



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY
SECOND ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

Subject: Delay in commencement of Road Construction Works in County Wards

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 45(2)(c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of Select Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations regarding failure by the County Chief Officer responsible for Roads and Public Works to facilitate Contractors to commence Road construction works in the County.

Hon. Speaker, County Roads and Public Works is one of the functions transferred to the Nairobi Metropolitan Services Office and cognizant of the fact that Budget cycle for current Financial Year is coming to an end, little efforts have been made by the County Chief Officer to ensure Road Contractors are on the ground.

Hon. Speaker, there have been unexplained delays in the ratification of successful bidders to kick-start construction of earmarked Roads in the Wards. On the other hand, the Nairobi Metropolitan Services had previously requested for relevant documents which were submitted to them. However, up-to-date, neither are the contractors on the ground nor anything seen to be done.

Hon. Speaker, I have had an opportunity to consult with the County Attorney on the foregoing and has been emphatic that Engineer Karanja, the County Chief Officer, Road and Public Works claims to have been seconded to NMS and asserts to be under firm instructions not to sign any contract emanating from the preceding department that had actually commenced the procurement process for the Road projects.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on: -

- i) Reasons the County Chief Officer, Roads and Public Works has delayed to sign the tender documents aware that the Financial Year was coming to a closure;
- ii) The timelines within which Contractors shall be on the ground to commence Road and Public works as intended;

Statement given on
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Member to Finance mt
Chair Budget mt
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