

[**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 39, December 07, 1998**]

RECONSTITUTING THE PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE ON TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT AND MANAGEMENT AND REDEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 351 dated August 31, 1997 as amended by Administrative Order No. 375 dated January 19, 1998 created the Presidential Task Force on Traffic Improvement and Management;

WHEREAS, the traffic situation in the country, particularly in Metro Manila gravely and adversely affects the over-all mobility of people and goods, thereby resulting in decreased productivity, disruptions in the supply of goods and services and other traffic-related costs;

WHEREAS, the plans and programs on traffic management and improvement of various instrumentalities and agencies need to be harmonized;

WHEREAS, such harmonization requires a single traffic authority that will cut across various departments and traffic-related bodies and instrumentalities to integrate and coordinate traffic implementation and mobilization of resources to address the traffic situation;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act 7924, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) is mandated to perform planning, monitoring and coordinative functions, and in the process exercise regulatory and supervisory authority over the delivery of metro-wide services within Metro Manila to include, transportation and traffic management, without diminution of the autonomy of the Local Government Units (LGUs) concerning purely local matters; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need for concerned government agencies to support the MMDA in the exercise of its functions relative to traffic management.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Reconstitution of the Presidential Task Force on Traffic Improvement and Management. The Presidential Task Force on Traffic Improvement and Management, hereinafter referred to as TRAFIMM, is hereby reconstituted and strengthened and shall continue to serve as the integrating, coordinating and directing authority on traffic management in Metro Manila and its environs, subject to appropriate laws and national policies.

Section 2. Composition. The TRAFIMM shall be composed of the following:

Chairman – Chairman, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority