

DIBULU AND MUANIKOSO FOOTBRIDGES IN NASINU COMPLETE



Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Hon Vijay Nath and FRA representatives with the Dibulu and Muanikoso communities.



Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Hon Vijay Nath at the Dibulu Crossing

People of Dibulu and Muanikoso in Narere, Nasinu are grateful for the two footbridges following the successful completion of the much needed repairs by the FRA.

The communities concerns were heard in October last year when the Assistant Minister of Infrastructure and Transport (MOIT) Hon Vijay Nath visited the communities with FRA representatives. These two crossings are not FRA assets and are old pipe-bridges which were converted by locals into footbridges due to the convenience of available access.

The Honorable Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama had asked MOIT to direct the FRA to urgently repair the two footbridges that provided essential access for these communities.

Community spokesman Mateo Taridovu says they had been using these footbridges for the past 40 years and they are very thankful the Government has responded to their request in such a short period of time.

FRA General Manager Network Operations and Maintenance Aram Goes says the design and planning along with sourcing of materials took time and unfortunately this behind the scenes work and preparation was not visible to the general public.

“We have upgraded both the footbridges by re-decking with new timber and bracing boards, this also includes a rope guide rail to assist the elderly and children safely.”

The Dibulu footbridge is slightly over 100m and the Muanikoso footbridge is 30m long.

NABUA ROUNDABOUT OPEN: SARUP 1



L-R CR5G Site Manager Wang Wan Yin with FRA's SARUP 1 Engineer to Contract Yogesh Raju and CR5G Construction Foreman Chen Chang Lun at the Nabua Roundabout

The Nabua roundabout is open to all traffic.

FRA Chief Executive Officer Jonathan Moore says as part of the Suva Arterial Road Upgrading Project (SARUP 1) project, Nabua roundabout has been upgraded to full concrete pavement.

“The new and improved roundabout is designed to increase safety and to accommodate traffic volumes well into the future.”

He has thanked China Railway Fifth Group (CR5G) for their hard work and also the road users for their patience and understanding during these important works.

Safety Audit Training for FRA and Contractors

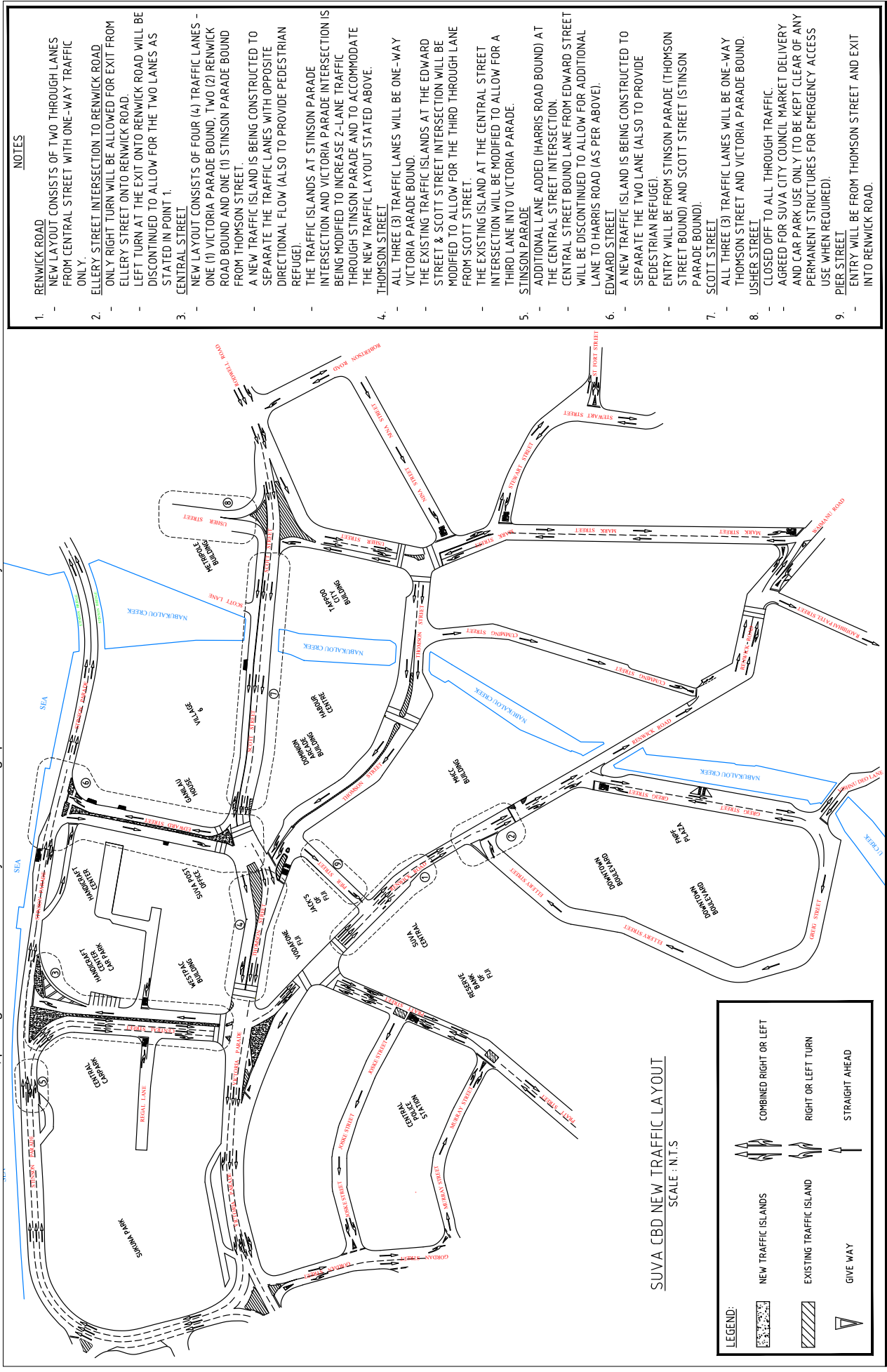
FRA conducted a Road Safety Audit Training for the local contractors and staff at the Suva Business Centre.

