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PRESIDENT HICHILEMA COMMISSIONS CHINGOLA-KASUMBALESA ROAD



President Hakainde Hichilema cutting the ribbon during the commissioning of the rehabilitated Chingola-Kasumbalesa Road under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) financing model.

President Hakainde Hichilema on 12th April 2024 commissioned the rehabilitated Chingola-Kasumbalesa Road under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) financing model.

President Hichilema said when he commissioned the road at Konkola Toll Plaza in Chililabombwe that a great milestone had been attained with regard to PPPs in the road sector by the New Dawn Government.

The President commended the Road Development Agency (RDA), the Concessionaire and the PPP Council for successfully delivering the project at the right price, with the specified quality and within the approved timeline.

He said more PPP projects must be

undertaken in the road sector and that Pension Funds should not shy away from such ventures.

Minister of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development, Hon. Eng. Charles Lubasi Milupi said the Concession Agreement for the Chingola-Kasumbalesa Road was signed on 31st October 2022 and that this was the first PPP project to be executed in the road sector under the New Dawn Government.

The total project cost is US\$31,367,030.96 with a Concession period of eighteen years of which one year was for construction.

Hon. Eng. Milupi said it was worth noting that the cost of the Chingola-Kasumbalesa Road is US\$531,644.59 per kilometre.

“This is way below the old average pricing which was usually around one million five hundred thousand United States Dollars per kilometre, albeit with all the risks being borne by the Government.

“Mr. President, this road project is a clear testimony that the New Dawn Government under your leadership is not only delivering infrastructure projects timely but also at the right price and right quality,” he said.

Finance and National Planning Minister, Hon. Dr. Situmbeko Musokotwane said the Government had identified PPPs as an effective way to attract private sector investment and finance in the development and implementation of public infrastructure projects and programmes

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and quality delivery of essential services to the citizens.

He said PPPs are aimed at delivering quality assets through the optimised use of private sector resources and expertise through partnerships to support the economic transformation agenda.

Turbo Ka-Chin Investment Consortium (TKC) Director E Shang Fa said upon completion of the project and the opening of the road to traffic, the road had directly alleviated the congestion of vehicles at the Kasumbalesa Border Post.

Mr. E Shang said throughout the construction period, TKC had strived to make a tangible difference in the lives of the Zambians by embracing and integrating the locals on the project.



The newly constructed Konkola Toll Plaza along the Chingola-Kasumbalesa Road.

“This was done from sourcing materials locally by engaging local labour. The successful completion of this road and commencement of operations affirms the realizability and big potential of infrastructure development through the

PPP model in Zambia. This achievement will attract more investments into PPP projects, thereby further bolstering Zambia’s infrastructure development and driving economic growth,” he said.



President Hakainde Hichilema and invited guests before the cutting of the ribbon and unveiling of the plaque.



Aerial view of the rehabilitated Chingola-Kasumbalesa Road and Konkola Toll Plaza.

GOVERNMENT SET TO IMPROVE KEY ROAD LINKS IN NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCE



North-Western Province Minister, Hon. Robert Lihefu (left), Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi (middle) and Lands and Natural Resources Minister, Hon. Elijah Muchima (right) during a press briefing in Solwezi.

Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi says plans by the Government to improve road connectivity in North-Western Province have advanced and that key roads linking the Province and Zambia to neighbouring countries will soon be upgraded to bituminous standards.

Hon. Eng. Milupi said the Solwezi-Kipushi Road would be upgraded from gravel to bituminous standard through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) financing model.

He said the Private Party (Concessionaire) had been indented and that negotiations had reached an advanced stage.

“North-Western is key to growing the economy as it has abundant natural

resources and good weather. We need to build infrastructure to harness its potential,” the Minister said in Solwezi when he paid a courtesy call to North-Western Province Minister, Hon. Robert Lihefu. Also, in attendance was Lands and Natural Resources Minister, Hon. Elijah Muchima who was in the Province on official duty.

The Solwezi-Kipushi Road is an economic road that connects Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in North Western Province through Kipushi Border Post. Kipushi Border is approximately 130 kilometres East of Solwezi.

Hon. Eng. Milupi said the Lumwana-Kambimba Road is another link that the Government was working on which would connect North-Western to the DRC.

The Concession Agreement for the upgrading of the Lumwana-Kambimba Road was signed on 26th September 2023 with Messrs. Sandstone Limited. The scope of work includes the upgrading of 85 kilometres and the construction of border facilities.

He said the Concessionaire would soon attain Financial Close and the works would begin.

“We also want to connect to DRC and by providing a link to Kolwezi. The Mines are doing well and they can have access to Zambia,” he said.

Hon. Eng. Milupi said the other link that is earmarked for upgrading was the Mwinilunga-Jimbe Road which connects Zambia to Angola.

SIX ACROW BRIDGES COMMISSIONED IN ZAMBEZI DISTRICT IN NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCE



Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi delivering a keynote speech during the commissioning of a series of six ACROW Bridges across the Kashiji River along the Zambezi-Chinyama-Litapi Road in Zambezi District in North-Western Province.

Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi has commissioned a series of six ACROW Bridges across the Kashiji River along the Zambezi-Chinyama-Litapi Road in Zambezi District in North-Western Province.

The Government through the Road Development Agency (RDA) and the Zambia Army recently completed the construction of the six ACROW Bridges across the Kashiji River at a cost of K23,964,153.08.

Hon. Eng. Milupi said the construction of the bridges across the Kashiji River in Zambezi West Constituency marked the first time ever that such infrastructure has been developed in the area in the history of the country.

“The construction of these bridges is just one of the first steps by the caring Government of his excellency, Mr. Hakainde Hichilema in ensuring that connectivity is enhanced in Zambezi District. This is being done methodically and systematically by ensuring that

bridge infrastructure is constructed first. The next step will be to improve the road connecting these bridges,” he said.

RDA Board of Directors Chairperson Eng. Muchand Kuntawala said the completion of works involving the construction of a series comprising six ACROW Bridges across the Kashiji River along the Zambezi-Chinyama-Litapi Road was a remarkable achievement for the Agency.

Eng. Kuntawala said the six bridges were part of the thirty-three ACROW Bridges earmarked to be constructed in North-Western Province.

Eng. Kuntawala said the RDA in the second quarter of 2023 embarked on the project to construct the six ACROW Bridges through the Zambia Army as the contractor.

“The RDA with support from the Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development has intensified the implementation of the ACROW Bridge programme,” he said.

He said the construction and installation of ACROW Bridges gained momentum in 2023 with two bridges being completed in the Lunte and Luwingu Districts of Northern Province.

He said the RDA through the Zambia National Service (ZNS) as the contractor recently completed construction and installation works of the Kasombo ACROW Bridge in Kabompo District while substantial progress had been attained at Malolwa ACROW Bridge also located in Kabompo District.

“The Agency is currently constructing the Lwitikila ACROW Bridge under Force Account in Kanchibiya District in Muchinga Province, while in Central Province, works on the Luombwa ACROW Bridge have been substantially completed,” he said.

Eng. Kuntawala said in 2024, the Agency had budgeted for fifteen more ACROW Bridges to be constructed across

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various water bodies in the country.

Meanwhile, North-Western Province Minister, Hon. Robert Lihefu has urged the Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development to consider constructing a bridge across the Zambezi River in Zambezi District.

Zambezi West Member of Parliament, Hon. Vumango Musumali said the construction of the six ACROW Bridges in his constituency was one of the greatest infrastructural projects that would bring about social and economic development in the area.

Zambia Army, Brigade Commander

Engineering Unit, Brig. Gen. Buumba Zyelee said the Army through its secondary role would continue to support the development of the country through the construction of infrastructure.



One of the commissioned ACROW Bridges across the Kashiji River along the Zambezi-Chinyama-Litapi Road in Zambezi District.



Aerial view of the commissioned ACROW Bridges across the Kashiji River along the Zambezi-Chinyama-Litapi Road in Zambezi District.



The Minister and his delegation as well as invited guests following proceedings during the commissioning of six ACROW Bridges in Zambezi District.



RDA Staff and some invited guests following proceedings during the commissioning of six ACROW Bridges in Zambezi District.

CHIBULUMA CONCRETE ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORKS COMMENCE



Clearing and grubbing works underway.

The contractor engaged to construct the 7 kilometers Chibuluma Road to concrete standard in Kitwe has commenced works.

East to West Construction and Mining Limited commenced works on the road in April 2024.

The scope of works involves the following:

- Clearing and grubbing;
- Road bed preparation;
- Selected fill layers;
- Culvert installation;
- Subbase construction;
- Rigid pavement construction (concrete road);
- Lined drainage on both sides;
- Construction of sidewalks; and
- Installation of road signs.

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Road bed preparation in progress.



Chibuluma Road works.

OVER 50 ROAD SIGNS VANDALISED ALONG THE NAKONDE-MBALA ROAD

The Road Development Agency (RDA) is disheartened by the rampant cases of vandalism involving road signs along the Nakonde-Mbala Road in Muchinga Province.

RDA Muchinga Regional Manager, Eng. Peter Sinkonde said it was sad that some unscrupulous people had gone on rampage to vandalize road signs along the Nakonde-Mbala Road.

“More than 50 road signs have been removed on the Nakonde-Mbala Road. We are also experiencing theft of temporal road signs which are also being removed as well as cutting of the road sign poles,” he said when a media team conducted a tour in the province.

Meanwhile, RDA Head-Communications and Corporate Affairs, Mr. Anthony Mulowa has also bemoaned the increased cases of vandalism of road signage on the Core Road Network.

Mr. Mulowa said the Agency was engaging various stakeholders such as Traditional and Civic leaders on the need to work with the RDA to help sensitize members of the public on the importance of road furniture.

