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MEMORANDUM

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**SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES ON IMPLEMENTING ROAD INFLUENCE
AREA FOR PROPOSED FARM TO MARKET ROADS WITH SOLE ACCESS**

This memorandum provides supplemental guidelines concerning the Road Influence Area (RIA) for proposed Farm to Market Roads (FMRs) that serve as the sole access route for farmer beneficiaries. The standard default range of **5 kilometers** may be extended under specific conditions outlined below:

1. The Local Government Unit (LGU) shall request in writing an extension of the RIA beyond the standard 5-kilometer radius to the DA-PRDP, providing evidence that:
 - a. Residents and beneficiaries not within 5 kilometers radius will utilize the proposed road sub-project.
 - b. A significant area of agricultural crops will benefit from extending the 5-kilometer range. Specific agricultural crops of the extended 5 kilometer RIA range with their corresponding production area are identified.

- c. This evidence shall include site validations, geotagged photos/videos, and documented interviews with residents and beneficiaries.
2. The LGU must submit updated Geographic Information System (GIS) data to the PRDP, including:
 - a. Road networks within the proposed area and their conditions (supported by geotagged photos).
 - b. Locations of existing agricultural crop areas.
3. The request for extension should be done during the initial validation and the team of DA-PRDP will validate the LGUs' request.

These supplemental guidelines are an important step in improving the effectiveness and relevance of FMRs. By considering the actual distances over which farmers transport their goods, we can better support the agricultural sector and enhance market access for rural communities.

Please ensure that all relevant components/units and stakeholders are informed of these guidelines and implement them accordingly.


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