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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. William A. Sommers, Chief, OPD

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SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report - September, 1978

CONTRACT OBJECTIVES: To produce a manual on road network development planning techniques for intermediate size Philippine cities using tested field techniques, and to devise a training program featuring the manual.

WORK PERFORMED TO DATE: Angeles City accepted the responsibility for the conduct of a pilot study in city RNDP. A study office was established in Angeles City on September 18. An agreement concerning various responsibilities for the completion of the pilot study was signed by Angeles City and the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development on September 29. The study staff presently consists of the USAID consultant, three members from PDAP/CDAP, and three staff members and a typist from the Angeles City Planning and Development Staff. One vehicle has been made available by Angeles City for the study project. Forms and procedures have been prepared for the economic base study, the O-D surveys and the traffic counts.

CONFORMANCE TO SCHEDULE: Because of the slow start-up time the project is presently behind schedule.

ANALYSIS OF PROGRESS. In consideration of the facts that (1) Angeles City accepted the pilot study project on relatively short notice; (2) the new project has been disruptive to staff responsibilities and other on-going projects within the City Planning and Development Staff, and (3) the city has never developed the basic framework for the development of an urban transportation study, progress, at this early stage, although slow, has been satisfactory. Personnel for the field surveys and traffic counts are now under active recruitment and the field work should be underway by mid-October.

PROBLEM AREAS: The launching of a full-scale pilot study has been hampered by the slow release of the City Planning and Development Staff from other duties and the ability of the USAID consultant to properly access the daily functioning of the city due to the unavailability of project transportation until the end of the reporting period. The processing of the project work program should pick up momentum in the next reporting period.