

# **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND TRANSPORT ON THE 2022 ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATES OF THE MINISTRY OF ROADS AND HIGHWAYS**

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The Annual Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Roads and Highways was referred to the Committee on Roads and Transport for consideration and report in accordance with Order 140(4) and 189 of the Standing Orders of the House. This followed a presentation of the Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government for the 2022 Financial Year by the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Planning, Mr. Ken Ofori-Atta on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in fulfilment of article 179 of the 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana.

1.2 The Committee met with a Deputy Minister for Roads and Highways, Hon. Mavis Nkansah Boadu, the Chief Director and officials of the Ministry as well as Heads of Agencies under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Roads and Highways on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021, to consider the referral. In attendance were officers from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning to assist in the deliberations.

The Committee is grateful to the officials for their attendance and for providing clarifications on issues raised at the meeting.

## **2.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS**

The Committee referred to the following documents during the consideration of the Budget Estimates:

- i. The 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana.
- ii. The Standing Orders of the Parliament of Ghana.
- iii. The Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government of Ghana for the 2022 Financial Year.
- iv. The National Medium Term Development Framework (NMTDF) for 2022-2025 Programme Based Budget Estimates.

- v. Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) 2022-2025 for the Ministry of Roads and Highways.
- vi. Programme Based Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Roads and Highways for 2022; and
- vii. Report of the Committee on Roads and Transport on the 2021 Annual Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Roads and Highways.

### 3.0 **MISSION**

The Ministry of Roads and Highways exists to provide an integrated, efficient, cost-effective and sustainable road transport system responsive to the needs of society, supporting growth and poverty reduction and capable of establishing and maintaining Ghana as a transportation hub of West Africa.

### 4.0 **POLICY OBJECTIVES IN MTEF (2022- 2025)**

The Policy objectives of the Ministry of Roads and Highways are as follows:

- i. **Improving efficiency and effectiveness of road transport infrastructure and services**
  - Prioritise international corridor development programmes towards completion of Western, Central and Eastern Corridors.
  - Expand and maintain the national road network.
  - Ensure capacity improvement by constructing missing links.
  - Provide bituminous surface for road network in district capitals and areas of high agricultural production and tourism.
  - Provide private sector participation in construction, rehabilitation and management of road transport.
  - Provide regular training for local contractors and consultants to improve quality of delivery in road infrastructure, procurement, management and supervision of road contracts.

- Promote local content and participation in the provision and award of contracts.
- ii. **Ensuring safety and security for all categories of road users by:**
  - Incorporating pedestrian safety facilities in planning design construction and maintenance of road infrastructure and to ensure adequate road signs, markings, traffic calming measures, streetlights and non-motorists facilities are provided.

## 5.0 **CORE FUNCTIONS**

The Core functions of the Ministry of Roads and Highways are:

- i. Policy formulation, monitoring, evaluation and coordination with regard to the Road Infrastructure Sector.
- ii. Development and Maintenance of Road Infrastructure.
- iii. Improving Road Safety and Environment.
- iv. Financing of Road Maintenance.
- v. Training of professionals (Engineers, Contractors, etc.).

## 6.0 **IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES**

The under-listed Agencies are responsible for the implementation of the programmes and activities of the Ministry of Roads and Highways:

- i. Ghana Highway Authority (GHA).
- ii. Department of Feeder Roads (DFR)
- iii. Department of Urban Roads (DUR).
- iv. Ghana Road Fund (GRF).
- v. Koforidua Training Centre (KTC).

## 7.0 **PERFORMANCE OF THE ROAD SECTOR IN 2021**

### 7.1 **Financial Performance**

The total budgetary allocation to the Road Sector for year 2021 was **GH¢1,967,771,490.00**. However, as at September 2021 an amount of **GH¢2,400,778,685.13** had been expended. The Ministry explained that

the additional amount of **GH¢433,007,195.13** was derived from IGF retained and from Donor Funding. The Ministry exceeded the targeted amount for IGF and subsequently secured approval to retain and spend the excess on generating activities such as the rehabilitation of the axle load stations and repair of laboratory equipment for testing. Excesses from Donor Funds (DP) was as a result of foreign exchange losses and significant progress on DP contracts.

