



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
DIGOS CITY DIVISION

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent
DIVISION MEMORANDUM

SGOD-2026- *470*

To : Marjun B. Rebosquillo, SEPS-Planning and Research

Subject : PARTICIPATION IN THE RECONVENING MEETING OF THE LOCAL
INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE (LIAC) FOR THE MINDANAO RAILWAY
PROJECT-TAGUM-DAVAO-DIGOS, DIGOS SEGMENT

Date : August 19, 2026

In reference to the attached Invitation Letter, signed by the City Mayor, Josef F. Cagas, RN. JD, MPA, dated August 5, 2026, re: "Invitation to the Reconvening Meeting of the Local Inter-Agency Committee (LIAC) for the Mindanao Railway Project-Tagum-Davao-Digos, Digos Segment", this Office hereby directs the personnel mentioned above to attend in the activity on August 19, 2026, 9:00 AM, at the House of Fabians, Burgos Corregidor, Barangay Zone III, Digos City, the contents of which are self-explanatory.

For information and attendance.

Melanie P. Estacio
MELANIE P. ESTACIO, PhD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

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Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CITY OF DIGOS



LOCAL INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE
MINDANAO RAILWAY PROJECT: TAGUM – DAVAO – DIGOS
DIGOS SEGMENT

August 5, 2026

MELANIE P. ESTACIO, PhD, CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent
Digos City Division
Department of Education

Subject: Invitation to the Reconvening Meeting of the Local Inter-Agency Committee (LIAC) for the Mindanao Railway Project-Tagum-Davao-Digos, Digos Segment

Dear **Dr. Estacio**,

Greetings!

The City Government of Digos, through the Local Inter-Agency Committee (LIAC) for the Mindanao Railway Project-Tagum-Davao-Digos (MRP-TDD), respectfully invites you or your duly authorized representative to attend the reconvening meeting of the LIAC.

The meeting is being convened pursuant to Executive Order No. 17, Series of 2023, to renew and strengthen inter-agency coordination for the continuing implementation of the relocation and resettlement activities under the Digos Segment.

The meeting details are as follows:

Activity: **Reconvening Meeting of the Local Inter-Agency Committee (LIAC)**
Date: **August 19, 2026**
Time: **9:00 A.M.**
Venue: **House of Fabians, Burgos Corregidor, Barangay Zone III, Digos City**

Should you be unable to attend, may we respectfully request the designation of a representative who is familiar with your agency's mandate and authorized to participate in the discussions. Kindly provide the representative's name, position, and contact details to the LIAC Secretariat through cityhousingrelocation@gmail.com at the earliest opportunity.

Your participation is highly valued in ensuring a coordinated and responsive implementation of the relocation and resettlement activities for the affected families of the MRP-Digos Segment.

Thank you, and we look forward to your favorable response.

Yours in Public Service,

JOSEF F. CAGAS, RN, JD, MPA

BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY MAYOR:

City Mayor

LIAC - Chairperson

JOSE F. CAGAS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Physically Altering Landscape for a Transformative Mindanao





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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17
Series of 2023

"AN ORDER RECONSTITUTING THE LOCAL INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE OF DIGOS CITY FOR THE MINDANAO RAILWAY PROJECT-DIGOS SEGMENT AND CREATING ITS FIVE SUB-COMMITTEES"

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) entered into Memorandum of Agreement for the efficient and expeditious implementation of various projects, the DOTr has requested DHSUD to function as the Resettlement Implementation Coordinator (RIC) for the resettlement of the project affected families, and administrative supervision over the implementing shelter agencies for the community-driven resettlement projects;

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) serves as the Resettlement Implementation Coordinator which assist in the creation and reactivation of the concerned LGUs' Local Inter-Agency Committee to support the preparation and implementation of the Relocation and Resettlement Action Plan (RRAP);

WHEREAS, the City Government recognizes the importance of an efficient, reliable, and fast means of transportation to the public;

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) is tasked to undertake the implementation of the Mindanao Railway Project Tagum-Davao-Digos (MRP-TDD) Alignment;

