
 An accessible well maintained fit-for-purpose road network

 To provide sustainable road infrastructure for domestic and regional accessibility to spur socio-economic development

STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGED ON DRAFT ROAD SECTOR INVESTMENT PLAN (ROADSIP III)



A group photo of some delegates that attended the stakeholder's engagement on the Draft Road Sector Investment Plan (RoadSIP III).

Various stakeholders in the Road Sector recently converged at Mulungushi International Conference Centre in Lusaka to review the Draft Road Sector Investment Plan (RoadSIP III).

Road Development Agency (RDA) Acting Director and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Destone Mukuku said the Zambian Road Sector had a vast Core Road Network (CRN) of over 40,000 kilometres which remained in a poor state on selected sections and that measures were being undertaken to transform the country's road infrastructure.

Mr. Mukuku said due to limited resources, such a feat could only be achieved in phases through a well-coordinated Strategic Plan such as the RoadSIP III.

Mr. Mukuku said in his opening remarks during the stakeholders meeting that Zambia's vision for the road network was

to get it to a point where it would fully contribute to the achievement of inclusive economic and social development of the country.

"Yes, transport is an effective tool that could be employed to facilitate socio-economic development and, in this regard, contribute to poverty reduction. This development can also be achieved by leveraging on private finance through Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) to develop strategic road infrastructure," he said.

He said the implementation of the Road Sector Framework recorded some successes and challenges from which lessons learnt were drawn in RoadSIP III.

He said the new policy direction for road infrastructure development in Zambia demanded the prioritization of the PPP framework as the financing model and

the primary objective of the assignment was to redevelop a bankable Road Sector Investment Programme for road safety, maintenance, rehabilitation and development of the entire road network towards the vision 2030, considering the need to leverage on the private sector finance through PPPs.

National Road Fund Agency (NRFA) Acting Director and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Yohane Tembo said Road Sector Agencies in Zambia shared a common vision of sustainable financing as well as the construction of sustainable infrastructure.

Dr. Tembo said the Government had exhibited goodwill in supporting the Road Sector hence the need to actualize RoadSIP III.

The Draft RoadSIP III was prepared and presented by LEA Associates South Asia in conjunction with ILISO consulting.

MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT GETS A FEEL OF THE NEWLY REHABILITATED MONGU-LIMULUNGA ROAD



Newly rehabilitated Mongu-Limulunga Road.

Infrastucture, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi says he is happy with the quality works executed on the Mongu-Limulunga Road as well as other road extension works on the project.

Hon. Eng. Milupi who was accompanied by Western Province Permanent Secretary, Mr. Simomo Akapelwa and the Mayor of Mongu, Mr. Nyambe Muyumbana inspected works on the rehabilitated Mongu-Limulunga Road project recently.

The tour by the Minister and his delegation was aimed at appreciating the works that have so far been undertaken.

The Minister was delighted to see that works on the Mongu-Limulunga Road including the extension of the road up to Jeluteni stream were substantially completed with road furniture and road line markings in place.

He was also happy to note that the contractor had commenced the rehabilitation works on the 2.9 kilometres stretch of the Libonda and Lyambai Roads in Mongu District.

Meanwhile, Road Development Agency (RDA) Western Regional Manager, Eng. Paul Habasimbi briefed the delegation on the scope of the project and the progress

achieved so far.

Eng. Habasimbi said the roads to be rehabilitated in connection with the Mongu-Limulunga Road project included the Libonda Road which starts from the Mongu roundabout and stretches about 1 kilometre and would create connectivity to the famous Mongu-Kalabo Road as well as the Lyambai Road which is about 1.9 kilometres.

Both roads would be widened to about 9.8 metres to accommodate two lanes with a width of 3.4 metres and a surfaced shoulder of 1.5 metres on either side.



Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi (middle) inspecting the newly rehabilitated Mongu-Limulunga Road. Hon. Eng. Milupi was accompanied by Mongu Mayor, Mr. Nyambe Muyumbana (left) and RDA Western Regional Manager, Eng. Paul Habasimbi (right).



RDA Western Regional Manager, Eng. Paul Habasimbi (gesturing) updating Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi (far left) on the road works being undertaken in Mongu District.

CONTRACTOR MOBILISING TO COMMENCE REHABILITATION AND UPGRADING WORKS ON THE MONZE-NIKO ROAD



Equipment mobilisation in preparation for commencement of works on the Monze-Niko Road in Southern Province.

The Government through the Road Development Agency (RDA) has embarked on a project to rehabilitate and upgrade the 74 kilometres Monze-Niko Road in Southern Province.

China Geo Engineering Corporation in joint venture with Chipangano Builders Limited have been engaged to undertake the works while Kaplum and Associates Limited will provide supervision services on the project.

The scope of works includes but is not be limited to: upgrading of 44 kilometres of the road to bituminous standard, rehabilitation of 30 kilometres paved section, construction of three major box culverts, road finishing and landscaping, road signs and markings.

Currently, camp establishment and mobilisation of the plant and equipment is underway. The contract was signed on November 7, 2023 and the project is expected to be completed within 24 months.



Camp establishment for the construction of the Monze-Niko Road.



Equipment mobilization in preparation for commencement of works on the Monze-Niko Road in Southern Province.

MKUSHI BAILEY BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION WORKS



Construction of a Bailey Bridge in Luano District in Central Province underway.

The Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development (MIHUD), through the Road Development Agency (RDA) has embarked on a project to construct the 45.72 metres long Bailey Bridge across the Mkushi River in the Luano District of Central Province.

The project which recommenced in July, 2023 is being constructed under Force Account by the RDA Central Regional Office.

The construction of the Mkushi Bailey Bridge was motivated after the collapse of the old Mkushi Bridge in 2019, a development which has posed a challenge in the movement of goods and services as well as limited access to social amenities

for the communities living across the river.

The scope of works includes but not is limited to the following:

1. Site clearing;
2. Installations of one line, 1200 millimetres and 1 line 900 millimetres ring culverts as relief culverts;
3. Construction of two reinforced concrete abutments;
4. Erosion protection works;
5. Construction of approach embankments;
6. Assembly of the prefabricated steel superstructure;
7. Launching of the prefabricated steel superstructure; and
8. Ancillary works.

The Agency has significantly made progress on the major civil works such as the construction of both abutments which have attained 95% progress towards completion, while the works on the approach embankments are currently underway with physical progress netting 50%.



An aerial view of construction works at Mkushi Bailey Bridge in Luano District in Central Province.

KAMPEMBA BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION WORKS PROGRESSING WELL



Steel works underway at Kampemba Bridge.

The Government through the Road Development Agency (RDA) has engaged China Railway Seventh Group to construct the Kampemba and Luangwa Bridges in Chama District.

The contractor has been working on the Kampemba Bridge in 2023 and works have advanced.

The contractor is currently working on the preparation works for the deck on the 45 metres span Kampemba Bridge.



Kampemba Bridge under construction.

CONSTRUCTION OF LUOMBWA ACROW BRIDGE IN SERENJE DISTRICT



An aerial view of the 51.67 metres long ACROW Bridge being constructed across the Luombwa River in the Nasanga Farming Block of Serenje District in Central Province.

The Government through the Road Development Agency (RDA) has been constructing a 51.67 metres long ACROW Bridge across the Luombwa River in the Nasanga Farming Block of Serenje District in Central Province.

The Luombwa ACROW Bridge Project, which commenced in June 2023, is being constructed under Force Account by the RDA Central Regional Office.

The scope of work includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Site clearing;
2. Installation of two lines of 1.5 metres x 1.5 metres relief culverts;
3. Construction of two reinforced concrete abutments;
4. Erosion protection works;
5. Construction of approach embankments;
6. Assembly of the prefabricated steel superstructures;
7. Launching of the prefabricated steel superstructures; and
8. Ancillary works.

The Agency has completed the major civil works and the remaining works are expected to be completed by mid-December 2023.



Launching of ACROW Bridge components.

INSTALLATION OF CULVERTS AT DONGO CROSSING ALONG THE KALOMO-DUNDUMWEZI-ITEZHI TEZHI ROAD



Six lines Dongo culvert along the Kalomo-Dundumwezi-Itezhi Tezhi Road in Southern Province.

The Road Development Agency (RDA) has carried out the installation of six lines-portal frame culvert at Dongo crossing along the Kalomo-Dundumwezi-Itezhi Tezhi Road in Southern Province.

The drainage works involved excavations, concrete blinding/concrete base construction, laying of portal frame culverts, construction of wing walls, headwalls, backfilling and re-instatement of damaged road approaches on either side of the constructed drainage structure.

The works on drainage structures along Kalomo-Dundumwezi-Itezhi Tezhi Road are being undertaken by the RDA in partnership with the Zambia National Service (ZNS).



Six lines Dongo culvert along the Kalomo-Dundumwezi-Itezhi Tezhi Road in Southern Province.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE RETAINING WALL TO PROTECT THE ROAD EMBANKMENT AND MWATESHI BRIDGE COMPLETED

The Road Development Agency (RDA) has completed the construction of the 120 metres long and 2.2 metres high retaining wall at a point 20 kilometres from the Great East Road along Shikabeta Road in Rufunsa District in Lusaka Province.

The measure has been undertaken to prevent Shikabeta Chiefdom from being cut-off from the rest of the District and render Mwateshi Bridge unusable.

The project has been carried out under Force Account by the Lusaka Regional Office.



Construction of the retaining wall to protect the road embankment and Mwateshi Bridge in Rufunsa District.

RDA COMMEMORATES WORLD AIDS DAY

The Road Development Agency (RDA) was among several organisations in Zambia that joined the rest of the world in commemorating the 2023 World AIDS Day under the theme, “Let Communities Lead.”

The national commemorative activities were held at the Olympic Youth Development Centre (OYDC) in Lusaka on 1st December 2023.



RDA staff during a march past during the commemoration of the 2023 World AIDS Day held at the Olympic Youth Development Centre (OYDC).



RDA taking the lead in the fight against HIV and AIDS.



RDA Acting Director Human Capital and Administration, Ms. Nyama Bueendo with the RDA participants during the commemoration of the 2023 World AIDS Day held at the Olympic Youth Development Centre (OYDC).

Meanwhile, the Road Development Agency (RDA) was among institutions that commemorated the 2023 International Anti-Corruption Day under the theme, “UNCAC at 20: Uniting the World Against Corruption.”



RDA participants during the 2023 International Anti-Corruption Day.



RDA participants during the 2023 International Anti-Corruption Day at Mulungushi International Conference Centre.