The proposed budget for the Road Fund for 2021 was **GH¢2,917,511,290.10**. However, a sum of **GH¢1,302,545,761.81** was approved, representing 45% of the required amount. As at September 2021, only **GH¢603,099,118.30** out of the budget allocated for the Road Fund, had been released. Table 1 shows the summary of the 2021 budgetary allocation and disbursement.

**Table 1**  
**Summary of the 2021 Budgetary Allocation and Disbursement**  
**as at September 2021**

ITEM	2021 APPROPRIATION	2021 BUDGET ALLOTMENT/RELEASE	EXPENDITURE/ACTUAL JAN - SEPT PAYMENT	VARIANCE	% VARIANCE
COMPENSATION	57,435,307.00	40,246,602.75	40,246,602.75	17,188,704.25	29.9
GOODS & SERVICES	2,429,891.00	1,567,476.80	470,352.02	862,414.20	35.5
ASSETS	952,587,681.00	950,587,681.00	927,188,575.05	2,000,000.00	0.2
SUB TOTAL GOG	1, 012,452,879.00	992,401,760.55	967,905,529.82	20,051,118.45	2.0
DEVELOPMENT PARTNER	935,602,529.00	1,405,966,123.41	1,405,966,123.41	(470,363,594.41)	(50.3)
IGF RETAINED	19,716,082.00	26,907,031.90	26,907,031.90	(7,190,949.90)	(36.5)
TOTAL	1,967,771,490.00	2,425,274,915.86	2,400,778,685.13	(457,503,425.86)	(23.25)
ROAD FUND	1,302,545,761.81	603,099,118.30	603,099,118.30	699,446,643.51	(53.7)
GRAND TOTAL	3,270,317,251.81	3,306,284,917.01	3,281,788,686.28	(35,967,665.20)	(1.1)

*Source: Programme Based Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Roads and Highways for 2022*

## 7.2 Achievements of the Road Sector in the 2021 Fiscal Year

### 7.2.1 Management and Administration

- The Monitoring Team of the Ministry, as at September 2021 conducted monitoring in 10 out of the 16 regions and inspected over 222 projects.

### 7.2.2 Road Rehabilitation and Maintenance Programme

- In the year under review, the Ministry of Roads and Highways carried out routine maintenance works to protect investment made within the road infrastructure space. Routine maintenance was carried out on 21,165km of the trunk road network, 6,265km of the feeder road network, and 2,937km of the urban road network.
- In a related manner, periodic maintenance activities, comprising re-gravelling/spot improvement and resealing works were carried out on 162km, 412km and 262km of trunk, feeder and urban road networks respectively.
- Further rehabilitation works covering minor upgrading and construction of culverts and drainage structures were carried out on 223km of trunk roads, 173km of the feeder road and 102km of the urban road networks.

Asphaltic overlay programme is also being undertaken by the Department of Urban Roads in various communities across the country, with 243km covered in 2021. Table 2 shows the towns and communities that benefited from the asphaltic overlay programme in the year 2021.

**Table 2**  
**Beneficiaries (Towns and Communities) of Asphaltic Overlay Programme in Year 2021**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Area</b>
Greater Accra	Osu, Labone, Airport Residential Area, Tesano, Madina, Tema, Ayawaso, Gbawe, Ngleshie Amanfrom, Shiashie, Burma Camp and Adenta.
Eastern	Anyinam-Kwabeng, Kyebi-Bunso, Suhum, Akim Oda, Kwabeng, Akropong, Akim Oda and Akwatia

North East	Nalerigu, Walewale and Gambaga
Western	Adientem-Mpatado, Apollo-Apremo, Davies Street (Anaji)
Ashanti	KNUST, Juaben, Asokore, Suame Maakro, Effiduase and Effiduase Asokore, Suame Roundabout-Airport Roundabout
Central	Winneba, Kasoa and Swedru
Upper East	DVLA Road

*Source: Budget Statement and Economic Policy for 2022*

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### **7.2.3 Road and Bridge Construction Programme**

- ❖ The Ministry in the year 2021, has undertaken development activities spanning construction, rehabilitation, reconstruction and upgrading of roads as well as construction of bridges and interchanges.
- ❖ There was steady progress related to major projects such as the Pokuase Interchange under the Accra Urban Transport Project which involves the construction of a 4-tier interchange. Construction of 12km of selected roads, segregated walkways, footbridges, underpasses and drainage structures were also completed and commissioned in the course of the year.
- ❖ Works on the Phase 1 of the Tema Motorway roundabout is completed.
- ❖ Works on Phase 2 of the Obetsebi Lamptey Circle Interchange commenced and is at a physical progress of 16 percent.
- ❖ There was improvement on the progress of work on the Kumasi Lake Roads and Drainage Extension project, where Physical progress stood at 78% as at the end of September 2021.

