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STATEMENT ON ONGOING ROAD MAINTENANCE ALONG SOUTHERN BYPASS

I have received complaints from the public concerning the safety of Southern bypass in Nairobi County where road maintenance is taking place. As a regular user of the road, I have also had the opportunity to observe the ongoing repair works.

There is an ongoing road maintenance which entails patching and resurfacing of the road to seal cracks that have emerged due to the ageing of bitumen.

I am aware of recent accidents that have occurred on this road, and investigations are ongoing to determine the causes. I wish to extend my sincere condolences to the families and friends of those who have lost their lives in these accidents.

To prevent accidents and protect lives, the contractor has placed road signage and installed temporary bumps made of quarry dust in the freshly repaired areas.

The installation of these bumps and reduction of speed to 50KPH as indicated in the signage and as required in areas under construction will help to preserve the quality of the road and ensure the safety of road users.

Police have also been stationed near the construction sites to prevent motorists from speeding beyond the stipulated 50KPH limit.

It is worth noting that the ongoing repairs have been slowed down by the huge traffic volumes on the road, which the contractor has to contend with, against the strict timelines set for completion of the maintenance works.

As a ministry, we have discussed with KeNHA and the contractor to continue implementing further measures to enhance safety and prevent road crashes as they expedite construction works.

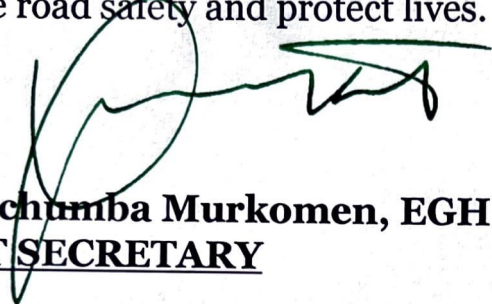
I request **ALL MOTORISTS** to adhere to **ROAD SIGNAGE** and the **SET SPEED LIMIT** while approaching these sections.

Further, I have directed KeNHA to issue a Public Notice to all motorists clearly identifying the sections under maintenance and the stipulated speed limit applicable to these sections.

As I promised Kenyans earlier this year, we are progressing well with the installation of speed cameras on our highways.

We have rolled out the pilot phase of this project and cameras have been installed in major highways including the Southern bypass.

I am confident that, with the implementation of these measures we will be able to improve road safety and protect lives.



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