Policy and Standards Planner, Mr. Ketenilagi said this in-depth training will provide FRA Engineering, Planning staff and local contractors the opportunity to apply the adopted Draft FRA Road Safety Manual in their day-to-day work.

The five stages of road safety audit was discussed in detail with the participants, with the use of local specific examples from the audits conducted with some of our on-going roading projects.

SUVA CITY CENTRE LAYOUT PLAN

Following the opening of the Stinson Parade Bridge the Fiji Roads Authority (FRA) is undertaking changes to the Suva City traffic movements. These changes include an additional through lane onto the Stinson Parade Bridge and associated changes to the traffic lane directions on Central and Edward Streets. Further changes include an additional lane in Renwick Road with one-way traffic movements through Renwick Road past Pratt Street. In the new Financial Year, the FRA will be undertaking further detailed traffic studies of the Suva Central Business District area to address the continual increase in traffic numbers, parking demands and the safety needs of the high pedestrian volumes in the City.



NOTES

1. **RENWICK ROAD**
NEW LAYOUT CONSISTS OF TWO THROUGH LANES FROM CENTRAL STREET WITH ONE-WAY TRAFFIC ONLY.
ONLY RIGHT TURN WILL BE ALLOWED FOR EXIT FROM ELLERY STREET ONTO RENWICK ROAD.
LEFT TURN AT THE EXIT ONTO RENWICK ROAD WILL BE DISCONTINUED TO ALLOW FOR THE TWO LANES AS STATED IN POINT 1.
2. **CENTRAL STREET**
NEW LAYOUT CONSISTS OF FOUR (4) TRAFFIC LANES - ONE (1) VICTORIA PARADE BOUND, TWO (2) RENWICK ROAD BOUND AND ONE (1) STINSON PARADE BOUND FROM THOMSON STREET.
A NEW TRAFFIC ISLAND IS BEING CONSTRUCTED TO SEPARATE THE TRAFFIC LANES WITH OPPOSITE DIRECTIONAL FLOW (ALSO TO PROVIDE PEDESTRIAN REFUGE).
THE TRAFFIC ISLANDS AT STINSON PARADE INTERSECTION AND VICTORIA PARADE INTERSECTION IS BEING MODIFIED TO INCREASE 2-LANE TRAFFIC THROUGH STINSON PARADE AND TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEW TRAFFIC LAYOUT STATED ABOVE.
3. **THOMSON STREET**
ALL THREE (3) TRAFFIC LANES WILL BE ONE-WAY VICTORIA PARADE BOUND.
THE EXISTING TRAFFIC ISLANDS AT THE EDWARD STREET & SCOTT STREET INTERSECTION WILL BE MODIFIED TO ALLOW FOR THE THIRD THROUGH LANE FROM SCOTT STREET.
THE EXISTING ISLAND AT THE CENTRAL STREET INTERSECTION WILL BE MODIFIED TO ALLOW FOR A THIRD LANE INTO VICTORIA PARADE.
4. **STINSON PARADE**
ADDITIONAL LANE ADDED (HARRIS ROAD BOUND) AT THE CENTRAL STREET INTERSECTION.
CENTRAL STREET BOUND LANE FROM EDWARD STREET WILL BE DISCONTINUED TO ALLOW FOR ADDITIONAL LANE TO HARRIS ROAD (AS PER ABOVE).
EDWARD STREET
A NEW TRAFFIC ISLAND IS BEING CONSTRUCTED TO SEPARATE THE TWO LANES (ALSO TO PROVIDE PEDESTRIAN REFUGE).
ENTRY WILL BE FROM STINSON PARADE (THOMSON STREET BOUND) AND SCOTT STREET (STINSON PARADE BOUND).
5. **SCOTT STREET**