- ❖ Works on the La Beach Road Project (Lots 1&2), aimed at improving capacity along the Accra-Tema Beach Road and the construction of a 3-tier interchange at the Nungua Barrier continued, with progress of work at 13% and 21% respectively.
- ❖ Further to consolidating the gains with respect to construction works, progress was made on the Flower Pot Interchange on the Spintex road which stands at 13% complete.
- ❖ Ongoing works on the construction of 50No. prefabricated bridges aimed at improving connectivity within areas cut-off by waterways continued in 2021. All the components of the bridges have arrived and 45 contractors commenced work on the substructures with 3No. bridges fully completed.
- ❖ Works have been completed on the construction of 7No bridges in the Northern Regions with funding from DANIDA. The following locations benefited from the project; Kulun Garu, (2No) Ambalara, Kulungugu, Doninga and Sissili. Also, works have been completed on 13No Spanish Bridges located in Detsebu, Dayi, Tsawoea, Alabo, Osiem, Akora, Birim, Osene, Okyi, Bukam, Linkale and Mogli. Works on 5No Belgium bridges are nearing completion, with 2No bridge completed. 1 No bridge launched, 1No Abutment works on-going, 1No pairs construction ongoing. Overall progress is 72% as at the end of September, 2021.
- ❖ Government issued commencement certificate for the implementation of 84 No. critical Regional and Inter-Regional Road Project with an estimated length of 2,237.51km.
- ❖ Government also signed a Master Project Support Agreement with Sino hydro Corporation Limited to support priority infrastructure projects in Ghana. The scope and cost of works being undertaken

under the first phase of the programme comprises (10) Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contracts for 441km of roads and 2 interchanges.

- ❖ The following ongoing Projects under the Sinohydro Master Facility as shown in Table 3 are at various stages of completion.

**Table 3**

**Ongoing Sinohydro Projects**

<b>LOT No.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>UNIT</b>	<b>SCOPE</b>	<b>STATUS OF COMPLETION</b>
1	Accra Inner City Roads	Km	84	Commencement Delayed
2	Kumasi Inner City Roads	Km	100	Commencement Delayed
3	Tamale Interchange Project	No.	1	84%
4	PTC Roundabout Interchange Project Takoradi	No.	1	20%
5	Adenta - Dodowa Dual Carriageway	Km	14	Commencement Delayed
6	Sunyani Inner City Roads	Km	39	16%
7	Western Region and Cape Coast Inner City Roads	Km	32.19	65%
8	Upgrading of Selected Feeder Roads in Ashanti and Western Regions	Km	68	75%
9	Rehabilitation of New Abirem-Ofoasekuma Road	Km	38	Commencement Delayed
10	Construction of Hohoe-Jasikan-Dodi-Pepesu	Km	66.4	75%

**Source: Programme Based Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Roads and Highways for 2022**



#### **7.2.4 Road Safety and Environment Programme**

- The Ministry continued to monitor axle loads on the roads. Statistics show that the incidence of overloading has reduced to 2% as at the end of the third quarter of 2021 as against 3.86% at the end of year 2020.
- In March 2021, a contract agreement was signed for the construction of a new weighbridge on the Accra-Tema Beach Road under the EU Transport Sector Governance support programme to enhance road safety outcomes.

#### **7.2.5 Road Financing – Public Private Partnership (PPP)**

Public Private Partnerships (PPP) programme for the financing, construction and management of road infrastructure has four projects and is progressing steadily.

#### **7.2.6 Accra – Cape Coast-Takoradi PPP Project (208km)**

The Feasibility Study is being finalised and the final study report would provide key input into the Abidjan-Lagos corridor project.

#### **7.2.7 Accra – Tema Motorway PPP Project (31.7km)**

The Accra-Tema Motorway PPP Project financing arrangement has been completed pending commencement of construction in 2022.

#### **7.2.8 Development of Tema Arterial Roads**

The project scope entails an upgrade of the Tema Hospital Road into a 3-lane dual carriage with service lanes and five interchanges. There are ongoing internal consultations with key stakeholders and the Ministry of Roads and the Ministry of Transport are to explore alternative available options of financing to ensure the commencement of works in 2022.

