

LAND ACQUISITION & RESETTLEMENT DUE DILIGENCE REPORT

Fiji: Transport Infrastructure Investment Sector Project

Queens Road Rehabilitation Project (QRRP B): Section 5–Extension



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Abbreviations

ADB	-	Asian Development Bank
CR5	-	China Railway
GOF	-	Government of Fiji
GSA	-	Greater Suva Area
HQ	-	Headquarters
LARDD	-	Land Acquisition and Resettlement Due Diligence
LARF	-	Land Acquisition and Resettlement Framework
QRRP	-	Queens Rd Rehabilitation Project
TIISP	-	Transport Infrastructure Investment Sector Project
WB	-	World Bank

1.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW AND REPORT RATIONALE

1. With loan funding from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and World Bank (WB), together with funding from the Government of Fiji (GOF), the Fiji Roads Authority are implementing the Transport Infrastructure Investment Sector Project (TIISP). TIISP will improve access to socio-economic opportunities by upgrading and rehabilitating land and maritime transport infrastructure across the Fiji Islands (ADB, 2015a). The overall objectives of the Project are improved access to markets, employment opportunities, and social services. The outcome will be improved safety and resilience of land and maritime transport infrastructure for users of project roads, bridges and rural jetties and wharves
2. One of the sub-projects proposed under this package is the Queens Road Rehabilitation Package B Sub-project. Queens Road Rehabilitation Package B sub-project involves the rehabilitation and upgrade of six sections; namely Sections 4A, 4B, 4C, 5, 7, 8; of sealed road in the Western (Nadroga Province) Divisions with an approximate total length of 20km. The sub- project involves road pavement upgrades, small sections of road widening within the existing road reserve, footpath repairs and footpath installations. The approximate total cost of this sub-project is FJ\$50m.
3. The objective of the sub-project is to lower the overall road maintenance costs, improve the safety of road users (drivers and pedestrians) and improve the travel comfort of road users. Other outcomes expected from the sub- project will be lower road user costs through reduced damage to vehicles. This will be achieved by rehabilitating the existing road pavements that have reached the end of their serviceable life.
4. While a Queens Road Rehabilitation Project (QRRP) B Land Acquisition and Resettlement Due Diligence Report was prepared by the Fiji Roads Authority (FRA) in 2019, FRA has since become aware of several cases on physical and economic displacements occurring – and yet to occur - across the TIISP Project, prompting a review and verification of sites under construction, yet to be constructed and already completed. This action is in keeping with the social safeguards policy outlined within the Project’s Land Acquisition and Resettlement Framework.
5. Several design changes have been introduced across the TIISP Project as physical works have proceeded, these design changes have not been screened for land acquisition and resettlement impacts.
6. For Section 5 of QRUP B; the original approval for upgrade was to begin from Ciriwai Junction to Nabou; however, a revised road design version has stated for the upgrade to have its starting point extended for another 600m and end point extended to Batiri Junction. Since, this new extension is a new inclusion; it necessitates landuse screening for land acquisition and resettlement impacts.
7. The findings of this QRRP B LARDD Report for Section 5 extension area verifies that no land acquisition and resettlement impacts will occur. No temporary or permanent economic or physical displacement will be required for the completion of physical works. Furthermore, physical works will not block access to the houses along the proposed area as a Traffic Management Plan will be tailored to allow continued and safe access for them.
8. This Land Acquisition and Resettlement Due Diligence (LARDD) Report has been prepared for Queens Road Rehabilitation Project (QRRP) B: – Section 5 Extension Area and submitted to the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and World Bank (WB) as a required level of Due Diligence. It also confirms the adherence to the Land Acquisition and Resettlement Framework (LARF, 2016) that has been prepared for the Project (ADB, 2015b); and aims to receive an approval to “No Objection” to construct.

2.0 SPECIFIC SITE DESCRIPTION AND PROPOSED WORKS - QRUP B SEC 5 EXTENSION

Project Name: Queens Road Upgrading Project – Package B

Location: Queens Road Section 5 Extension, Batiri junction to Ciriwai Junction, Province of Nadroga, Western Division of Vitilevu.

Document Purpose: Screening and verification for Impacts or Displacements and advice accordingly.