WHEREAS, upon coming up with the final engineering design and before the aforesaid project starts, the clearing of structures and the relocation of possible Informal Settler Families (ISFs) that could be affected by the acquisition of the Right-of-Way of the same project is necessary;

WHEREAS, as mandated by the Urban Development and Housing Act (R.A. 7279) and the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A. 7160), the Local Government of Digos City gives its full support to the project and sees the need to address the relocation of ISFs;

WHEREAS, the Local Inter-Agency Committee is the focal structure of coordination for the relocation and resettlement of project affected families and project implementation and creating five sub-committees to address relevant needs and issues and ensure proper implementation of resettlement program of affected individuals;

WHEREAS, to ensure the effective implementation and proper utilization of funds of the relocation and resettlement for the MRP-Digos Segment, the creation of a committee that will oversee the implementation and related activities thereof is imperative;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEF FORTICH CAGAS, in my capacity as the City Mayor of the City of Digos, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and the Constitution, do hereby order the creation of the Local Inter-Agency Committee for the Mindanao Railway Project-Digos Segment and its Five Sub-committees, providing its composition, functions and funds thereof.

SECTION 1. The reconstituting of the Local Inter-Agency Committee (LIAC) for the Pre-Relocation, Actual Relocation, and Post Relocation Activities.



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SECTION 2. COMPOSITION OF THE LOCAL INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE (LIAC). The LIAC shall be composed of the following agencies and their designations:

CHAIRMAN: **JOSEF F. CAGAS, JD, RN, MPA**
City Mayor

CO-CHAIRMAN: **MICHAEL R. LATASA, SP Member**
Chairperson – Comm. On Public Works, Infrastructure,
Housing, Rural & Urban Development

ACTION OFFICER: **ATTY. NIKKOLO MARCO AURELIO V. CORTES**
City Legal Officer

MEMBERS: **ATTY. JAMES ADAM S. ZOZOBRADO**
Head of Right of Way and Site Acquisition
Department of Transportation (DOTr XI) – PMO

LOCAL HOUSING BOARD (LHB)

ATTY. EDMUNDO R. ALBAY
Regional Director
Commission on Human Rights XI

ENGR. CLEMENTE A. DAYOT
Regional Manager
National Housing Authority - Region XI

ATTY. FERDINAND C. IMAN
Chief of Operations
Field Operations Division for Mindanao
Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor

ATTY. ROBERTO MAURO PALMA GIL
Regional Director
Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development
(DHSUD XI)

EnP OJELA MAE M. ENTERO, MBA, DBA
City Planning and Development Coordinator
City Planning and Development Office

VIVIAN A. FEROLINO, RSW
City Social Welfare and Development Officer
City Social Welfare and Development Office

ROSANITA T. DONAYRE
Project Development Assistant
City Special Project Management Office

SHANNY LOU R. SOLATORIO
PESO Manager
Public Employment Service Office



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CITY HOUSING RRSDP OFFICE

LT. COL. HAMLET M. LERIOS

Chief of Police
Philippine National Police- Digos City

CRISTY C. EPE

OIC - Superintendent
Schools Division Office- Department of Education

ENGR. SALVADOR L. DUMOGHO IV

City Engineer
City Engineer's Office

CITY PEACE AND ORDER COUNCIL (CPOC)

ENGR. MERVINNE P. ROCAMORA, REA

OIC- City Assessor
City Assessor's Office

BARANGAYS:

HON. DIONESIO TESORIO

Punong Barangay – Sinawilan

HON. EDGARDO ENGLIS

Punong Barangay – Cogon

REPRESENTATIVES FROM INFORMAL SETTLER FAMILIES

SECRETARIAT:

PETER NIEL E. ARENDAIN & STAFF

Community Affairs Officer III
Housing and Land Management

ISF FOCAL PERSON:

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

MRP-TDD-Digos Segment

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES OF THE LIAC. LIAC shall primarily determine the Clearing and Resettlement Plan to ensure and facilitate humane, peaceful and orderly relocation of Informal Settlers currently occupying the Right-of-Way of the Mindanao Railway Project Tagum-Davao-Digos (MRP-TDD) Alignment consistent with the provision of the UDHA, and to facilitate and expedite Pre-Relocation, Actual Relocation and Post Relocation.

