[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 964, July 20, 1976]

FURTHER AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBER FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT, AS AMENDED, TO CREATE A PLANNING AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS.

WHEREAS, under Section Two of Presidential Decree No. 458, as amended, it was provided that the Department of Public Highways shall be made up of the immediate Office of the Secretary, the Planning Service, the Administrative Service, the Financial and Management Service, the Project Execution Service, the Legal Service and the Special Projects Service including three bureaus, namely: (a) the Bureau of Construction and Maintenance, (b) the Bureau of Equipment, (c) the Bureau of Barangay Roads, and the Regional and District Offices.

WHEREAS, Section Nine of Presidential Decree No. 458 provides that the functions and composition of the Planning Service, the Administrative Service and Financial and Management Service shall be in accordance with those prescribed under Chapter 1, Part II of the Integrated Reorganization Plan;

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Highways is involved in all sectors of development wherein highway and airport infrastructure support is a necessity;

WHEREAS, the present concept of development planning of the government which considers economic, social and environmental aspects, necessitates the expansion of the planning activities of the Department of Public Highways in order to be responsive to the demands for the overall development;

WHEREAS, there is a need to undertake a study and evaluation of all highway and airport projects as to their economic and technical feasibilities to adequately meet the transport requirements of the growing economy;

WHEREAS, in view of the more comprehensive and exhaustive planning, programming and research activities of the Department of Public Highways, there is a need to expand its present Planning Service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution, do hereby, decree and order;

Section 1. The provision of Section Two of Presidential Decree No. 458, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 2. Organization of the Department of Public Highways.— The Department of Public Highways, hereinafter called the Department, shall be composed of a Department Proper made up of the immediate Office of the Secretary, the Planning and Project Development Office, the Administrative Service, the Financial and Management Service, the Project Execution Service, the Legal Service and the Special Projects Service, three Bureaus; namely: (a) the Bureau of Construction and Maintenance, (b) the Bureau of Equipment, (c) the Bureau of Barangay Roads; and the Regional and District Offices."