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WORK STARTS TO IMPROVE PRINCES ROAD BETWEEN DILKUSHA SCHOOLS' AND DUILOMALOMA FARM ROAD

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On Princes Road starting at the entrance to the three Dilkusha schools and ending at Duilomaloma Farm Road will undergo structural treatment to improve the road surface with work on the first section already underway.

Fiji Roads Authority (FRA) Chief Executive John Hutchinson says that this road work is taking place upon the direction of the FRA and that this is a holding treatment that should be in place until the road undergoes full rehabilitation under the Suva Arterial Road Upgrading Project 2 (SARUP 2).

“Princes Road is the main road for many who travel up to the Naitasiri highlands, between Suva and Nausori and to destinations beyond this town and city.”

Mr Hutchinson adds that as a consequence, you can attribute the state of the road condition to a combination of many factors including the ageing road, lack of maintenance in the past, extreme weather conditions, poor drainage and an increase in the number of vehicles now travelling on Princes Road.

FHH Capital Projects Manager, Ciaron Kelly says that this major road maintenance work has begun on Princes Road and will continue for the next three months to remedy deteriorating road conditions, a result of extreme wet weather.

“We are doing structural repairs, overlaying with cement stabilisation ending with a seal coat and line marking to rebuild sections of Princes Road,” he said.

This is part of an accelerated sealed repairs programme that was developed in response to the spate of tropical depressions suffered by the Central Division, in particular the Suva/Nausori area. The heavy rain has rapidly deteriorated sections of Princes Road that were already under stress. “In response to this issue, we have increased our resources and added extra work to our programme over and above our normal rehabilitation, sealed repairs and pothole patching works,” said FHH Maintenance and Operations Manager, Patrick Keenan.

“We are endeavoring to meet that need to ensure as many sections of the network are as safe and trafficable as possible,” he added.

A 10-man crew is currently working on the first 2.2km with 47,000 square meters being programmed to be completed in the upcoming months.

As workmen equipped with heavy machinery will be onsite during peak travelling hours from 7:00am to 5:00pm to perform “necessary” road work, Mr Kelly is asking motorists to be “patient and respect speed limits through the work site. Traffic delays are to be expected and when possible, we are advising members of the travelling public to use alternative routes to avoid traffic delays.”

Fulton Hogan Hiways (FHH) is carrying out the structural repairs under the Fiji Roads Authority maintenance programme.

Image 1 – Road works taking place at Waila on Princes Road



Image 2 – Road works taking place at Waila on Princes Road.



Image 3 – Road works taking place at Waila on Princes Road.



Image 4 – Motorists advisory sign, temporary 30km through active construction site.



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