

## DOT AND DPWH CONVERGENCE AND SUPPORT PROGRAM, GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT 2022 vs 2023

The tourism sector is considered one of the pillars of the country's economic recovery after the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic. Fast-tracking programs is meant to address infrastructure deficiencies in tourist destinations in accord with the National Tourism Development Plan (NTDP). The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the Department of Transportation (DOTr) have been mandated to establish a tourism infrastructure program under the Plan. On January 19, 2012, the Department of Tourism (DOT) and the DPWH signed a Memorandum of Agreement to launch the DOT-DPWH Convergence Program for Enhancing Tourism Access aimed at creating a system for planning, identification, evaluation, and funding for roads leading to tourist destinations. Tourism-related projects under the Program include the Tourism Road Infrastructure Program (TRIP) and the *Kalsada Tungo sa Paliparan, Riles, at Daungan* (KATUPARAN) Program.

Identification of potential tourism roads depends on three (3) criteria, namely: i) fulfillment of pre-qualification requirements (i.e. project development map, right-of-way availability, concept study, endorsements of the Regional Development Council, LGU Head and stakeholders, geotagged photos of the proposed road project and tourism destination and geographic information system map); ii) information details (i.e. connection of proposed road to tourism site, service center, and gateway (bus terminal, seaport, airport); and iii) project readiness (i.e. pre- and full feasibility study, detailed and preliminary engineering design).

**TABLE 1**  
**DOT-DPWH CONVERGENCE AND SUPPORT PROGRAM**  
**UNDER THE GAA 2022 vs 2023 (IN MILLION PESOS)**

Projects	GAA 2022	GAA 2023
<b>TRIP</b>	<b>17,087.00</b>	<b>17,689.16</b>
<b>KATUPARAN</b>	<b>3,575.52</b>	<b>2,959.55</b>
Roads to Airports	1,516.94	1,344.40
Roads to Seaports	1,919.03	1,547.11
Roads to Railway Stations	139.55	68.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,662.52</b>	<b>20,648.71</b>

Source: DBM-GAA 2022 and 2023

The appropriated budget for the Convergence and Special Support Program (CSSP) of the DPWH in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for fiscal year 2023 is P388.29 billion. This is P35.49 billion or 10.06% higher than the budget appropriated in 2022 amounting to P352.80 billion. Of the total CSSP budget, P20.65 billion or 5.32% will be appropriated for DOT-DPWH

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Convergence and Support Program's (DCCSP) TRIP and KATUPARAN (Table 1). The distribution of funds is divided into three categories: DPWH Centrally Managed and Infrastructure Flagship Projects (IFP) implemented by the National Capital Region (NCR)/Central Office (CO) and the DPWH Regional District Engineering Office Projects implemented by the district engineering offices of each region. Note that no projects have been identified under the IFP in all types of projects under the KATUPARAN and TRIP in the 2023 GAA (Tables 2, 3, 4, and 5).

**TABLE 2**  
**CONSTRUCTION/IMPROVEMENT OF ACCESS ROADS**  
**LEADING TO AIRPORTS (IN MILLION PESOS)**

Access Roads leading to Airports Projects	GAA 2022	GAA 2023
<b>DPWH Centrally Managed Projects: NCR/ Central Office</b>	<b>1,096.65</b>	<b>1,186.90</b>
Region I	19.00	30.00
Region II	180.77	
Region IV-B	141.92	109.90
Region V	200.00	313.00
Region VI		100.00
Region VIII		100.00
Region X	553.96	467.00
Region XIII		67.00
<b>DPWH Regional District Engineering Office Projects:</b>	<b>166.28</b>	<b>157.50</b>
Region II	7.50	83.50
Region IV-B	73.52	40.00
Region VII	10.00	5.00
Region VIII	25.26	
Region X	50.00	
Region XII		29.00
<b>Infrastructure Flagship Projects: NCR/ Central Office</b>	<b>255.00</b>	
Region V	255.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>P1,516.94</b>	<b>P1,344.40</b>

Source: DBM-GAA 2022 and 2023

The proposed budget for the construction /improvement of access roads leading to airports under the KATUPARAN in 2023 is P1.34 billion which is P172.54

million or 11.37% lower than the appropriated amount of P1.52 billion in 2022 (Tables 1 and 2). The regions that will receive funds in 2023 under this sub-program are Regions 1, 4-B, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, and 13, with Region 10 (P467 million) receiving the biggest budget. Note that Regions 1, 2, 4-B, 5, and 7 have been consistently allotted a budget in both years and project categories.

Table 3 shows that the approved budget in 2022 for the construction/ improvement of access roads leading to seaports totaled P1.92 billion but is set to decline by 19.4% to P1.55 billion in the appropriated 2023 national budget. The regions that will receive funds in 2023 under KATUPARAN leading to seaports are Regions 1, 2, 3, 4-A, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 13 with Region 5 cornering the largest allotment of P427.48 million.

