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Duterte leads inauguration of NLEX Harbor Link Segment 10, groundbreaking of NLEX Connector

President Rodrigo R. Duterte leads today, February 28, the inauguration of the NLEX Harbor Link Segment 10 and the groundbreaking of NLEX Connector, two elevated expressways under the “Build Build Build” program seen to alleviate traffic congestion in Metro Manila.

Joining the President are Executive Secretary Salvador C. Medialdea, DPWH Secretary Mark A. Villar, DOTr Secretary Arthur P. Tugade, NEDA Secretary Ernesto M. Pernia, DOF Secretary Carlos G. Dominguez III, DBM Secretary Benjamin E. Diokno, BCDA President Vivencio B. Dizon, Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation Chairman Manuel V. Pangilinan, Metro Pacific Investments Corporation President and CEO Jose Ma. K. Lim, MPTC President and CEO Rodrigo E. Franco, NLEX Corporation President and General Manager Luigi L. Bautista, and local government executives.

“We are glad that this traffic decongestion project is now open to our motorists. The NLEX Harbor Link Segment 10 validates the Duterte administration’s promise to bring real change by providing travel convenience and strongly enhancing our service to the Filipino people,” said DPWH Secretary Mark A. Villar.

NLEX Harbor Link Segment 10

Aligned with the vision of the Duterte administration’s massive infrastructure plan --- the “Build Build Build” program --- the NLEX Harbor Link Segment 10 is being anticipated to improve accessibility and connectivity between key areas of Metro Manila and the northern provinces of Luzon via the NLEX.

Traversing the cities of Valenzuela, Malabon, and Caloocan, the 5.65-km, 6-lane NLEX Harbor Link Segment 10 is seen to ease traffic bottlenecks as it diverts 30,000 vehicles daily away from the busy streets of Metro Manila. With this road, travel time between C3 and NLEX will only take 5 minutes. It will also facilitate efficient delivery of goods as cargo trucks will have alternative access from the port area to the provinces in northern Luzon and vice versa.

This elevated expressway will enable travelers from Manila to Central and North Luzon to have shorter travel time as they can head straight to the NLEX bypassing EDSA and the Balintawak Toll Plaza. The next phase of this project is the 2.6-km section from C3 Road, Caloocan City to R10, Navotas City.

MPTC Chairman Manuel V. Pangilinan said the MVP Group is very pleased with the government's help in speeding up important infrastructure projects.

“Apart from our team's commitment to support the administration's 'Build Build Build' program, the government's help in ramping up the acquisition of right-of-way made us deliver this vital infrastructure which aims to bolster development and ease traffic congestion in the country,” Pangilinan said.

NLEX Connector

Along with the full opening of the NLEX Harbor Link Segment 10 is the partial opening of the new Caloocan Interchange --- the fourth gateway of NLEX to Metro Manila, after Balintawak, Mindanao Avenue, and Karuhatan.

The new Caloocan Interchange serves as the point where the NLEX Harbor Link Segment 10, the C3-R-10 section, and the NLEX Connector will converge. This junction is located along the PNR tracks in 5th Avenue/C3 Road in Caloocan City.

The NLEX Connector is an 8-kilometer all-elevated highway along the PNR extending the NLEX southward from the end of Segment 10 in C3/5th Avenue, Caloocan City to PUP Sta.

Mesa, Manila. It is expected to decongest major thoroughfares and improve linkages between the north and south.

MPTC President and CEO Rodrigo E. Franco cited that “NLEX Harbor Link Segment 10 and NLEX Connector are just some of Metro Pacific’s expansion projects geared towards providing further convenience to motorists and bringing more opportunities in nearby cities and provinces.”

For his part, NLEX Corporation President and General Manager Luigi L. Bautista said, “The inauguration of the NLEX Harbor Link Segment 10 and the groundbreaking of the NLEX Connector show the political will of the government and the solid partnership between public and private sectors.”

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