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## **WORK IN PROGRESS AT BAU TIKINA ROAD TO EASE TRAFFIC**

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An alternative access route is being constructed connecting Bau Tikina Road off the Kings Road to Ratu Mara Road in Raralevu following a large slip at Kasavu/Baulevu Road Junction after TD04F.

Confirming this, Fiji Roads Authority Chief Executive Officer John Hutchinson says the Kasavu slip was triggered by the heavy rain and had taken a great portion of the road.

“The road has been operating as a single lane with a five tonne of gross maximum weight. We understand that December is the busiest time of the year and we appreciate the public’s concern, however safety is paramount and we are asking the public to please be patient.”

Mr Hutchinson said the alternative route has now been connected, as they had 30 trucks supplying gravel from two quarries over the Christmas holidays, however gravelling and remedial works on the new section is still in progress.

“A tremendous effort has been shown by our contractors who worked throughout the Christmas holiday. We had also engaged additional subcontractors to assist in the road works.”

“We are now working on installing temporary warning signs such as detour, speed and weight restrictions. We are also clearing the overgrown vegetation to improve safety for our road users.”

He said they wanted to ensure that the roads in the vicinity leading to the detour is well maintained and capable to withstand potential higher volumes and loading of traffic exchange.

“The opening of the alternative route will be subject to the results of the Geotech investigation, which should be completed by tomorrow.” (31/12/16)

In the meantime, Mr Hutchinson has advised the motorists to be cautious, allow extra time for their journey and drive within the speed limits.







**Photo Caption:** *Work in progress at Bau Tikina Road off Kings Road.*

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