[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 133, March 26, 2013]

REPEALING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 686 (S. 2007) AND RETURNING TO THE TOLL REGULATORY BOARD (TRB) THE POWERS TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH)

WHEREAS, on 19 December 2007, Executive Order No. (EO) 686 transferred the TRB from the DPWH to the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), but removed certain powers of the TRB such as the power to enter into contracts on behalf of the Republic of the Philippines for the construction, operation and maintenance of toll facilities for highways, roads, bridges and public thoroughfares, and transferred the same to the DPWH; and

WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines has continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President (OP) by, among others, transferring any agency under the OP, or functions thereof, to any department or agency of the government pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 3, Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of EO 292.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby expressly repeal EO 686 (s. 2007). Any and all powers of the TRB transferred by EO 686 to the DPWH are hereby returned to the TRB in accordance with TRB's mandate under Presidential Decree No. 1112, as amended. The TRB shall remain an attached agency of the DOTC. Nothing herein shall be construed as to affect toll road contractual arrangements entered into pursuant to Republic Act No. 7718, as amended.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 26th of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

(SGD.) BENIGNO S. AQUINO III

President of the Philippines

By authority of the President:

(SGD.) PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR. *Executive Secretary*

