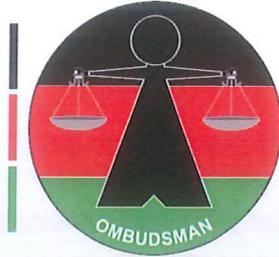




REPUBLIC OF KENYA



**THE COMMISSION ON
ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE**
(Office of the Ombudsman)
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PRESS RELEASE

NAIROBI, Friday, December 20, 2024

**Maintenance Of Major Roads to Commence in January 2025,
KURA Assures Ombudsman**

The Commission on 3rd December, 2024 issued a directive to the Director General of KURA, requiring a response within seven days addressing public concerns regarding the worsening conditions of roads in Nairobi City County. Numerous videos circulating on various media platforms had drawn attention to significant potholes, particularly on the routes connecting Jogoo Road to Landhies Road near Muthurwa Market, Soweto Masimba Road, and the Kilimani and Upper Hill areas. Additionally, the Commission noted widespread flooding in Nairobi attributed to blocked, poorly maintained, or inadequate drainage systems.

The Commission noted that the current state of the roads was a major contributing factor to increased road accidents, leading to fatalities, injuries, property damage, and severe traffic congestion. These issues, the Commission noted, have significant implications for the country's economy and the overall welfare of the people.

According to Section 10 (2)(a) of the Kenya Roads Act, KURA is mandated to construct, upgrade, rehabilitate, and maintain all public roads in cities and municipalities across Kenya, except for national roads. Furthermore, Section 16 of the Nairobi City County Transport Act No. 3 of 2020 assigns the responsibility of maintaining county roads to the Nairobi County Government.

In light of these concerns, the Commission requested that the Director General of KURA provide a detailed response within seven days, including:

In the Authority's Annual Road Workplans FY 2024/2025 submitted to the Commission and available on their website, the Nairobi Region has been allocated a total budget of Kshs. 1,168,988,899.79 with Kshs. 851,261,842.27 provided for roads under the Performance Based Maintenance Contract (PBC), Kshs. 159,719,845.79 for road maintenance and Kshs. 158,007,211.73 for periodic maintenance. In addition, the Authority has advertised for works on Jogoo Road, Landhies Road, and Soweto Masimba Roads. The works are expected to commence in January 2025 as per a copy of the Tender Notice dated 26th November 2024. The Tender Notice is accessible on the Authority's website.

The Authority has further indicated that as a long-term solution, in collaboration with the County Government of Nairobi City, they have initiated the City Renewal and Regeneration Programme to address the maintenance backlog. Whereas, the programme will be financed by both levels of Government, the Authority has adopted major Performance Based Routine Maintenance in the FY 2025/2026 work plan to ensure a sustainable regime.

DATED AT NAIROBI THIS 20th DAY OF December, 2024


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