



CITY OF HARARE

**STATEMENT BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF
THE CITY OF HARARE CLR.S.M MUTIZWA AFTER
THE TOUR OF HARARE ROADS**

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**THE HONOURABLE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LOCAL
GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS**

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Honourable Deputy Minister, the roads in Harare are in a deplorable state. We applaud the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe Cde E.D. Mnangagwa for declaring the roads a state of emergency last year as this assisted in marshalling resources towards the rehabilitation of Road Infrastructure. Under ERRP Phase 2 government took over the rehabilitation of roads in Harare and these have been handed over to contractors. ZINARA disbursed a total of **ZWL\$199 million** in the 2021 financial year for road maintenance and reseal programmes. The bulk of the money was allocated to Robert Mugabe Road where we conducted an overlay while the balance was used for porthole patching, shoulder repair and drain cleaning in various selected trunk and feeder roads.

This year we are targeting to work on **10 roads (31.4 km)** So we are expecting the following funds for the roads programme:

- i. **ZINARA: ZWL\$958, 944,703.67** of which 25% (ZWL\$240 million) will go towards routine maintenance and the balance will go towards road rehabilitation (reconstruction and reseal)
- ii. **Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfer: ZWL\$150 million**

I flagged out the above, but the total amount dedicated towards the Roads programme is **ZWL\$1,2 billion**

Honourable Deputy Minister, the tour has reaffirmed the need to look holistically at the state of the roads. For those that are being worked on, let's ensure that we maintain high quality standards so that we get value for money for our investment. Whilst major roads are being taken care of we also need to look at the feeder roads and arterial roads which are also in dire need of rehabilitation.

As we have witnessed today, the potholed roads are an increasing hazard for drivers. They are especially dangerous now due to the heavy rains which we continue to receive. So as a City in the 2022 budget we have made an undertaking to also fund the rehabilitation of the roads: The City is committed to supporting infrastructure development through road construction and rehabilitation, which is a key enabler for economic growth and development. The following are the proposed the funding mechanism:

- i. Revenue from City Parking
- ii. Endowment fees
- iii. Revenue realised from Billboards
- iv. Gravel sales

- v. Harare Quarry dividend
- vi. Trenching fees.
- vii. Design approvals and construction approvals fees

We are hoping that the following revenue streams will enable us to rehabilitate the roads in the residential areas.

Honourable Deputy Minister as we embark on the road rehabilitation exercise we also urge our residents to take note of the following key issues:

- i. The need to stop cultivation along the road verges because this practice is leading to the blocking of our drainage system
- ii. To avoid vending on road verges and disposing of litter in storm water drains
- iii. To avoid dumping litter in the storm water drains as this leads to blocking of the drains which results in flash floods.

As the residents play their part, our Amenities Division is also implored to ensure the efficient collection and disposal of waste. To that end the City of Harare will take delivery of five more refuse compactors during this quarter to capacitate the Division. As the drains are being cleared we will also remove illegal dumps and the spoil from the storm water drains

Through Government funding the City is working with the Department of Roads in the Ministry of Transport on the construction of the Mbudzi Inter-Change, Widening of Warren Park and Kuwadzana Traffic Circles, Westgate traffic Cycle and widening of key roads for

instance Kirkman and repair and maintenance of roads in the Greater Harare under ERRP 2. This will lead to the decongestion of the City and improve road trafficability.

As I conclude, there are a cocktail of measures to enhance road trafficability and decongesting the City through various government led initiatives.