Road furniture refers to infrastructure that is erected as part of the road construction or maintenance process such as traffic lights, guardrails and road signage that are placed on the road to guide road users.

The road furniture is important in safeguarding the safety of all road users. Some of them serve as instruments for giving directions to various services.

In most cases, road signs, traffic lights, guardrails and studs have been removed or tampered with. The removal or damage to road furniture does pose a danger to road users especially those that may not be familiar with particular stretches of the roads.



One of the road signs vandalized along the Nakonde-Mbala Road in Muchinga Province.

The RDA is appealing to members of the public to be alert and report people vandalizing road furniture to law enforcement agencies or the RDA.



One of the road signs vandalized along the Nakonde-Mbala Road.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT ON THE UPGRADING OF NTOPOSHI TOLL PLAZA



Luapula Permanent Secretary Mr. Mighty Mumba during an engagement with His Royal Highness, Chief Chimese and the Road Development Agency (RDA) Officials.

The Road Development Agency (RDA), Luapula Regional Office held a stakeholder engagement with the traditional leadership in the area regarding plans to upgrade Ntoposhi Toll Station in Mansa from Class C to a Class B.

Luapula Permanent Secretary, Mr. Mighty Mumba emphasized the need for collaboration between the Government and the traditional leadership in the implementation of all projects.

Meanwhile, speaking on behalf of the RDA, Engineer Contracts Frank Chitumbo enlightened the traditional leadership on the provisions of the Public Roads Acts with regards to the road reserve.

Eng. Chitumbo paid tribute to the Provincial Permanent Secretary and the District Commissioner for fully supporting the RDA Office to ensure the smooth implementation of this project.

His Royal Highness, Chief Chimese instructed all Village Headmen to communicate this important development to all affected families, adding that this was a great benefit to his community and he wouldn't like this kind of development to move to another chiefdom.

The stakeholder engagement was necessitated following resistance from some of the local community members who had vowed not to allow for works to facilitate the upgrading of Ntoposhi Toll Station; stating that they had built

houses within the road reserve way before developments involving the Mansa-Luwingu Road and the current Toll Station, therefore, they could not be relocated.

The Region is currently carrying out works to upgrade the Ntoposhi Toll Station from Class C to a Class B Toll Plaza, a project under Force Account which is fully funded by the Government.

In attendance were the Luapula Province Permanent Secretary, Mr. Mighty Mumba, District Commissioner for Mansa, Mrs. Ireen Chivweta, His Royal Highness, Chief Chimese and Village Heads. Representing the Agency were Eng. Frank Chitumbo and Human Capital and Administration Officer, Mrs. Grace Mambwe Kanda.



Luapula Permanent Secretary Mr. Mighty Mumba during an engagement with His Royal Highness, Chief Chimese and the Road Development Agency (RDA) Officials.

ROUND-UP OF ROAD AND BRIDGE PROJECTS BEING UNDERTAKEN IN THE REGIONS

LUOMBWA ACROW BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION IN SERENJE DISTRICT COMPLETED



Newly installed Luombwa ACROW Bridge across the Luombwa River in the Nasanga Farm Block of Serenje District in Central Province.

The construction and installation work of the 51.67 metres span ACROW Bridge across the Luombwa River in the Nasanga Farm Block of Serenje District in Central Province have been completed

and the bridge has since been opened to traffic.

The works commenced in June 2023 and were being undertaken in-house by

the Road Development Agency (RDA) Central Regional Office.

The scope of works included but was not limited to the following:

1. Site clearing;
2. Two lines of 1.5 metres x1.5 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.



Newly installed Luombwa ACROW Bridge across the Luombwa River in the Nasanga Farm Block of Serenje District.

LYAMBAI ROAD WORKS COMPLETED



Asphalt concrete surfacing works on the Lyambai Road in Mongu District.

Asphalt concrete surfacing works on the Lyambai Road in Mongu District have been completed.

The road has now been opened to traffic to allow easy access to Mulamba Harbour where the Kuomboka Ceremony took place on 20th April 2024.

The Lyambai Road also provides connectivity to the famous Mongu-Kalabo Road.



Asphalt concrete surfacing works on the Lyambai Road.



New look Lyambai Road in Mongu District.



Laying of 175 millimetres crushed stone base on Lyambai road in Mongu.

MUSAILA-TUTA ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS RESUME



Holding maintenance works on the Musaila-Tuta Road in progress.

Holding maintenance works on the Musaila-Tuta Road (113 kilometers) have resumed.

The scope of works includes, pothole patching and spot gravelling on the ripped road sections, among others.

The works are being carried out by the Road Development Agency (RDA) Luapula Regional Office and are expected to be completed by the end of June 2024.



Holding maintenance works on the Musaila-Tuta Road.

CEMENT STABILISATION OF SUBBASE ON THE 1.8 KM ROAD CONNECTING THE LUANGINGA AND SILANDA BRIDGES IN KALABO DISTRICT



Preparations to commence cement stabilization .



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