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NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS

ON

SITE INSPECTION VISIT TO ROYSAMBU, NAIROBI CENTRAL,

PARKLANDS, MWIKI AND CLAY CITY WARDS

ON 30TH NOVEMBER 2017, 7TH DECEMBER 2017 AND 21ST

FEBRUARY 2018

CLER'K'S CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NAIROBI. JANUARY, 2018

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works is one of the Sectoral Committees established under Standing Order 203. The Committee is mandated under the 3rd Schedule of the Standing Orders to investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to County transport, including county roads, street lighting, traffic and parking, public road transport, county public works and services including storm water management systems in built-up areas.

On 30th November 2017 the Committee on conducted an inspection visit to the Northern bypass and various bus termini in the County and various illegal parking areas in the County.

The visit to the Northern By pass was in response to a concern by the area MCA regarding illegal and hazardous parking along a road reserve by Metro Logistics Company.

Visit to Pangani, Park Road, Desai Service Road, Hakati, Machakos and Railways bus termini was instigated by the Committee's resolution to follow up on the County Government's city decongestion policy evident in the suspended Governor's Public Transport CBD vacation notice operationalizing the Gazette Notice NO.4479 of 12th May 2017. The Committee was accompanied by the Acting Chief Officer for Roads, Public Works and Transport.

On 7th December, the Committee conducted a visit to Westands and Northern by-pass to inspect illegal parking areas. The Committee was accompanied by the County Executive officers from the parking section.

In addition, on 21st February 2018, the Committee inspected the following projects in the County:

- i. Access Road to Maji Mazuri in Clay City;
- ii. Access road to HACCO industries; and
- iii. Mwiki-Githurai Bridge.

The said visits were conducted out of Committee's resolve to get firsthand information regarding the sites and subsequently report to the House upon adoption of report of the Committee.

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE

The Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works comprises the following members:

1. Hon. Mark Ndung'u, MCA

Chairman

2. Hon. Mark Mugambi, MCA

Vice- Chairman

3. Hon. Fredrick Njogu, MCA

4. Hon. Osman Adow, MCA

5. Hon. Mwaura Samora, MCA

6. Hon. Patriciah Musyimi, MCA

7. Hon. Anthony Ngaruiya, MCA

8. Hon. Joyce Muthoni, MCA

9. Hon. Abdi Ibrahim Hassan, MCA

10. Hon. Paul Kados, MCA

11. Hon. Habiba Hassan, MCA

12. Hon. Patrick Mbangula Musili, MCA

13. Hon. Evans Otiso, MCA

14. Hon. Kennedy Obuya, MCA

15. Hon. Stazo Elijah Omungala Angila, MCA

16. Hon. David Ayoi, MCA

17. Hon. Jared Okoth Okode, MCA

18. Hon. Mary Mwami, MCA

19. Hon. Osman Khalif Abdi, MCA

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works wishes to thank the offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the Nairobi City County Assembly for the support extended to it in the conduct of this site inspection visit.

Further, the Committee is thankful to the Secretariat for their contributions during and after the visit and compilation of this report.

Finally, I wish to convey my gratitude to the Members of the Committee. Your commitment during the site inspection visit contributed immensely to the compilation of this report.

Hon. Members,

On behalf of the Members of Sectoral committee on Transport and Public Works, it is my pleasant duty and privilege, to present the Committee's Report on the inspection visit to Roysambu, Parklands and Nairobi Central wards.

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CHAIRMAN

1.1 NORTHERN BY PASS (METRO LOGISTICS COMPANY)

During the visit to Metro Transport Company, the Committee met the Security manager who stated that the Director was not available immediately to engage the Committee on the matter. However, the Commmittee made the following findings:

- i. The company was an outpost of the main company operating in road cargo transportation using tracks and trailers;
- ii. There was an illegal parking outside the Company on a road reserve along the Northern by pass that lacked signage;
- iii. Due to lack of signage indicating turning of heavy vehicles, tracks and trailers exit and enter the bypass dangerously putting at risk other motorists using the same road;
- iv. Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) has issued vacation notice requiring the company to vacate the parking whose deadline had expired.

1.2 PANGANI, PARK ROAD (NGARA), DESAI ROAD, MACHAKOS, HAKATI AND RAILWAY BUS TERMINI

During the visit, the Committee was accompanied by the Acting Chief Officer for Transport, Public Works and Roads. He informed the Committee that the construction and refurbishment of the various bus termini is one of the various approaches by the County Government to decongest the City and increase mobility of both goods and services.

