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## **PRESIDENT HAKAINDE HICHILEMA 'BREAKS GROUND' FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LUSAKA - NDOLA DUAL CARRIAGEWAY**



*President Hakainde Hichilema delivering his keynote speech during the groundbreaking Ceremony to upgrade to dual carriageway the 327 kilometres Lusaka-Ndola Road and rehabilitation of the Masangano-Fisenge-Luanshya Road at one of the construction camps in Kapiri Mposhi District.*

**President Hakainde Hichilema on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024 officially launched the construction works of the Lusaka-Ndola dual carriageway, spanning 327 kilometers and also includes the rehabilitation of the Masangano-Fisenge-Luanshya Road.**

The President highlighted the project's cost-effectiveness, made possible through the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) financing model, which aims at optimizing Government resources while delivering quality infrastructure.

President Hichilema officiated at the groundbreaking ceremony of the Lusaka-Ndola Dual Carriageway at one of the construction camps in Kapiri Mposhi

District signifying the commencement of full-scale construction.

Macro Ocean Investment Consortium (MOIC) is undertaking works to upgrade to Dual Carriageway the 327 kilometres Lusaka-Ndola Road and rehabilitation of 45 kilometres of the Masangano-Fisenge-Luanshya Road under the PPP financing model.

Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles Lubasi Milupi in his remarks said the groundbreaking ceremony was not only a momentous occasion but also testament of the fulfillments of president Hichilema's directives regarding the importance

of delivering projects through the PPP financing model.

The scope of works involves; Construction of 327 kilometres Dual Carriageway from Lusaka to Ndola, construction of Kabwe and Kapiri Mposhi by passes, rehabilitation of 45 kilometres of the Masangano-Fisenge-Luanshya Road, construction of two new toll plazas, construction of two Weighbridges and expansion and improvement of existing bridges along the entire route.

It is expected that once the project is completed, travel times will improve between Lusaka and the Copperbelt province as there will be continuous flow



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of traffic because of the road being a dual carriageway and in good condition and enhanced safety as a result of dualization.

The implementation of the project will also serve as a springboard for various youths in the country, as it will result in the creation of jobs over 3000 jobs during construction and many more in the project area during the operations and maintenance phase.

Further by law, any Concession on a PPP project is mandated to reserve at least 20% of the works to Zambian contractors. So, Zambian contractors will also benefit from the project.



President Hakainde Hichilema cutting the ribbon (while others look on) during the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the Lusaka-Ndola Dual Carriageway.



RDA Director and CEO, Eng. Grace Mulemba with officials from MDIC during the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the Lusaka-Ndola Dual Carriageway.



Aerial view of the works on the Lusaka-Ndola Dual Carriageway.





*Preparatory works for the construction of Lusaka-Ndola Dual Carriageway*



*Aerial view of the Masangano-Fizanga-Luanshya Road*



## LUANSHYA SUB-EVENT

Photo focus on the groundbreaking ceremony for construction of the Lusaka-Ndola Dual Carriageway and rehabilitation of 45 kilometres Masangano-Fisanga-Luanshya Road in Luanshya. The event was graced by Transport and Logistics Minister, Hon. Frank Tayali.



Minister of Transport and Logistics Hon. Frank Tayali (middle) flanked by Her Royal Highnesses Chieftness Maemba (right), His Royal Highness Chief Machayi (left), Copperbelt Provincial Minister, Hon. Elisha Matambo (far left) and invited guests during the cutting of the ribbon to mark the commencement of rehabilitation works of the Masangano-Fisanga-Luanshya Road in Luanshya on the Copperbelt Province.



A section of the Masangano-Fisanga-Luanshya Road where the groundbreaking ceremony was held.



Invited guests following proceedings during the groundbreaking ceremony in Luanshya.



## 10 MILES SUB-EVENT

The groundbreaking ceremony for construction of the Lusaka-Ndola Dual Carriageway and rehabilitation of 45 kilometres Masangano-Fisenge-Luanshya Road at 10 miles. The sub-event was graced by Technology and Science Minister, Hon. Felix Mutati.



*Billboard placed at 10 miles.*



*Technology and Science Minister, Hon. Felix Mutati graced the sub-event at 10 miles to mark the groundbreaking ceremony for construction of the Lusaka-Ndola Dual Carriageway.*



*Invited guests following proceedings at 10 miles during the groundbreaking ceremony for construction of the Lusaka-Ndola Dual Carriageway.*



## CHIBOMBO SUB-EVENT

The groundbreaking ceremony for construction of the Lusaka-Ndola Dual Carriageway and rehabilitation of 45 kilometres Masangano-Fisenge-Luanshya Road was also held Chibombo District. The sub-avent was graced by Green Economy and Environment Minister, Hon. Eng. Collins Nzovu.



