

Vatuwaqa and Stinson Parade Bridge Completed Six Months Ahead Of Schedule

The two major bridges in the greater Suva area, the Vatuwaqa and the Stinson Parade Bridge has been completed six months ahead of schedule.

During the opening ceremony, Honourable Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama said Fiji was on the move as they were rapidly becoming a more modern and more prosperous society.

“Eight straight years of growth for the Fijian economy have meant eight straight years of rapid and unrelenting progress for our nation, eight straight years of unprecedented infrastructure development and eight straight years of better opportunities for all of our people, especially young Fijians.”

He said more Fijians were finding better, higher paying jobs; that meant more people were buying cars to travel to work.

“More Fijian businesses are being started and are expanding; that means they need to reach more markets in Fiji and those overseas. And more of our people are connecting with more of their fellow Fijians, forging bonds with one another, and they want to travel and spend time in areas all around the country.”

Mr Bainimarama said they had also undertaken such an ambitious slate of roading infrastructure development and that plan of action had led them to the opening of these two new bridges – developments that recognized their growth so far and that prepared them for even greater achievement in the years ahead.



Hon. Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama with FRA CEO Jonathan Moore and Gu Yu, Charge D'Affaires ad Interim, People's Republic of China during the opening of Vatuwaqa Bridge



Hon. Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama with Gu Yu, Charge D'Affaires ad Interim, People's Republic of China during the opening of Stinson Parade Bridge



Hon. Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama opening the Stinson Parade Bridge



Representatives of the FRA during the opening of the Stinson Parade Bridge

FRA Clarifies Its Position On Road Works During Peak Hour



FRA CEO Jonathan Moore with the then Ministry for Education, Heritage and Arts, Permanent Secretary Mr Iowane Tiko.

FRA Chief Executive Officer, Mr Jonathan Moore has confirmed that all roadworks along Princes Road are to be put on hold during peak hours from 6am to 9.30am and from 4pm to 6pm.

This was highlighted in a joint press conference with the Ministry for Education, Heritage and Arts, Permanent Secretary Mr Iowane Tiko.

Mr Moore said the FRA will change the working patterns to make sure that there are no disruptions going forward, especially for the school students.

“The FRA workers will be on the ground from today to ensure that the sub-contractors are not working on the roads during peak traffic times.”

He said they have also instructed the contractors to pull every piece of equipment and every member of their workforce off the road during peak hours to ease traffic flow.

Q&A With Yogesh Kamal Raju

Engineer To Contract - SARUP 1



Please explain your role:

My role requires contract management, construction management and project management.

What did you study and how long have you been in this profession? I have an Advanced Diploma in Civil Engineering from the Fiji National University. I have been in this profession for the past 10 years.

What is one of the main reasons behind your success?

Dedication and hard work. I really enjoy what I do so I always put an extra effort to learn more and gain firsthand experience.

What is the best part of your job?

Resolving technical and contractual issues, as we learn new stuff every single day in our field.

Who motivates you to do what you do every day?

My parents are my biggest inspiration in my life.

Please share your greatest achievement?

One of my greatest achievement in my career was when I was appointed to work for FRA, as this was always my dream to work for an organization that assists general population of a nation on a daily basis.

Apart from the work you do, is there anything else that interests you and why?

Playing football, as I've always been a sports person.

What are your future plans?

To pursue further studies and manage my own engineering firm.

If young people wanted to find employment in your line of work, what are the criteria they would need to meet?

You will need to get a qualification in Civil engineering as well as firsthand experience in the construction side is very important to understand the technical components.

If you were to advice young people of today, what would you say to them in terms of career choices?

Follow your dream and choose a career where you get self-confidence and motivation to strive for excellence.

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FRA Chief Executive Officer Mr Jonathan Moore on FBC TV's 4 The Record show



FRA CEO Jonathan Moore during a press conference in Suva



FRA CEO Jonathan Moore with Fiji Times Reporter Shayal Devi



McArthur Street open to traffic

Roadworks on McArthur Street in Suva are complete. The new and improved road will help reduce congestion and also provide a safe and improved access. Works included repairing of the damaged concrete pavement, kerb, channel, footpaths and surfacing.

These works will help prolong the life of the roads by preventing them from premature deterioration and provide a smooth journey.

The project was carried out under the Suva Arterial Roads Upgrade Project- 1.

OTTA Surfacing Trial At Bocalevu Road In Labasa



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FRA trialed OTTA surfacing works at Bocalevu Primary School Frontage on Bocalevu Road in Labasa.

Bocalevu Road is located 7.212Km from Labasa Town and 1km on Bocalevu Road is Bocalevu Primary School.

FRA General Manager Network Operations and Maintenance Aram Goes says there is a high demand for treating dust nuisance of unsealed roads, particularly around schools.

“The Bocalevu Primary School is located along the roadside and dust is an everyday nuisance that students and staff have to endure.”

Mr Goes said the dust emitted from the road needs to be controlled to ensure a hygienic and conducive learning environment for the students.

FRA is pleased to announce that the Cunningham footpath project is now complete.

FRA Acting General Manager Capital Works Tarun Bhalla says the new footpath is aimed at improving pedestrian access and safety.

“The new footpath is disability-friendly and will increase safety for pedestrians by providing them a defined path and it will reduce pedestrian accidents.”