SECTION 4. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF LIAC

● **Pre-Relocation Activities:**

- Census of families along the project's right-of-way.
- Coordination/consultation with the project proponent and stakeholders for assistance in the development of the relocation site.
- Identification of funds/ resources for the project.
- Formulation of relocation assistance package.
- Organization of Awards and Arbitration Committee (AAC) for redress of grievance, census claims etc.



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- f. Identification of affected and families/beneficiaries through re-validation.
- g. Approval of master list of qualified families.
- h. Site Development and construction of basic facilities assistance package.
- i. Social preparation to include field trips to identify in-city relocation for the qualified beneficiaries and other options.
- j. Formulate and adopt the necessary rules and policy guidelines for project implementation.
- k. Identify and coordinate with appropriate agencies for resource mobilization (trucks/vehicles, manpower assistance, security, food subsidy, etc., as well as provision of social services and livelihood developments).
- l. Completion of relocation documents and other requirements.
- m. Call on any government agency for any assistance wherever necessary.
- n. Supervise, monitor, and serve as technical clearing-house for issues and cases affecting project implementation.
- o. Issuance of 30-day notice for dismantling.
- p. Voluntary dismantling and relocation.

● **Actual Relocation:**

- a. Ensure availability of all required resources and necessary relocation documents.
- b. Voluntary dismantling of structure/s.
- c. Loading of housing materials/belongings and transporting of families to relocation site.
- d. Issuance of identification/entry pass to designated relocation site.
- e. Ensure peace and order and police assistance.
- f. Monitoring and documentation.

● **Post Relocation Activities:**

- a. Community strengthening and organizing of Homeowners Association.
- b. Training on Relocation Guidelines and Community Management.
- c. Monitoring and evaluation.
- d. Documentation.
- e. Provision of social services and livelihood support program.
- f. Clearing and surveillance of the cleared area to avoid new entrants/new occupants, professional squatters, and squatting syndicate.

SECTION 5. ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. The members shall execute their necessary Memoranda of Agreement or Understanding detailing their roles and functions relative to the committee and the Pre-Relocation, Actual Relocation and Post Relocation activities.

SECTION 6. ROLE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES IN THE LIAC. The members of the LIAC shall act as focal persons within their respective Departments, Agencies, LGU's or Organizations for the purpose of facilitating and implementing the necessary activities pursuant to their respective mandates as embodied herein, in the Memorandum of Agreements and existing laws.

SECTION 7. VOTING RIGHTS OF ALL REPRESENTATIVES IN THE LIAC. Decisions in the LIAC shall be made through consensus. In the event no consensus is obtained, the majority votes of LIAC members shall make the final decision.



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SECTION 8. COMPOSITION OF THE FIVE SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE LIAC. The Sub-Committees shall be organized to enable the LIAC to perform its various duties and responsibilities effectively and efficiently namely:

A. SOCIAL PREPARATION AND RELOCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Chairperson: **VIVIAN A. FEROLINO, RSW**
City Social Welfare and Development Officer

Vice-Chair: Chief of Operation for Mindanao or Authorized Representative
Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP)

Members: Regional Director or Authorized Representative
Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development - XI

Authorized Representative
Right of Way and Site Acquisition
Mindanao Railway Project- Project Management Office
Department of Transportation (DOTr) - XI

Regional Director or Authorized Representative
Commission on Human Rights (CHR) - XI

Regional Manager or Authorized Representative
National Housing Authority XI

HON. CONCEPCION R. CADUNGOG
SP Chair - Comm. on Social Services

CRISTY C. EPE, CESE
Schools Division Superintendent
Department of Education – Digos City

LT. COL. HAMLET M. LERIOS
Chief of Police
Philippine National Police – Digos City

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City Planning and Development Coordinator

ENGR. SALVADOR L. DUMOGHO IV
City Engineering Officer

SAMUEL J. MIRALLES
City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Officer

