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NEW URBAN BUS SHELTER PROTOTYPE IN TAMAVUA OPEN FOR PUBLIC USE

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The newly constructed urban bus shelter prototype in Tamavua is open for public use.

Fiji Roads Authority (FRA) Chief Executive Officer John Hutchinson says the urban bus shelter prototype was completed within 28 days and has a category 4 cyclone certification making it safe for the public to take shelter in during tropical cyclones.

He said the innovative bus shelter was being anticipated by the community and they were making significant investment to improve comfort and accessibility for the public.

“Our contractor, Arch and Build- Fiji commenced work on April 18th and finished works on May 25th.”

“The 9mx3m bus shelter cost \$34,940.70, from which \$24,000 was funded by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS).”

“This is a prototype and in addition to labour and logistics the bus shelter has a cement footing, is made up of 90 percent steel, which is of grade 350- the best in the market and should last for about 50 years.”

Mr Hutchinson said the labour for steel costs more when compared to labour for concrete and timber, however, are necessary in an urban bus shelter in order to provide visibility whilst simultaneously providing protection. In addition the durability of steel and acrylic boards outweighs timber and roofing iron.

“The clear acrylic boards used on the sides of the bus shelter prevents members of the public from not only getting wet during rainy weathers but it also prevents them from getting the direct effect of sunlight during the hot weather because it is UV Protected. It also improves visibility of incoming buses”

He said the bus shelter is a prototype, and costs are expected to reduce once production run was approved.

“The FRA takes this time to acknowledge Mr Moses Mcgoon and also Mr Frank Stanford and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) for their contribution towards this bus stop project.

Meanwhile, another bus shelter is currently being constructed at Bureta Street in Samabula spanning 6mx 3m costing FRA \$24,747.

The FRA has recently reviewed its bus shelter prototypes and as a result is designing three fit for purpose bus shelters to suit the volume of traffic and passenger requirements for urban arterial, urban collector and rural roads.

This bus stop on Princes Road is an example of an urban arterial prototype, as the public are aware, Princes Road is a main arterial road that connects many suburbs and commuters from Nausori and beyond to the busy Suva City.

Picture Caption: The bus shelter at Tamavua was designed by FRA’s Graduate Engineer Roneet Prakash





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