Mr Bhalla said the footpath is now lined up on the full length of the East side of the Cunningham Road from Kings Road to Princes Road, plus selected sections of new footpath on the West side, a combined total length of approximately 3500m.

The new footpath is part of the FRA's Renewals Project.

NEW FOOTPATH FOR CUNNINGHAM RESIDENTS



LR Rehoboth Infrastructure Ltd Sekaia Ragata with FRA Representatives at the new footpath at Cunningham.



Cunningham Footpath

Anesh Avinal Sharan's Passion for Engineering

Intermediate Engineer Urban Roads, Footpaths and Street Lights



Please explain your role:

As an Engineer I am required to supervise the projects in terms of contract management, project management, design assistance and liaising with stakeholders and other authorities to provide a customer service focus for FRA.

How long have you been in this profession?

I have been working in this profession for the past 4 years

Do you love the work you do? Why?

Yes. There is a very famous line I read once, “love what you do and you'll never work a day”. Every kid has a dream of what they wish to be when they grow up, my dream was to become an engineer and today I am living that dream.

My reason for choosing civil engineering was to make the world a better place. When I was around 9 years old, I remember how I used to get into trouble with my grandmother back at our home in Labasa for digging tunnels and little dams in the backyard. I would miss most of my meals while pretending to construct little cities and roads along with buildings and river channels. I've often heard, passion breeds when we are young, in my case, my path to civil engineering had been laid before me at that moment.

I love what I do because this job is all about being hands-on. I believe that civil engineers are the unsung heroes of the engineering world. As a civil engineer, you will be a part of helping society to become more advanced by adapting the infrastructure to meet the challenges brought on by new technologies, population growth and climate change.

What is one of the main reason behind your success?

I would not do justice to my parents if I wouldn't give them the credit for where I am today, as should any child. Agreed, that it took countless nights of studying and determination to graduate and get a job, but my parents were there every step of the way. Looking at their proud face when I graduated only fuelled by determination and from that day, there was no looking back.

Can you tell us a little about your education (primary, secondary and tertiary)?

I completed my Primary Education at Naleba Bhartiya School, Secondary Education at Labasa Sangam (SKM) College and attended the Fiji National University to pursue Bachelors in Civil Engineering, being one of the pioneer students for this course at FNU.

What is the best part of your job?

My job requires me to work closely with contractors, architects and construction workers on various projects. This interaction brings with it as a platform to share knowledge and ideas.

What are your future plans?

My future plan is to become a successful civil engineer and have my own civil engineering firm specialising in all aspects of civil engineering with the advanced technologies around.

During his leisure time, Anesh enjoys playing soccer as he believes it is a great way to relax, maintain good health.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS COMPLETED FROM WAINIYATU-NAITONITONI IN NAVUA



L-R MOIT Assistant Minister Hon Vijay Nath with FRA GM Network Operations and Maintenance Aram Goes and Fulton Hogan Hiways Country Manager, Duncan Fraser in Navua

The OTTA surfacing trial project by the FRA from Wainiyatu-Naitonitoni in Navua is completed and well received by the public.

FRA General Manager Maintenance and Network Operations Aram Goes says the OTTA surfacing is a cost effective treatment for alternative surfacing of low volume unsealed roads requiring very little surface preparation, saving significant time and money.

He said this low cost alternative surfacing treatment works well to eliminate grading requirements and mitigate dust nuisance.

“This finished road surface behaves like a seal, but does not look like a seal.”

FRA INSTALLS NEW MID-BLOCK PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT RENWICK ROAD



New mid-block pedestrian crossing at Renwick Road



Musheer Khan

Road users will now be able to cross safely following the installation of the new mid-block pedestrian crossing at Renwick Road in Suva.

FRA Acting Program Manager Electrical Musheer Khan says they are committed to improve safety for the road users and the new traffic signal will better manage the flow of traffic.

“Previously we had a zebra crossing to guide the motorists, however, we have now installed a new traffic signal and we are urging pedestrians to please follow the lights.”

REHABILITATION WORKS COMPLETED ON NAIMASIMASI SECTION ON KINGS ROAD



Fiji Roads Authority has successfully completed rehabilitation works on the Naimasimasi Section on Kings Road.

FRA has successfully completed rehabilitation works on the Naimasimasi Section on Kings Road. FRA General Manager Network Operations and Maintenance Aram Goes says the site was programmed for rehabilitation due to the deteriorating conditions of the existing pavement along these sections of the Kings Roads.

“Works include removal of high shoulder to prevent water from ponding on the road edge, clearing drains, remove and replace existing seal and base material with imported crushed rock, stabilisation of the existing pavement and surfacing which included a two coat chip seal and asphalt surfacing for bus bay area,” Mr Goes said.

With the new road surface, he said the travelling public can now enjoy improved travel time and a better and safer driving surface.

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FRA held a Traffic Management Training for all its staff, contractors and utility providers. The training was being conducted by two trainers from Fulton Hogan who are accredited NZTA – Level 1 Traffic Control and NZTA Level 1 Senior Traffic Manager Supervisor (STMS) Trainers.



FRA CEO Jonathan Moore updating the West Media on the flood event



FRA representatives Jaashinta Ben (left) with Leticia Ratuleu during a two-day Careers Fair at the Fiji National University



FRA representatives Jese Veibuli and Sainiana Rokovucago during FBC TV's Cucurui Show

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