## 8.0 **OUTLOOK FOR 2022**

### 8.1 **Management and Administration**

- To improve performance delivery of the sector, 199 technical staff and 178 non-technical staff would be recruited in 2022. Further, 439 technical staff and 531 non-technical staff would undergo training in various disciplines.

### 8.2 **Road and Bridge Construction**

- In the 2022 fiscal year, the 50km of trunk roads and 25km of urban roads are scheduled for construction. In addition, 8No. bridge on the trunk road, 5No. bridge on the feeder road and 5No. bridge on the urban road network have been planned for completion. The Ministry intends to construct and undertake 13No. engineering studies; 5 on trunk roads, 3 on feeder roads and 5 on urban roads.
- The Ministry also aims to undertake minor rehabilitation works on 75km of trunk roads, 150km of feeder roads and 30km of urban roads.
- In addition, periodic maintenance activities (spot improvement, regravelling, sealing, asphaltic overlay, partial construction and maintenance of bridges and culverts) will be undertaken on 23km, 800km and 300km of trunk, feeder and urban roads, respectively.
- The Ministry plans to commence work on the phase 2 of the Tema-Motorway Roundabout project, involving the construction of the 3<sup>rd</sup> tier of the interchange.

### 8.3 **Road Rehabilitation and Maintenance**

- The Ministry anticipates to undertake 12,500km, 25,000km and 3,500km of routine maintenance activities (grading, pothole patching, shoulder maintenance, vegetation control) on the trunk, feeder and urban road networks, respectively.

#### 8.4 Road Safety and Environment

- The Ministry plans to install 20No. traffic signals and maintain 310No. of installed signals. Additionally, the Ministry intends to treat 50No. road safety hazard sites. 20No. junction locations are expected to be improved and further construct 5km of walkways.

Overloading of vehicles would also be kept below 2% of total vehicles weighed at all weigh stations.

#### 8.5 Major Pipeline Projects

The Ministry and its Agencies will commence physical works on the following Major Pipeline Projects in the 2022 fiscal year:

- 🚧 Accra-Kumasi Dualisation (in sections).
- 🚧 Kumasi-South and Western Bypass.
- 🚧 Kumasi Outer ring road.
- 🚧 Mamfe-Koforidua.
- 🚧 Oyibi Dodowa Somanya Akuse Junction Road.
- 🚧 Accra Outer Ring Road.
- 🚧 Asutuare Junction - Volivo Bridge.
- 🚧 Eastern Corridor Road (Gbintiri-Kulungugu).
- 🚧 Sawla – Wa – Suame.

#### 8.6 Major Bridge Projects

The Ministry and its Agencies will commence the following bridge projects in the 2022 fiscal year:

- ❖ Buipe Yapei and Daboya Bridges.
- ❖ Adawso-Ekyi Amanfrom Bridges.
- ❖ Obuasi, Juanayilli and Nawunui Bridges.
- ❖ Construction of 5No. Interchanges in the Greater Kumasi Metropolitan Area (including Suame, Santasi and Airport Roundabout).

## 8.7 Ongoing Road Projects

For 2022, the Ministry will continue to undertake various activities to enhance road works. The under-listed are some ongoing road projects that will be undertaken by the Ministry.

**Table 4**

### Ongoing Roads Projects

Region	Contract Description	Length (km)	Physical Progress %
Ahafo	Upgrade of Akrodie-Sayereso Road (Km 0+000-20+000)	20.0	61
Ahafo	Upgrading of Nobekaw –Sankore Road (Km0+000-11+500)	11.5	43
Ahafo	Upgrading of Atronie-Mim Road	17.0	58
Ashanti	Upgrading of Nsuta-Beposo, Lot 3	7.0	94
Ashanti	Upgrading of Mampong-Kofiase Road (Km 0.0-14.0) Lot 2	14.0	77
Ashanti	Reconstruction of Anwiankwanta- Obuasi Road (30km)	30.0	77
Ashanti	Rehabilitation of Obuasi Town Roads (20.0km)	20.0	63
Bono	Upgrading of Menji-Bui Road (km0+000-30+000)	30.0	41
Bono	Upgrading of Sampa-Jinijini Road (km0+000-31+500)	31.5	35
Bono East	Output and Performance-Based Road Contract on selected Feeder Roads in the Atebubu-Amantin Municipality	214	Contract Awarded Designs ongoing
Bono East	Upgrading of Atebubu –Kwame Danso Kwadwokrom	35.0	12
Bono East	Upgrading of Asekye-Atebubu Road	30.0	13
Central	Partial Reconstruction of	15.0	75

