



## **NATIONAL ROAD FUND AGENCY**

### **JOINT PRESS STATEMENT BY THE NATIONAL ROAD FUND AGENCY (NRFA) AND THE ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (RDA) ON THE RECORDED PROGRESS AND TRANSITION PLAN ON THE LUSAKA-NDOLA DUAL CARRIAGEWAY PPP PROJECT**

The National Road Fund Agency NRFA has announced that it will, on 30th November 2024, handover three Toll Gates on the Lusaka Ndola Road to Macro Ocean Investment Consortium (MOIC), the Concessionaire that is upgrading the Road to a dual carriage under the Public Private Partnerships (PPPs), in line with the Concession agreement.

The affected Toll Gates are Katuba between Lusaka and Kabwe, Manyumbi between Kabwe and Kapirimposhi and Kafulafuta between Kapirimposhi and Ndola.

NRFA Public Relations Manager Alphonsius Hamachila has assured motorists that there shall be no disruption to tolling operations at the three Toll Gates and all key toll features including the electronic card payment platform will still be in use.

He said toll fees collected from the three Toll Gates, will be channeled into an ESCROW Account controlled jointly by the Government and the Concessionaire for the maintenance of the existing road until the Concessionaire completes the construction of the project and takes over the full operations and maintenance of the new road.

Mr. Hamachila has said that in line with Government Policy of economic transformation and job creation, the NRFA has put necessary measures to avoid job losses for the affected 127 staff at the three Toll Gates and has offered the employees the option of continuing in the employment of the Agency and be redeployed to other Toll Stations across the country

Further, the affected staff have been given the option of separating with the Agency and be employed by the Concessionaire under new conditions of service or pursue their own interests outside the NRFA and the Concessionaire.

Mr. Hamachila said the NRFA will proceed to settle terminal packages for all employees who will opt to separate from the Agency in line with the Applicable Laws and Contracts.

And Road Development Agency (RDA) Chief Communications and Corporate Affairs Manager Anthony Mulowa said the Concession Agreement for this project was signed on 28th February 2023 with MOIC-LN, the Concessionaire, at a cost of US\$ 649,976,167.00 and the Concessionaire is undertaking works simultaneously from four sections of the project,

namely from Lusaka to Chibombo (1), Chibombo to Kapiri Mposhi (2), Kapiri Mposhi to Ndola (3) and Masangano-Fisenge-Luanshya Road (4).

“In addition, two new Toll Plazas will be constructed, one on the Masangano-Fisenge-Luanshya Road, and the other between Chibombo and Kabwe. A new weighbridge will be also be constructed at Kafulafuta with the existing one at Kapiri Mposhi being upgraded”, Mr. Mulowa said

He said the project, which also involves the rehabilitation of 45 kilometres of the Masangano-Fisenge-Luanshya Road and the construction of approximately 30 kilometres of bypasses in Kabwe and Kapiri-Mposhi has recorded tremendous progress from the time the Head of State, His Excellency President Hakainde Hichilema officiated at a Groundbreaking Ceremony in Kapiri Mposhi District on 21st May 2024.

He said the current overall progress on the Lusaka-Ndola stretch is at thirteen percent (13%) while seventy percent (70%) has been attained on the Masangano-Fisenge-Luanshya Road.

The two Road Sector Agencies will continue to consult all stakeholders during this transition process and ensure the successful implementation of the PPP financing model which allows Government to free up public resources for other national priorities and needy areas whilst still enabling the development of the much-needed road infrastructure.

Signed

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