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The Institute for National Transformation management welcomes you to the 25th edition of our monthly newsletter. We would love to hear from you. Kindly send your contributions to the June, 2022 newsletter.

Articles will be assessed on rolling basis, and should be 500-1500 words in length, including spaces. The deadline for submission of articles for the June, 2022 newsletter is Friday, 20th May, 2022. Your feedback and sugesstions are highly appreciated.

Please send all your submissions to intuganda@gmail. com. Title of Email: Newsletter Article Submission.

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DRIVING THROUGH JUNTIONS

Making our Home Journey Easier

Executive Summary

This Project aims to improve the flow of Traffic at Junctions/ Intersections and Roundabouts.

These are the key areas of traffic bottlenecks in our City and immediate suburbs.

The Challenge

It takes as many as 25-minutes to maneuver through a simple junction during peak time.

Ugandan Drivers hardly give due care and attention to other Drivers at Junctions/ Intersections and Roundabouts causing much unnecessary delays. We do not respect rights of way (Matatus etc). We just plunge into the road. Driving to any destination within Kampala can be a 2hr ordeal resulting into a 4hr return journey.

Projects Objectives

To create an orderly flow of traffic flowing through Junctions without vehicles interlocked into gridlocks. Propose the modification of Junctions to Create provision of the "Yellow Box Junction" within the Junction that will be the vehicular guide through. To propose introduction of punitive measures for violation of the Yellow line rules as happens in many countries To propose punitive penalties to Drivers who create illegal Second and Third lanes on a singular approach lane to a junction.

Proposed Activities and Action Plans Modification of the Junctions/ Intersections

Drawing of the Yellow "Box Junction" within the Island of the Junction Getting the Buy-in of the Ministry of Transport and Communications who have the preserve of road maintenance to approve the project.

Involvement of the Police Traffic Division to climatize them of the proposed changes.

Biblical Bases for the Project

1 Corinthians 14:40 – But all things must be done properly and in an orderly manner. (We must learn to drive and use public roads in an orderly manner).

1 Corinthians 14:33 – For God is not a God of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. (Confusion and the self-important attitude on our roads has no place in a moral Christian society).

Project Evaluation & Monitoring

This Project is expected to be indefinite, a permanent change to junction and Intersections structure.

Its success will be a measure of how future traffic will flow through junctions/ Intersection per given unit of time in comparison to today's flow. .

The Qualitative measure is how quickly drivers would be able to get to their destinations, especially in the evenings in the suburbs.

Expected Results and Strategic Goals

Reduction of time spent in traffic within the Greater Kampala area. Disciplined driving in and around Junctions/ Intersection and Roundabouts Saving on fuel burnt in avoidable jams (Approx UGX 125m per day) – assuming a conservative 25,000 cars per day's fuel wastage at 5,000/- per vehicle Having a Greener environment which will soon be a Compliance Issue Internationally.

Resource Mobilization & Funding

Roads being the property of government, I shall solicit MOW for securing of Funding to effect the modifications proposed as a recoverable cost. The Penalties proposed should be punitive enough to both pay for the costs involved as well as an effective deterrent to bad driving.

Collaborations & Risk Management Plans

The idea of "Boxing" our Junctions/ Intersections with Yellow colors, as a restricted/ penalty zone, is a strange idea in Uganda but works very well in other countries.

I shall obtain copies of a Driver's Handbook from a country similar to our driving style, for sharing with the MoW as a contingency for their comfort. The risk of this project not being commissioned may be budgetary. The 2021/2022 budget has already been passed.

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