In this regard, the Committee made the following findings:

i. Pangani terminus which is located at Pangani Shopping centre was complete with cabro block floor and drainage system. It is expected to host a section of PSVs plying Thika Super High way. It had not been handed over to the County due to incomplete payment;

- ii. The Park Road bus termini runs for approximately 1km from Guru Nanak Hospital to Equity Bank round about completed with cabro block floor and drainage system. The terminus is expected to host section of PSVs plying Thika Super Highway and upcountry vehicles. The termini had not been handed over to the County due to incomplete payment;
- iii. Desai Service Road Terminus along Desai Road was complete with parking slots and drainage system. The terminus is expected to host PSVs a section of vehicles plying Thika Super High Way;
- iv. Machakos country bus terminus refurbishment was complete with cabro block floor, drainage system and was operational despite incomplete payment. It is expected to host high capacity PSVs from upcountry;
- v. Refurbishment of Hakati bus terminus was complete with cabro block floor and drainage and was operational. It is expected to host all urban and peri-urban PSVs from Langata and Mombasa Roads and their routes;
- vi. Railway bus terminus located near Kenya Railway Station was incomplete with only one layer of carpet done albeit in operation. The Committee was informed that completion was delayed due to delayed release of a balance of payment to the contractor. The terminus is expected to host all urban and peri-urban PSVs plying Ngong road and its routes.

1.3 ILLEGAL PARKING IN WESTLANDS

The Committee first visited a parking illegally operated on a County property near Westwood plaza along Ring Road in Westlands whose returns are allegedly not remitted to the County.

Further the Committee visited a parking opposite Westgate Mall. The Committee was informed by the parking attendant accompanying the Committee, that the parking is operated by the Westgate Mall owners and used by its customers. The Committee observed that the collections were being undertaken by Pay Tech Company but returns were neither remitted to the County Government nor operation license sought.

The Committee also accompanied the executive to witness an operation on illegal parking areas along the Northern bypass as a follow up on recommendations made by the Committee.

During this visit, the parking officers clamped a number of tracks and trailers and towed away one trailer.

1.4 MWIKI GITHURAI BRIDGE, ACCESS ROADS TO HACCO INDUSTRIES AND MAJI MAZURI

The Committee visited the above mentioned projects on 21st February 2018 and made the following observations:

Mwiki Githurai Bridge

- i. The project was allocated Ksh. 18,038,385 during the 2014/2015 Financial Year. Its objective was to connect Mwiki to Githurai.
- ii. Works on the bridge had commenced but the contractor abandoned the site due to delayed payment by the County.

Access Road to Maji Mazuri

- i. The project was allocated Ksh. 84,009,466 during the Financial Year 2014/2015.

 As per the contract terms, the contractor was expected to tarmac the entire road from the main Mwiki Road;
- ii. A section of the road had been tarmacked with the rest having been hard compacted and stone laying done;
- iii. The project stalled owing to delayed payment to the project contractor; and
- iv. The Committee also observed that the said road lacks properly done drainage system.

Access Road to HACCO industries

i. The project was allocated Ksh. 104,936,007 during the 2014/2015 FY. The contractor was expected to tarmac the entire road from the main Mwiki Road but suspended the works at some point due to delayed released of funds by the

- County. However, the County, eventually release funds and the contractor was on site with a section of the road from the Mwiki Road having been tarmacked;
- ii. The Committee also observed that the quality of the works was low given that potholes were already emerging on the tarmacked section, inadequate drainage system with small culverts and allegedly weak foundation.

1.5 RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the findings, the Committee recommends that this Assembly adopts this report of the Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works on its site inspections visits to Roysambu, Nairobi Central, Mwiki, Clay City and Parklands Wards as follow:

- i. That the County Government should expedite payments to contractors and take over the various bus termini and other stalled projects in order to proceed with the programme of urban decongestion and enhancement of mobility in the County;
- ii. That the Acting Chief Officer responsible for Roads, Transport and Public Works to enforce vacation of the parking illegally operated by the Metro Transit Company along the Northern by pass;
- iii. That the County Executive moves with speed to recover and secure the piece of land next to Westwood plaza along Ring road whose ownership belongs to the County Government;
- iv. That the County Executive Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport to ensure that revenue collected as parking fees at the parking allegedly operated by Westgate Mall, is remitted to the County Government as required by the law; and
- v. That the County Executive to enforce vacation of illegal parking by Metro Logistics Company and any other illegal parking along the Northern by pass;
- vi. The County Executive Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport to establish County Quality of Work guidelines that will ensure that contractors to execute County projects of high quality standards. Specifically, the Sector should ensure that the contractors execute quality work on Maji Mazuri and HACCO access roads with adequate drainage systems.





