*Minister of Green Economy and Environment, Hon. Eng. Collins Nzovu (third from left) cutting the ribbon during the groundbreaking ceremony for construction of the Lusaka-Ndola Dual Carriageway.*



*The guest of honour with invited guests during the groundbreaking ceremony for construction of the Lusaka-Ndola Dual Carriageway in Chibombo District.*



*The guest of honour with invited guests at groundbreaking ceremony for construction of the Lusaka-Ndola Dual Carriageway in Chibombo District.*



## TRANSPORT EXPERTS FROM THE WORLD BANK CONFER WITH RDA CEO AND TEAM



*Group photo: Officials from the RDA and the World Bank.*

A team from the World Bank on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 paid a courtesy call on Road Development Agency (RDA) Director and Chief Executive Officer, Eng. Grace Mutembo.

The delegation led by Mr. Aymen A. Osman Ali, the Senior Transport Specialist based in Washington DC in the United States of America (USA) was accompanied by Eng. Dickson Ndhlovu,

the Transport Specialist at the World Bank Zambia Office, Mr. Atter Ezzat Hannoura, Head of the Private-Public Partnership (PPP) Unit in Egypt and Mr. William Dachs, the former CEO, of Gautrain in South Africa.

The meeting was centered around the execution of PPP projects in Zambia among many others.

## ZAMTEL MD PAYS COURTESY CALL ON RDA CEO



*Group photo: Officials from the RDA and ZAMTEL.*

Stakeholder management remains at centre stage of the Road Development Agency (RDA) strategic objectives as its a prerequisite for successful project implementation.

Zambia Telecommunications Company (ZAMTEL) Managing

Director, Eng. Jason Mwanza and his team on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024 paid a courtesy call on RDA Director and Chief Executive Officer, Eng. Grace Mutembo to discuss matters of mutual interest for the institutions.



# UPDATE ON ROAD PROJECTS COUNTRYWIDE

## HON. ENG. MILUPI HAPPY WITH THE WORKMANSHIP ON THE KAZUNGULA-SESHEKE ROAD



Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles Lubasi Milupi with the Southern Provincial Roads Engineer, Namalala Ghisala inspecting the ongoing holding maintenance works on the Kazungula-Sesheke Road.

**Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi is happy with the workmanship being displayed on the road works by the Road Development Agency (RDA) and the Zambia National Service (ZNS) on the Kazungula-Sesheke Road.**

The Minister said this when he inspected the on-going holding maintenance works on the Kazungula-Sesheke Road.

"This is the type of workmanship the Government would like to see," he said.

He took time to interact with the motorists who disclosed their happiness with the maintenance works on the road which had ultimately reduced the travel time.

The Livingstone-Sesheke Road is part of the road network in Zambia that provides access to Walvis Bay Port. Therefore, the road is an important trade link not only to

Zambia but also to the countries in the SADC Region.

In June 2023, the Government through the RDA embarked on holding maintenance works of the 92 kilometres Kazungula-Sesheke Road owing to its deplorable state.

The 54 kilometres stretch is being worked on by ZNS while the RDA is working on the 38 kilometres.



Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles Lubasi Milupi inspecting the ongoing holding maintenance works on the Kazungula-Sesheke Road.



## INSTALLATION OF THE CRUSHER PLANT IN READINESS FOR WORKS ON THE NDOLA-SAKANIA-MUFULIRA-MUFULIRA ROAD



*Crusher Plant installation on the Ndola-Mufulira Road Project.*

The Concession Agreement for the finance, design, build, operate, maintain and transfer of 66 kilometres of the Ndola-Sakanla-Mufullira Road and border infrastructure at Sakanla on the Copperbelt Province was signed on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 with Jaiyou Ports Limited.

The Concessionaire is currently setting up of the crusher plant in readiness for the works to be undertaken under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) financing model.



*Crusher Plant installation for the Ndola-Mufulira Road Project.*



# LUANGINGA AND SILANDA BRIDGE PROJECTS

The laying of crushed stone base on the 1.8 kilometres road connecting the Luanginga and Silanda Bridges in Kalabo District has commenced.

