

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 170, April 20, 1994 ]**

**RATIONALIZING AND HARMONIZING TRAFFIC AND  
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF  
AGENCIES IN METROPOLITAN MANILA AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, Presidential Decree No. 824, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 1274, created the Metropolitan Manila Commission, among others, to establish and operate a transport and traffic center which shall direct traffic activities;

**WHEREAS**, Presidential Decree No. 1605 vested the Metropolitan Manila Commission, among others, the power to impose fines and otherwise discipline drivers and operators of motor vehicles for violations of traffic laws, ordinances, rules and regulations in Metropolitan Manila and transferred the powers of the Land Transportation Commission and the Board of Transportation over such violations and punishment to the Metropolitan Manila Commission;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 392 dated January 9, 1990, among others, constituted the Metropolitan Manila Authority which absorbed all the powers and functions of the Metropolitan Manila Commission;

**WHEREAS**, Memorandum Order No. 397 dated January 9, 1991, reconstituted and strengthened the Metropolitan Manila Land Transportation Coordinating Council (MMLTCC) created under Memorandum Order No. 245 dated July 25, 1989 which had been empowered to be the sole authority with the responsibility of handling traffic management in Metropolitan Manila;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 6975 (PNP LAW) gave City/Municipal Mayors the power of operational control and supervision over elements of the Philippine National Police within their respective jurisdictions;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 7160 (Local Government Code) empowered local government units, among others, to regulate traffic on all streets and bridges within their respective boundaries;

**WHEREAS**, Memorandum Order No. 176 dated October 19, 1993, reaffirmed the existence of the Metropolitan Manila Land Transportation Coordinating Council as the single traffic management authority and further expanded the scope of its responsibility to include transportation services;

**WHEREAS**, the series of Presidential Decrees, Republic Acts, Executive and Memorandum Orders has resulted to conflicts as to which body, agency or person is responsible for traffic management in Metropolitan Manila;

**WHEREAS**, pending legislation of laws that would straighten out the conflicts that have evolved and in the light of the fact that the traffic problem in Metropolitan Manila has reached alarming and critical proportions, it becomes imperative to establish and institutionalize the organization and framework of operations and cooperation among the different agencies and local government units in Metropolitan Manila to ensure the systematic, orderly and continued implementation of the approved Updated Traffic and Transport Plan for Metro Manila (1993-1998);

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and the Constitution, do hereby order:

**SECTION 1. THE METROPOLITAN MANILA LAND TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COUNCIL.**

A. The Metropolitan Manila Land Transportation Coordinating Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, shall be the highest policy making body on all matters pertaining to traffic management for the area.

B. Composition. The Council shall be composed of the following:

Chairman Chairman, Metropolitan Manila Authority

Members Cabinet Officer for Regional Development for the National Capital Region, representing the Office of the President,

Secretary, Department of Transportation and Communications,

Secretary, Department of Public Works and Highways,

Secretary, Department of Interior and Local Government,

Secretary, Department of Education, Culture and Sports,

General Manager, Metropolitan Manila Authority (Ex-Officio Member)

C. Powers and Functions. – The Council shall exercise the following powers and functions:

(1) Review existing laws, policies, programs, rules and regulations on traffic on land transportation for the purpose of recommending to the President or appropriate agencies and instrumentalities of government, policies and measures aimed at improving traffic and land transportation systems within Metropolitan Manila.

Identify and resolve problems and issues arising from the implementation of existing Presidential Decrees, laws, orders, rules and regulations affecting traffic and land transportation in the area.

Use funds specified under Section 4 of Presidential Decree No. 1605 allocated by the Metropolitan Manila Authority for the Council for the operational needs and the implementation of policies and programs on traffic and land transportation management.

Call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or any instrumentality of the government, including government-owned and controlled corporations, and public service or utility companies for any assistance as it may deem necessary in the discharge of its duties and functions.

(5) Encourage the support and participation of the private sector in the formulation and implementation of policies, plans, projects and efforts affecting traffic and land transportation in Metropolitan Manila.

**SEC. 2. COMMITTEES.** The Council shall be assisted by the following Committees whose composition and function are stated herein:

A. Committee on Enforcement. It shall formulate, integrate and recommend to the Council, through the Executive Director, traffic enforcement traffic plans and projects that would, among others, rationalize the development of traffic enforcers and improve the enforcement of traffic laws, rules and regulations. The Committee shall consists of:

Chairman Executive Director, MMA Traffic Operations Center

Members District Traffic Commanders of:

- NCR, Traffic Management Command
- Northern Police District
- Eastern Police District
- Western Police District
- Southern Police District
- Central Police District

Chief, Law Enforcement Service, Land Transportation Office

Officer in Charge, DOTC Action Center

Heads, NGO (As the Committee Chairman may determine)

B. Committee on Engineering. – It shall review, integrate and recommend to the Council through the Executive Director all traffic engineering-related plans and programs and assist in coordinating the improvement and maintenance of road networks and traffic facilities in order to establish an effective traffic and transportation system. The Committee shall consist of:

Chairman Director, Traffic Engineering Center

Members Director, NCR Dept. of Public Works and Highways

Director, National Center for Transport Studies, UP

Executive Director, MMA Traffic Operations Center