ALL THREE (3) TRAFFIC LANES WILL BE ONE-WAY THOMSON STREET AND VICTORIA PARADE BOUND.
USHER STREET
CLOSED OFF TO ALL THROUGH TRAFFIC AGREED FOR SUVA CITY COUNCIL MARKET DELIVERY AND CAR PARK USE ONLY (TO BE KEPT CLEAR OF ANY PERMANENT STRUCTURES FOR EMERGENCY ACCESS USE WHEN REQUIRED).
PIER STREET
ENTRY WILL BE FROM THOMSON STREET AND EXIT INTO RENWICK ROAD.

SUVA CBD NEW TRAFFIC LAYOUT
SCALE: 1:1.5

LEGEND:

- NEW TRAFFIC ISLANDS
- EXISTING TRAFFIC ISLAND
- GIVE WAY
- COMBINED RIGHT OR LEFT
- RIGHT OR LEFT TURN
- STRAIGHT AHEAD

Financial Management Accountant

Keshaw Ram Sharma



Where are you from? Vunikavikaloa, Nalawa, Ra

Please explain your role: Preparing reports, liaising with line ministry, prepare monthly and quarterly reports, bank reconciliations, oversee AR functions, expenditure managements, travel advance and petty cash, and coordinate both internal and external audits and liaise with auditors on queries during the audit process.

Tell us about your education and how long have you been in this profession? I completed my Diploma in Business (Accounting) through then Fiji Institute of Technology, now known as Fiji National University (FNU). Later I graduated with a Bachelors in Commerce (Accounting & Finance) from FNU as well. I have been in this profession for 14 years.

What motivates you to do what you do every day? My father who passed away recently has always been my aspiration, as being a laborer only in 1960 – 1980's, managed to acquire a farm, a tractor and a truck on his own, this only through his hard work and determination. It is he who has always taught us to think outside the horizons, work towards our goals and do everything possible to achieve it. He has always reminded me to have faith in the almighty, stay firm by our ethics.

Please share with us one great moment or achievement in your career? Fortunately, I have many great memories that I would have loved to share, however the best and the most recent is when I was awarded a Scholarship to attend a 3 weeks Professional Development Course in India. It is always a great moment for us to visit India has given the ties, and to learn from them was a lifetime opportunity. With us, there were students from 26 other countries and we were also able to learn about each other's culture and tradition and also able to increase the understanding of how public sector works in their respective countries. We had an opportunity to learn from some of the best professors and experienced personnel's working in the public sector on various topics which included public sector reforms and initiatives that India has recently implemented to streamline its processes and improve the service delivery to its people.

What are your future plans? I always take one step at a time and the first one is to complete my CPA Qualification, and later work towards attaining a senior financial role.