PETER NIEL E. ARENDAIN, MPA
Community Affairs Officer III
City Housing Relocation, Resettlement
and Site Development Office



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ATTY. NIKKOLO MARCO AURELIO V. CORTES
City Legal Officer

President
Homeowners Association Inc.,

BARANGAY CAPTAINS OF THE RESPECTIVE AFFECTED AREAS

Secretariat: CITY SOCIAL WELFARE & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

**B. RESETTLEMENT PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION, SITE SELECTION
AND DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE**

Chairperson: PETER NIEL E. ARENDAIN, MPA
Community Affairs Officer III
City Housing Relocation, Resettlement
and Site Development Office

Vice-Chair: Regional Manager or Authorized Representative
National Housing Authority XI

Members: Regional Director or Authorized Representative
Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development - XI

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Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP)

Regional Director or Authorized Representative
Mines and Geo-sciences Bureau

Regional Director or Authorized Representative
Environmental Management Bureau

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ENGR. ALOYSIUS G. GARCIA
City Environment and Natural Resources officer

SAMUEL J. MIRALLES
City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Officer

ATTY. NIKKOLO MARCO AURELIO V. CORTES
City Legal Officer

Representative, DASURECO Inc.

Representative, Digos WATER DISTRICT

BARANGAY CAPTAINS OF THE RESPECTIVE AFFECTED AREAS

Secretariat:

**CITY HOUSING RELOCATION, RESETTLEMENT AND
SITE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

**C. BENEFICIARY SELECTION, AWARDS AND ARBITRATION SUB-
COMMITTEE**

Chairperson:

ATTY. NIKKOLO MARCO AURELIO V. CORTES
City Legal Officer
LIAC Action Officer

Vice-Chair:

Regional Manager or Authorized Representative
National Housing Authority XI

Members:

Chief of Operations for Mindanao or Authorized Representative
Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP)

Regional Director or Authorized Representative
Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development - XI

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VIVIAN A. FEROLINO, RSW

City Social Welfare and Development Officer

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ACCREDITED PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION/NGO FROM THE LGU

Secretariat:

**CITY HOUSING RELOCATION, RESETTLEMENT AND
SITE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

D. LIVELIHOOD PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Chairperson:

SHANNY LOU R. SOLATORIO

PESO Manager
Public Employment Service Office

Vice- Chair:

Chief of Operations for Mindanao or Authorized Representative
Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP)

Members:

Regional Director or Authorized Representative
Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development - XI

Regional Manager or Authorized Representative
National Housing Authority - XI

Authorized Representative
Right of Way and Site Acquisition
Mindanao Railway Project- Project Management Office
Department of Transportation (DOTr) - XI

Regional Director or Authorized Representative
Commission on Human Rights (CHR) - XI

Regional Director or Authorized Representative
Department of Science and Technology XI

Regional Director or Authorized Representative
Cooperative Development Authority XI

Regional Director or Authorized Representative
DSWD Field Office XI

Provincial Director or Authorized Representative
TESDA Davao del Sur

Provincial Director or Authorized Representative
DOLE Davao del Sur



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Regional Director or Authorized Representative
Regional Fisheries Office XI BFAR

Regional Director or Authorized Representative
Department of Agriculture XI

Regional Director or Authorized Representative
Department of Environment and Natural Resources XI

ENGR. JEROME S. ESCOBARTE
City Agriculturist

BARANGAY CAPTAINS OF THE RESPECTIVE AFFECTED AREAS

ACCREDITED PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION/NGO FROM THE LGU

Secretariat: PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE (PESO)

E. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ESTATE MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Chairperson: JOSEF F. CAGAS, JD, RN, MPA
City Mayor
LIAC - Chairman

Vice-Chair: Regional Manager or Authorized Representative
National Housing Authority XI

Members: Regional Director or Authorized Representative
Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development - XI

Authorized Representative
Right of Way and Site Acquisition
Mindanao Railway Project- Project Management Office
Department of Transportation (DOTr) - XI

EnP OJELA MAE. M. ENTERO, MBA, DBA
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ENGR. MERVINNE P. ROCAMORA, REA
OIC - City Assessor's Officer