Proposed Works and type of activities:

Contractor intends to:

1. Construct of cross culverts – cement D1200mm
2. Stabilization for existing pavements
3. AP 40 overlay and prime sealing
4. Clean Drain
5. Construction of AC 14 sealing
6. Installation of Traffic Signs and Clean Up of construction area

Due Diligence Actions:

DATE	EVENT	OUTCOME	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
30 /11/ 2022	Land Ownership Searches	Confirmed that the area of construction is within the Road reserve.	Copy of Layout Plan annexed.
21 st & 28 th /11/2022	Door to door consultation and letter drops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total of 38 Households and businesses alongside and near to the new extension area • 6 houses were unoccupied during visitation so letter dropped at mail box and gates • 32 household and businesses have no objections • Those whose driveways turns from the main road will have alternative access included in the plan to ensure no displacements 	Field Report for Section 5 Extension Area annexed.
01/12/2022	Field Inspections / Site Verification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm that there will be no impacts nor displacement. • Confirm maps and photos taken earlier as per Report 	Maps and related photos are in the Report that is Annexed.
01/11/2022	Precautionary Measures	Contractor will be required to provide a Traffic Management Plan and plan to control movements during active works.	Contractor will submit as soon as Approval is sorted.

Report Conclusions:

Screening confirmed no land acquisition nor resettlement required as per 2019 QRUP LARDD Report.

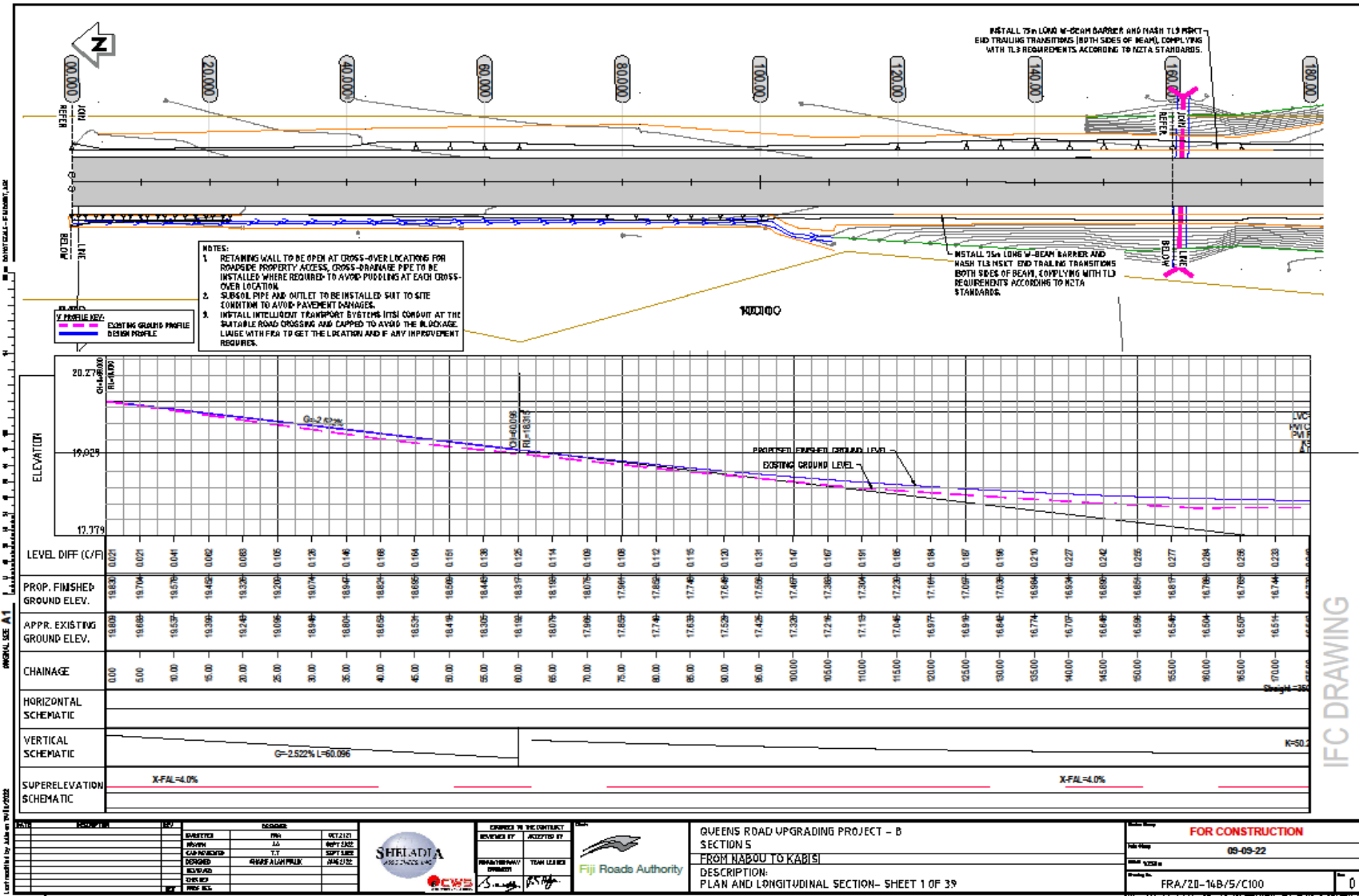
Recommendation:

