

MEDIA RELEASE

FRA TO COMMENCE SEALING ROAD THROUGH RARALEVU VILLAGE NEXT WEEK

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Major road rehabilitation work will be carried out to improve Mara Road through Raralevu Village that will improve the level of safety and cope with an increasing traffic volume.

Fiji Roads Authority General Manager Network Operations and Maintenance Aram Goes says Mara Road (Raralevu Road) now operates as the main highway for travellers on Kings Road, hence the need to improve the level of service.

In addition, Mr Goes also said that there is a need to rehabilitate the road after it was damaged by heavy rain that was experienced following a series of Tropical Depressions.

"Preparatory works are continuing for road rehabilitation and sealing through Raralevu Village, with work scheduled to commence on March 8.

"The Road works will involve resurfacing, road widening, grading and in some instances the reconstruction of roads throughout Mara Road"

Mr Goes says that current challenges include the water lines that have been buried at shallow depths.

"We are facing challenges with Water Authority of Fiji (WAF) water lines which have been buried along and across the roadway, in some instances less than 100 millimeters under the surface. As a consequence, the pipes break easily and the volume of traffic on Mara Road."

"These pipes will either be relocated to the side out of the road carriageway or buried at the correct depth of 700 millimeters at a minimum beneath the road surface."

Mr Goes is requesting road users to drive with extreme caution and ensure awareness of construction machinery and equipment that will be used for these road works.

"FRA apologises for any inconvenience that is to be expected during the upcoming works.

All works are expected to be completed by March 23, weather permitting.



Photo Caption: Water works carried out this week at Mara Road through Raralevu Village.



Photo Caption: Mara Road through Raralevu Village will be sealed this month.

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