and barangay roads within the agricultural and fishery production areas;*
- 2) Fully support the development and updating of FMR Network Plans as a component of the LGU's Local Roads Network Development Plans;*
- 3) Coordinate with the DTI that the FMRNP shall be included as one of the criteria in the LGU Competitive Index;*

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- 4) *DILG, through its Regional Offices, be responsible for the monitoring of the LGU's conditions of local roads; and*
- 5) *Monitor the LGUs in providing updates in the ABEMIS or GeoAgri System every end of the semester and the road condition map (local roads consisting of the provincial, municipal, city, and barangay).*

Moreover, additional amendment of Section 5 of the same JAO to include the roles and functions of DAR to read as:

"Section 5. Roles and Functions of Involved Agencies- XXX d) Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR). The DAR shall likewise provide and share with the DA relevant data and information pertaining to Agrarian Reform Communities (ARCs) and Agrarian Reform Community Clusters (ARCCs), particularly road infrastructures implemented by DAR, to include and integrate the same in the National Network of Farm-to-Market Roads (FMRs). It shall:

- 1) *Provide information and updates, based on DAR's existing database, of Farm-to-Market Roads (FMRs) and bridges implemented by the Department;*
- 2) *Provide/share available spatial and geotagged data of the Agrarian Reform Communities and Agrarian Reform Community Clusters;*
- 3) *Identify/Recommend and provide list of proposed FMRs and Bridges, to be constructed based on the approved development plans of the ARCs and ARCCs, proposed projects from various proponents in support to the development of the ARCs and ARCCs, identified priority FMRs under DAR's special projects;*
- 4) *Collaborate with other agencies to further expand the coverage of its database, guided by rules and regulations that are applicable and consistent with DAR's mandate;*
- 5) *Keep in confidence data shared by partner agencies consistent with the data privacy law, fully aware of the sensitive nature of the information shared; and*
- 6) *Interface with partner agencies digitally through a common platform for ease in sharing and exchange of necessary data/information.*

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The Bureau of Agricultural and Fisheries Engineering shall be the Program Management Office (PMO) of FMRNP.

SECTION 8. Funding. The funding requirements necessary for the implementation of FMRNP 2023-2028, operation of FMRNP Program Management Office and this JAO shall be sourced from available budget and shall be included in the annual planning and budgeting proposals under the NEP for 2025 and onwards by the DA, DPWH, DILG, DPWH, DTI, DOT, and DAR.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. All provisions from JAO No. 1, Series of 2023 with the enumeration of agency members of the National and Regional FMRNP Coordinating and Monitoring Committees shall include DAR. Furthermore, all other provisions in the JAO No. 1, Series of 2023 shall remain valid and effective.

SECTION 10. Effectivity. This Joint Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED this 10th day of November 2023.



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