No objection to the contractor to proceed on the basis of social safeguards.

Annexure 1: Screening Form

Project Title: <u>Fiji: Transport Infrastructure Investment Project</u>		Loan No: <u>ADB 3210-FJ</u>		
Subproject: <u>Queens Road Upgrading Project – Package B – Section 5 Extension Areas</u>				Date: <u>01/12/2022</u>
Location and impact area: <u>Batiri Junction for Ciriwai Junction</u>				
Answer below with tick or cross in yes, no or not known column, do not place NA in the columns.				
Probable Land Acquisition/Resettlement Effects	Yes	No	Not Known	Remarks
Temporary Use of Land				
Will the subproject need land for a diversion, camp, work yard or other requirement during construction period?		X		The plan Outlined confirmed to be followed
Will the temporary use of land require removal of crops and/or trees?		X		No removal of crops or trees
Will the temporary use of land create partial or full impacts on a main structure (house or commercial building)?		X		No Structures affected
Will the temporary use of land create impacts on livelihoods or income generating assets?		X		No impacts on income livelihood
Acquisition of Land				
1. Will there be land acquisition?		X		Within Road Reserve.
2. Is the site for land acquisition known?		X		Within Road Reserve
3. Is the ownership status and current usage of land to be acquired known?	X			Within Road Reserve
4. Will easement be utilized within an existing Right of Way (ROW)?	X			Within Road Reserve
5. Will there be loss of shelter and residential land due to land acquisition?		X		
6. Will there be loss of agricultural and other productive assets due to land acquisition?		X		
7. Will there be losses of crops, trees, and fixed assets due to land acquisition?		X		
8. Will there be loss of businesses or enterprises due to land acquisition?		X		
9. Will there be loss of income sources and means of livelihoods due to land acquisition?		X		
Restrictions on land use or on access				
10. Will people lose access to natural resources, communal facilities and services?		X		
11. If land use is changed, will it have an adverse impact on social and economic activities?		X		
12. Will access to land and resources owned communally or by the state be restricted?		X		
Information on Displaced Persons: There will be no Displacements of any Persons				
Any estimate of the likely number of persons that will be affected by temporary use of land during construction period? [] No [] Yes If yes, approximately how many? _____ Any estimate of the likely number of persons that will be displaced by the Project? [] No [] Yes If yes, approximately how many? _____				
Category for resettlement impacts ¹ : A [] B [] C []				
Are any of them poor, female-heads of households, or vulnerable to poverty risks? [] No [] Yes				
Are any displaced persons from indigenous or ethnic minority groups? [] No [] Yes				

Annexure 2: Layout Plan



BRIEF UPDATE – INFORMATION
DISSEMINATION FOR SECTION 5
ADDITIONS

*CHINA RAILWAY NO.5 ENGINEERING GROUP
QUEENS ROAD UPGRADE PROJECT B (QRUP B)
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1. Introduction:

China Railway No. 5 Engineering Group is being contracted to carry out road upgrade works on six (6) sections along the Queens highway. The project is a joint funding between Asian Development Bank (ADB) and World Bank (WB). The 6 sections are:

- Section 4A – Korotogo town end to Korotogo roundabout.
- Section 4B – Korotogo roundabout to Sovi Bay.
- Section 4C – Vatukarasa Village to Namada Village.
- Section 5 – Lomawai junction to Nabou.
- Section 7 – Nawau to Nawai.
- Section 8 – True Mart Nawaicoba to Shamlal and Sons.

