



PUBLIC NOTICE

DECOMMISSIONING OF TEMPORARY TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES AT LILONGWE RIVER

The Roads Authority (RA) wishes to inform the general public that the temporary traffic and pedestrian bridges that were installed across the Lilongwe River to facilitate access during the construction of the new Lilongwe River Bridge are being officially decommissioned following the successful completion and opening of the new permanent bridge on 6th November 2025.

The Government of the Republic of Malawi and the Government of Japan, through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), agreed under the project's financing and implementation framework that the temporary bridge structures would be dismantled and the leased land surrendered to the original owners upon completion of the permanent bridge works.

During construction, the contractor, DAI Nippon Construction, provided temporary traffic and pedestrian bridges to maintain connectivity for road users. These structures were specifically engineered for short-term use within the designated construction period (November 2023 to November 2025) and were never intended for long-term or permanent service.

In line with the engineering and contractual provisions, the decision to decommission the temporary bridges has been guided by the following professional and safety considerations:

1. **Temporary Design Specifications** – The bridge foundations and superstructures were designed solely for temporary use and do not meet long-term safety or durability standards.
2. **Restoration of Construction Sites** – The temporary traffic bridge was not constructed on a designated road area but on private land which was temporarily leased. This includes the contractor's campsite. The temporary traffic bridge area will be restored and handed back to the respective landowners as part of the project's environmental and social compliance obligations.

The public is therefore advised to appropriately use the new Lilongwe River Bridge and its approach roads, which have been constructed to modern standards for safe, durable, inclusive and long-term public service.

The Roads Authority sincerely appreciates the public's understanding and cooperation during this transition period and reiterates its commitment to ensuring the safety and sustainability of the national road infrastructure network.

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