In Brief



FRA CEO Jonathan Moore providing an update on the damages sustained on the road network following TC Keni



FRA CEO Jonathan Moore providing an update to the media on the upcoming projects



FRA GM Network Operations and Maintenance Aram Goes with FBC host Shammi Lochan on Speak Your Mind show.



The Gaji / Grantham Roundabout is open to traffic after major roadworks. Works included upgrading the existing asphalt concrete road into a concrete surface roundabout, installation of safety island and the construction of roundabout kerb.

NEW KORO ISLAND ROAD BRINGS JOY FOR THOUSANDS



FRA Assistant Resident Engineer Rodrick Chand with the villagers of Koro Island

Thousands of people living in Koro Island are rejoicing the reconstruction of Koro Island Road, successfully completed by the FRA.



FRA Public Relations Officer Zafiya Shamim with the villagers of Koro Island

"We are very grateful for the new and improved road and we thank the Government and the FRA for providing us with a much safer and easy access."

FRA Chief Executive Officer Jonathan Moore says these efforts are better appreciated when considered against the backdrop of what existed before as Koro was one of the worst hit island by Tropical Cyclone Winston.

Nabasovi Village spokesman Mikaele Matata says they are very happy for the school students, Koro Island has seven primary schools and one high school and previously the students had to trek to reach to their schools which was very difficult for them."

"The 16km road will improve the quality of life of the rural population through the provision of basic weather road access to all the villages in a cost-effective manner and to promote economic growth by reducing rural transport costs," Mr Moore said.

Human Resources Officer

Esiteri Vaubula



Where are you from? Vatoa, Lau.

Do you love the work you do? Why? Yes, I love what I do because HR does not only involve writing reports, attending meetings, maintaining and updating HR filing system, it also involves organising and conducting training, helping and encouraging

staff. It is never a dull day – it may not always be the day that I had planned, going to the office everyday not knowing what my day would bring.

Did you have a different occupation in mind while studying and why the change? I always wanted to become a teacher after completing high school. First year in university I took Bachelor of Science with majors in Biology and Chemistry.

Then I decided that I wanted to do something different, learn something new, and that was when I was introduced to Management and HR. I graduated with Bachelor of Commerce - Majors in Management and Human Resources from the University of the South Pacific. From that time until now I never regretted the change.

What is the best part of the job? Best part of the job is recruiting a candidate for a position and seeing them perform really well. HR is always about improvement and how to make things better, like recruitment, making HR processes more efficient. It is an area where we are always looking at raising the bar and taking people and processes to the next level.

What motivates you to do what you do everyday? I am very passionate about my work and what I do, I like to see people change for the better and I want to be a person that brings about changes to a person's life.

My family is very supportive of my career they are always with me through good and bad times, from school until now they are always encouraging me that the sky is the limit, nothing is impossible if we believe in ourselves and we work towards achieving our goals. I also have a six month old baby girl who motivates me to work hard every day.

ROADWORKS ON KIMBERLY STREET COMPLETED



New and improved Kimberly Street in Suva

Roadworks on Kimberly Street in Suva is now complete and open to traffic.

FRA General Manager Network Operations and Maintenance Aram Goes says Kimberly Street had badly failed pavements which required extensive full-width repairs as a method of treatment.

“Works included full pavement reconstruction, relocating the installation of the water main outside the road pavement, footpath upgrade with kerb and channeling to improve the road for traffic and pedestrians alike throughout this road.”

Mr Goes said Kimberly Street is now fully reconstructed with a new granular pavement strengthened with cement stabilization and surfaced with a membrane seal covered with 56mm of asphalt.

CONSTRUCTION OF 84 BUS SHELTERS UNDERWAY



FRA's Roneet Prakash at the new bus shelter in Tacirua

FRA is constructing 84 bus shelters around the country within the next seven months.

With the construction of the 84 new bus shelters, the bus commuters will now have much better accessibility and comfort.

Priority has been given to areas that are mostly in front of schools and health centres and we will be replacing the old bus shelters with new ones and it was important to get the best service to the public.

The new bus shelters have a category 4 cyclone certification and is designed strong enough to withstand during tropical cyclones.

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