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RESTORATION WORKS PROGRESSING IN THE WESTERN AND NORTHERN DIVISIONS

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Overall flood damage restoration works in the Western and Northern Division are about 40% complete.

Fiji Roads Authority (FRA) Acting Chief Executive Officer Sonal Goundar says that their main effort still remains to be opening up of the bus and main supply routes for operation once the roads are deemed safe for use.

He has also urged motorists to drive to the conditions on secondary roads as there is still a lot of silt and debris on some of the roads.

“The restoration works for enabling access are hindered by periods of heavy rain. Nevertheless, the FRA and Contractor personnel are progressing steadily to enable access,” Mr Goundar said.

In the Western Division, the majority of the bus routes have been restored in Sigatoka and Nadi. For Ba, Tavua and Rakiraki 60% of the bus routes have been restored. All bus routes in Lautoka are accessible. There have been three major slips in Western Division which are along Queens Road at Nawai, Nausori Highland Road near Mulomulo Mosque, and Nadarivatu Road near Nadarivatu Government Station

The reinstatement works will commence from today, subject to favourable weather.

In the Northern Division, FRA personnel and contractors are also working to restore the main supply routes and bus routes on the Northern side of Labasa including the reinstatement works at Wairiki Crossing in Suweni, Nabiti Nasigasiga Road in Dreketi, Qawa Crossing in Bulileka and sections along Wainikoro Road in Labasa. There are still some low-level crossings around Seaqaqa / Navidamu area which are underwater due to the continuous rain. The landslide at Nakabuta Settlement along Kubulau Road in Wainunu, Bua is affecting the bus route between Kubulau and Wainunu.

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- *FRA GIS dashboard link below shows the status of the road network. This is a live link, please check to see if the status has changed. Link: rb.gy/0vzdst*