**TABLE 3  
CONSTRUCTION/IMPROVEMENT OF ACCESS ROADS  
LEADING TO SEAPORTS (IN MILLION PESOS)**

Access Roads leading to Seaports Projects	GAA 2022	GAA 2023
<b>DPWH Centrally Managed Projects: NCR/ Central Office</b>	<b>914.87</b>	<b>1,118.41</b>
Region I	113.53	60.00
Region IV-A	181.07	175.00
Region V	161.41	369.41
Region VI		30.00
Region VIII	115.50	145.00
Region XI	193.36	15.00
Region XIII	150.00	324.00
<b>DPWH Regional District Engineering Office Projects:</b>	<b>556.17</b>	<b>428.70</b>
Region II	64.50	30.00
Region III	5.00	20.00
Region IV-A	79.65	52.20
Region IV-B	5.00	
Region V	65.00	58.07
Region VI	31.86	10.00
Region VII	194.64	150.00
Region VIII	50.00	60.00
Region IX	54.52	25.00
Region XI	6.00	
Region XIII		23.43
<b>Infrastructure Flagship Projects: NCR/ Central Office</b>	<b>448.00</b>	
Region V	244.00	
Region XIII	204.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>P1,919.03</b>	<b>P1,547.11</b>

Source: DBM-GAA 2022 and 2023

The proposed allocation for the construction/ improvement of access roads leading to railway stations in 2023 contracted by more than half the amount appropriated in 2022 from almost P140 million to just P68.03 million (Table 4). The proposed budget for 2023 will be concentrated on only three regions, namely, Regions 3, 5, and 11, with the bulk (66.6%) going to Region 5 (P45.30 million).

The TRIP has the largest allocation among the subprograms under the DDCSP both in 2022 (82.70% of the total) and in 2023 (85.67%). Although increasing

by a mere 2.97%, TRIP provides P17.69 billion in funds in 2023 for the construction/ improvement of access roads leading to declared tourism destinations for all regions (Table 5). The biggest allocation will go to Region 5 with a total budget of P2.77 billion followed by Region 7 (P1.98 billion) and Region 13 (P1.93 billion).

**TABLE 4  
CONSTRUCTION/IMPROVEMENT OF ACCESS ROADS  
LEADING TO RAILWAY STATIONS (IN MILLION PESOS)**

Access Roads leading to Railways Station Projects	GAA 2022	GAA 2023
<b>DPWH Centrally Managed Projects: NCR/ Central Office</b>	<b>35.55</b>	<b>7.73</b>
Region III	15.55	
Region V	20.00	
Region XI		7.73
<b>DPWH Regional District Engineering Office Projects:</b>	<b>104.00</b>	<b>60.30</b>
Region III		15.00
Region V		45.30
Region XI	104.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>P139.55</b>	<b>P68.03</b>

Source: DBM-GAA 2022 and 2023

**TABLE 5  
CONSTRUCTION/IMPROVEMENT OF ACCESS ROADS  
LEADING TO DECLARED TOURISM DESTINATIONS (TRIP)  
(IN MILLION PESOS)**

Access Roads leading to Declared Tourism Destinations	GAA 2022	GAA 2023
<b>DPWH Centrally Managed Projects: NCR/ Central Office</b>	<b>8,631.47</b>	<b>10,916.12</b>
Region I	514.42	1,021.02
CAR	399.54	291.60
Region II	67.40	
Region III	438.26	350.00
Region IV-A	295.10	220.00
Region IV-B	574.69	477.65
Region V	1,495.40	2,308.54
Region VI	427.70	774.92
Region VII	1,310.12	1,149.07
Region VIII	580.58	278.00
Region IX	161.00	108.88
Region X	100.00	465.00
Region XI	496.33	172.27
Region XII	100.00	1,576.12
Region XIII	1,670.95	1,723.05
<b>DPWH Regional District Engineering Office Projects:</b>	<b>7,839.55</b>	<b>6,773.04</b>
Region I	410.88	243.00
CAR	471.63	505.63
Region II	680.63	695.11
Region III	412.07	320.14
Region IV-A	453.24	656.80
Region IV-B	524.90	341.20
Region V	334.03	462.28
Region VI	837.37	579.38
Region VII	945.41	829.50
Region VIII	438.12	623.15
Region IX	615.77	529.54
Region X	447.63	256.09
Region XI	585.62	278.60
Region XII	483.67	244.00
Region XIII	198.58	208.62
<b>Infrastructure Flagship Projects: NCR/ Central Office</b>	<b>616.00</b>	
Region V	616.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>P17,087.00</b>	<b>P17,689.16</b>

Source: DBM-GAA 2022 and 2023