About 1 kilometre has so far been done and after a few days, asphalt works will also commence.



*Laying of crushed stone base on the road connecting the Luanginga and Silanda Bridges in Kalabo District.*



*Laying of crushed stone base on the road connecting the Luanginga and Silanda Bridges in Kalabo District.*



*Works on the road connecting Luanginga and Silanda Bridges in Kalabo District.*



# LUSU-IMUSHO ROAD IN SESHEKE DISTRICT TO BE WORKED ON



*Current state of the Lusu-Imusho Road in Sesheke District in Western Province*

## **Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles Lubasi Milupi Inspected the Lusu-Imusho Road in Sesheke District in Western Province.**

The road is being considered to be constructed to all-weather gravel standard.

"This place has remained remote since independence in certain cases people use the Namibian Border to travel to Sesheke and back. That is unsustainable and it is not what we ought to have as a country," he said.

He further said consideration was also being done to construct to all-weather standard the 131 kilometres road linking

Imusho to the border and to the Sioma-Sesheke Road.

Sesheke Member of Parliament, Hon. Romeo Kangombe expressed happiness that Hon. Eng. Milupi is in the area and will be able to see for himself, get first-hand information and experience what the people of Imusho have been experiencing for a long time.

"We have lost a number of people due to the non-existence of the road. It is very difficult to transport goods from Sesheke to Imusho as the local people have to use the Namibian Border where they are expected to declare and it's up to the officials to allow the goods or not," Hon. Kangombe said.

Meanwhile, Chief Imusho has thanked the Government for the plans to work on the Lusu-Imusho Road.

The upgrading of 131 kilometre Lusu-Imusho Road will add to achieving another milestone in the paradigm shift of turning Zambia from a landlocked country to land linked.

The road is a key driver of social and economic development of Sesheke District and once improved, it shall not only improve accessibility but will contribute greatly to the lives of the local people through improved trade and commerce, sustainable agricultural and timber production.



# CONSTRUCTION WORKS ON CHIBULUMA ROAD IN KITWE

The contractor engaged to construct the 7 kilometres Chibuluma Road in Kitwe to concrete standard has fully mobilized and commenced with clearing and grubbing works.

East to West Construction and Mining Limited commenced works on the road in April and so far, a total distance of 4.52 kilometres of clearing and grubbing has been undertaken.

The following were the planned works in May 2024: Clearing and grubbing, relocation of services, construction of pipe culverts, construction of the box culvert, earthworks, roadbed preparation, cement stabilised subbase construction, construction of concrete lined drains and construction of the rigid concrete pavement.



*Clearing and grubbing works in progress on the Chibuluma Road in Kitwe.*



*Chibuluma Road works in Kitwe.*



*Chibuluma Road works in Kitwe.*



# CONTRACTOR MOBILISING TO COMMENCE REHABILITATION WORKS ON THE BATOKA-MAAMBA ROAD



*Site mobilization for rehabilitation works of the Batoka-Maamba Road in Southern Province.*

**China Geo-Engineering Corporation and Chipangano Builders Limited JV have started mobilising in readiness to commence rehabilitation works on the Batoka-Maamba Road in Southern Province.**

The Government through the Road Development Agency (RDA) is undertaking the rehabilitation of the Batoka-Maamba Road (88 kilometres) which is a critical artery linking Batoka and Maamba in the Southern Province.

The project will significantly improve access between Batoka, Maamba and surrounding areas. This will streamline the movement of people and goods, fostering vibrant trade and economic growth across the region.

The improved road will directly benefit Zambia's vital mining and agricultural sectors. Faster and more efficient transportation will connect producers to markets, unlocking economic potential and promote job creation.



*Site mobilization for rehabilitation works of the Batoka-Maamba Road in Southern Province.*



# CHIPATA-VUBWI ROAD SPOT IMPROVEMENT WORKS

The Road Development Agency (RDA) Eastern Regional Office in September 2023 received funding to undertake spot improvement works on Chipata-Vubwi Road and the target was to complete 16.6 kilometres of the section which was impassable before the rainy season.

This target was achieved. However, works were suspended when the rainy season for 2023/2024 reached its peak.

Following the reduction of rains late in April 2024, the RDA resumed works and has since recorded progress of 5 kilometres of road formation.

The works are being undertaken on the section between Katambo Village and Mwami Hospital on the Chipata-Vubwi Road.