ATTY. NIKKOLO MARCO AURELIO V. CORTES
City Legal Officer

VIVIAN A. FEROLINO, RSW
City Social Welfare and Development Officer

BARANGAY CAPTAINS OF THE RESPECTIVE AFFECTED AREAS

Secretariat: CITY HOUSING RELOCATION, RESETTLEMENT AND SITE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE



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SECTION 9. DUTIES, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SOCIAL PREPARATION AND RELOCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

1. Facilitate information, education and communication (IEC) activities;
2. Develop framework for community consultation and multi-stakeholders' participation;
3. Formulate the Relocation and Resettlement Action Plan (RRAP);
4. Endorse Relocation and Resettlement package and entitlements;
5. Recommend standards for the preparation of work plan and budget; and
6. Facilitate orderly, peaceful and humane relocation/transfer to permanent housing.

SECTION 10. DUTIES, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RESETTLEMENT PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION, SITE SELECTION AND DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

1. Determine magnitude and scope of resettlement requirements;
2. Identify resettlement sites and other alternative housing program and prepare development plans;
3. Coordinate with receiving LGU or barangay, if off city, and utility/service providers;
4. Recommend acquisition and development of possible housing site; and
5. Recommend total budgetary requirements of the entire resettlement program.
6. Identify resettlement sites suitable for housing project;
7. Conduct site inspection on identified sites and prepare technical details/report on the suitability and status of the area;
8. Recommend suitable resettlement site for permanent housing of affected families;
9. Prepare development plan on the selected site for permanent housing; and
10. Prepare monitoring report on the status of construction and development of the resettlement site.

SECTION 11. DUTIES, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BENEFICIARY SELECTION, AWARDS AND ARBITRATION SUB-COMMITTEE

1. Ensure/Facilitate appropriate social mapping methodology for household profiling (socio-economic survey, tagging and census operation/validation, occupancy verification);
2. Initiate validation of census list of households;
3. Formulate Code of Policies on Beneficiary Selection, Arbitration and Awards for approval of the LIAC;
4. Deliberate/Arbitrate/Resolve census claims; and
5. Endorse final list of households qualified for permanent housing thru a BSAAC Resolution.

SECTION 12. DUTIES, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LIVELIHOOD PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION SUB-COMMITTEE

1. Formulate and recommend livelihood framework for the resettlement site;
2. Propose appropriate livelihood interventions, programs and projects;
3. Coordinate with livelihood agencies and strengthen partnership for the provision of services and programs;
4. Conduct regular consultations to discuss issues/concerns regarding livelihood and recommend solutions; and
5. Formulate guidelines for the effective supervision and monitoring of existing facilities' operations such as livelihood center, market/talipapa, material recovery facility (MRF), among others.



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SECTION 13. DUTIES, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ESTATE MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

1. Facilitate the amortization of the resettlement and relocation in terms of all land acts;
2. Provide technical assistance of Homeowner's Association;
3. Formulate disposition policies, tenurial arrangement, collection and disengagement;
4. Formulate community development and management plan;
5. Organize, strengthen and sustain community participation in development formulation and planning.

SECTION 14. FUNDING

Funds for the operations of the Local Inter-Agency Committee with its sub-committees shall initially come from the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and available funds from the City Government of Digos, subsequent funding requirements therefore shall be incorporated in the Annual Budget proposal of the Office of the Mayor, subject to existing accounting and auditing laws, rules and procedures.

SECTION 15. REPEALING CLAUSE

All previous Executive Order issuances and Memoranda Order that are inconsistent with issuance of this Executive Order are hereby deemed superseded or modified accordingly.

SECTION 16. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE

This executive Order shall take effect immediately upon approval.

SO ORDERED.

Done this 17th day of April 2023 in Digos City, Davao del Sur, Philippines.

Attested by:


ATTY. MARTY R. BASUNILLO
City Administrator


JOSE FORTICH CAGAS, RN, MPA, JD
City Mayor

cc: DOTr XI,
All concerned.