For Section 5 the original approval for upgrade was to begin from Ciriwai Junction to Nabou, however a revised road design version has stated for the upgrade to starting point to be extended for another 600m and the end point to be extended to Batiri junction.

Since, the new extensions are a new inclusion, a no objection status from the residents is required before work convenes so as fulfil the social safeguard requirements.

2. Map of the New Extension and the Distribution Areas:

The three figures below show the new extensions and the distribution areas.

Figures 1 and 2 shows the actual extensions of the starting and the ending points for Section 5. The extensions area highlighted in red.



Figure 1.0 Map of new extension for Section 5 start.

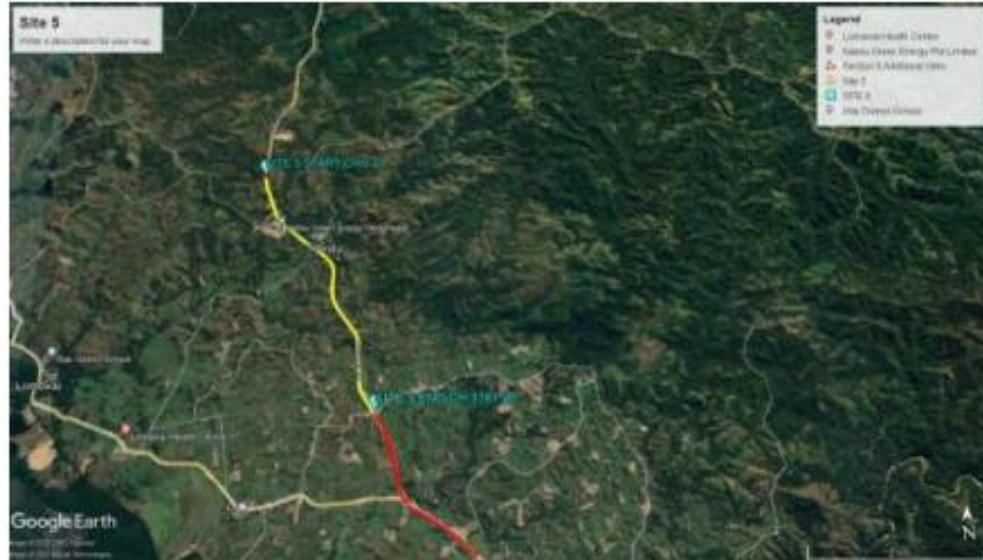


Figure 2: Map of new extension for Section 5 start.

Moreover, the areas that are marked in yellow circles on the map below are the areas that were visited, consulted and distributed with pamphlets regarding the road upgrade work that will be carried out emphasizing that the area is a newly included area and that their consent is valuable to able to progress with the work.



Figure 3: Location of the households that were visited at the new extension start.



3. Distributions and Feedback:

A total number of thirty-eight (38) households and businesses were visited. Out of the 38 houses, 6 houses, though occupied, no one was at home during the time of the visitation and 2 houses was vacant. Pamphlets were either left on the gate or at the door of those that were not home.

All the 32 houses and businesses visited have no objections over the road upgrade works ahead. Majority were in fact elated that the road will be upgraded to which they would benefit from. The only other comments that were received were:

- Mr. Kumar:
 - ✓ Excessive dust emission will affect the shop and its customers.

- Ms. Ruksha Bibi:
 - ✓ More humps needed.

- Mr. Sanil Kumar
 - ✓ Requested if their driveway could be cleared since they need to go to work and school.

- ✓ Slope within their vicinity is eroding.
- ✓ Twin culverts mouth is blocked and usually causes flooding whenever there is a heavy downpour.

4. Information Dissemination Pictorials:





5. Distribution Register:



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 DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICE, BANGALORE
 DISTRICT: BANGALORE
 BLOCK: BANGALORE
 PANCHAYAT: BANGALORE

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 DIREKTORAT JENDERAL PELAYANAN KONSUMEN
 SURABAYA

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