*Spot improvement works on the Chipata-Vubwi Road in Eastern Province*



*Spot improvement works on the Chipata-Vubwi Road.*



*Spot improvement works on the Chipata-Vubwi Road.*



# RE-GRAVELLING OF MUMBWA-LANDLESS CORNER ROAD IN CHIBOMBO/MUMBWA DISTRICT

**The Mumbwa-Landless Corner Road is an important link connecting Central to Western as well as Southern to North-Western Provinces.**

The road is approximately 115 kilometres comprising 35 kilometres of unpaved section in a deplorable condition and 80 kilometres of paved section in fair condition.

A routine road inspection was conducted in September 2023 on Mumbwa-Landless Road and it was recommended that road undergoes maintenance works.

This project focuses on the maintenance of the unpaved section.

The scope of the works includes but not limited to: clearing and grubbing, road formation and spot gravelling, installation of new drainage structures, replacement of steel pipe culverts with concrete ones and ancillary works.

The dumping and spreading of gravel are ongoing and physical progress attained stands at 40%.



*Mumbwa-Landless Corner Road works*



Work on AWESOME Roads

*Mumbwa-Landless Corner Road under maintenance*



*Mumbwa-Landless Corner Road works*



# UPDATE ON LUANGWA BRIDGE REPAIR WORKS IN CHAMA DISTRICT



*Luangwa Bridge repair works in Chama District.*

**Following the washaway of an approach embankment to Luangwa Bridge on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024 due to flash floods experienced in the area, the Chama-Matumbo Road was cut-off completely at Luangwa River.**

However, at that time, it was a challenge to undertake emergency works to restore vehicular traffic due to high water levels and also lack of accessibility across

Kamphemba River which was also flooded.

A footbridge was constructed within 24 hours after a washaway to reinstall pedestrian connectivity and other forms of traffic such as motor bikes and ox-carts.

The water levels had reduced significantly and the Agency has since procured steel members which were delivered on site on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

The steel members will be used for the construction of an extension of the 13 metres steel girder bridge across the washed away section.

Back filling works on the Matumbo side and excavations for the abutment on the Chama side has commenced.

The materials for the construction of the abutment have also been delivered on site.



*Luangwa Bridge repair works in Chama District.*



# CHAMA-LUNDAZI SPOT IMPROVEMENT WORKS



*Spot improvement works on the Chama-Lundazi Road.*

## **Spot Improvement works on the Chama-Lundazi Road In Eastern Province have resumed.**

The Road Development Agency (RDA) in December 2023 suspended the works when the rainy season commenced.

The works which resumed on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and are being undertaken by the Eastern Regional Office target all critical sections between Lundazi and Muyomba turnoff in Chama District.

Currently, 7 kilometres of road formation has been completed.



*Spot improvement works on the Chama-Lundazi Road.*



# MUKUKU BRIDGE ON THE TUTA ROAD GETS A FRESH COAT OF PAINT



*Painting works at Mukuku Bridge on the Tuta Road in Leapula Province.*



*Mukuku Bridge on the Tuta Road in Leapula Province.*



# MUNGULE-KATOLE ROAD PROJECT



*Rehabilitation of the Mungule-Katole Road in Chibombo District.*

**The Road Development Agency (RDA) has embarked on the project to rehabilitate the Mungule-Katole Road in Chibombo District.**

The start point for the road is opposite the turn-off to Chieftainess Mungule's Palace and stretches Northwards to Katole Community School in Chibombo District.

The total distance of the road is 14.9 kilometres and the scope of works includes clearing and grubbing, road formation,

spot gravelling, culvert installation and ancillary works.

The following works have been done to date:

- Clearing and grubbing-12 kilometres;
- Road formation-12 kilometres;
- Spot gravelling- 2 kilometres; and
- Culvert installation-5 lines of 900 millimetres diameter culverts.

The overall percentage progress stands at approximately 58%. Works are ongoing and expected to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> June 3 2024.

The rehabilitation of Mungule-Katole Road will facilitate quick transportation of farm inputs and produce to and from the farming community in the area. Travel time and vehicle operating costs shall drastically reduce and generally, a reduction in the cost of doing business will be achieved.



*Rehabilitation of the Mungule-Katole Road in Chibombo District.*



# MPIKA-KASAMA ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS



*Mpika-Kasama Road maintenance works in Northern Province.*



*Mpika-Kasama Road maintenance works in Northern Province.*



*Mpika-Kasama Road maintenance works in Northern Province.*



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# EASTERN REGION-NYIMBA WEIGHBRIDGE





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