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Introduced by:

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M.S. Taijeron

AN ACT TO EXPEDITE THE REPAIR OF SOUTHERN BRIDGES TO ALLOW FOR REASONABLE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SOUTHERN VILLAGES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that transportation to and from southern villages has been inhibited for an unreasonable amount of time by two road projects. On Agat – Umatac Road below Mt. Jumullong Manglo, erosion continues to reduce the width of the road from four usable lanes to two. In Malesso, the two temporary bridges continue reduce the width of the road from two lanes to one, allowing only for one-way traffic, and requiring the use of stop signs.

The reduction of usable road width in these three construction sites results in an increase in transportation time to and from southern villages, and forces drivers to encounter potentially-challenging situations.

Section 2. Establishment of a Deadline for Project Completion. It is hereby mandated that directors of the Department of Public Works and the Department of Land Management commit, in writing, to a final deadline of one

hundred and twenty (120) days upon enactment of this bill, for completion of the relevant projects.

Section 3. Resolution of Barriers to Project Completion. Should directors of the above-mentioned agencies determine that any barriers exist to project completion, and that said barriers have the potential to impede upon the completion deadline, the agency directors must communicate in writing to the Chairperson of the Committee on Utilities, Transportation, Public Works and Veterans' Affairs, specifying the barriers, and an action plan to resolve each prior to the deadline.

Section 4. Change of Deadline. Should the directors determine that the completion deadline is impractical, they are required to show cause to *I Liheslatura* the additional time needed for resolution, and are required to propose to *I Liheslatura* a revised timeline for project completion.

Section 5. Severability. If any of the provisions of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Act shall become effective upon enactment.

