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KAUDAMU JUNCTION ROAD OPENING DEFERRED TO NEXT MONTH

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Kinoya Road at the Kaudamu junction will now reopen to motorists by the end of February, subject to weather and motorists are advised to use Vesivesi Road as an alternative route in the interim.

This was after the discovery of soil washout beneath the road.

Fiji Roads Authority (FRA) Chief Executive Officer John Hutchinson says they have completed the site assessments together with the designs and the contractors will mobilize to site as early as tomorrow.

“The road was initially scheduled to reopen on 28 January however, there has been a delay due to the underground water and other utility services that requires careful control of the earthworks and reinstatement.”

In an earlier statement, Aram Goes FRA General Manager Network Operations and Maintenance said that this is a difficult repair to carry out due to the continuous flow of water through the culvert that is required for upstream property drainage.

“A 900mm diameter stormwater culvert pipe runs beneath the road and it appears the pipes may have separated at a join resulting in the washout of soil between the culvert and the road.”

Mr Goes said the distance between the culvert and the road is about 2.5 meters and the soil washout has compromised the structural make-up of the road resulting in the closure.



Picture Caption: Kinoya Road at the Kaudamu junction is closed to motorists following the threat of a looming sinkhole.

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