	Bawjiase-Adeiso (15km)		
Central	Upgrading of Afrengua-Asafena Road	9.0	50
Eastern	Upgrading of Osiem-Begoro	24.8	100
Eastern	Upgrading of Kwabeng – Akropong Road & Akropong Town Roads	20.5	80
Eastern	Rehabilitation of Asamankese-Akroso Road (15.3km) and Akroso Town Roads (5.3km)	20.6	52
Greater Accra	Rehabilitation of selected roads in Okaikoi North	11.0	75
North East	Upgrading of Yagaba-Mankarigu Roads (km12.0-24.0) and Mankarigu-Nawuni Roads (km0.0-17.5)	29.5	70
North East	Upgrading of Wulugu-Wiase Road (km0.0-35.0)	35.0	46
Northern	Upgrading of Salaga-Bimbila Road	71.0	52
Northern	Upgrading of Salaga-Ekumdipe-Kpandai Road	29.4	23
Northern	Output and Performance Based Road Contract on Tatale-Zabzugu-Yendi-Tamale	165.8	Contract awarded. Designs ongoing
Oti	Rehabilitation of Nkonya Wrumpang-Kwamikrom	21.0	55
Oti	Rehabilitation of Jasikan-Worawora	17.6	45
Oti	Reconstruction of Nkwanta-Dambai Road	50.0	50
Savanah	Upgrading of Daboya-Makarigu-Road (km10-30)	20.0	36
Savanah	Upgrading of Salaga-Ekumdipe-Kpandai Road (km3+700-26+700)	23.0	34
Savanah	Construction of Binjai-Fufulso-	71.0	30

	Road (km0+000-35+000km and 64+100-100+000)-71km		
Upper East	Upgrading of Chuchuliga-Sandema-Wiase Road	40.0	45
Upper East	Upgrading Navrongo-Naga	39.5	20
Upper West	Upgrading of Wa-Bulenga-Yaala Roads (km 6-37)	31.0	46
Upper West	Upgrading of Wechau-Ga Road (Km2.3-22.5)	20.2	32
Upper West	Output and performance based road contract on selected feeder roads and farm tracks in the Upper West Region	670	3No. Contract awarded Designs ongoing
Volta	Rehabilitation of Asikuma Jn-Have Road	39.3	New Contractor on site
Volta	Upgrading of Glokwati-Wli Road	17.0	96
Volta	Dualisation of Ho Main Road	10.5	53
Western	Upgrading of Opon Valley Junction -Opon Valley - Agyempoma Road	20.0	71
Western	Upgrading of Sureso-Aboi Junction Road	15.6	67
Western	Rehabilitation of Essiama-Telekubokazo-Aniben Junction Road	30.2	60
Western North	Upgrading of Sefwi Wiawso-Akontobra Road (km0.0-15)-Lot 2	15.0	51
Western North	Upgrading of Adwofua-Oseikojokrom Road	25.0	23

**Source: Programme Based Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Roads and Highways for 2022**

## 9.0 BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR YEAR 2022

A total disburseable amount of **GH¢4,006,673,000.00** has been allocated to the Sector Ministry to execute its planned programmes for the 2022 Fiscal year. The breakdown of the total budgetary allocation is shown in Table 5.

**Table 5**  
**Budgetary allocation to the Ministry by Economic Classification**

Items	GoG	IGF	ABFA	Donor	Total
Compensation	67,206,000.00	-	-	-	67,206,000.00
Good & Services	2,201,000.00	11,773,000.00		9,728,000.00	23,702,000.00
CAPEX	1,044,289,000.00	12,758,000.00	690,983,000.00	2,161,735,000.00	3,909,765,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,113,696,000.00</b>	<b>24,531,000.00</b>	<b>690,983,000.00</b>	<b>2,171,463,000.00</b>	<b>4,000,673,000</b>

*Source: Programme Based Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Roads and Highways for 2022*

## 10.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### 10.1 Inadequate Technical Staff

The Committee's attention was drawn to the issue of inadequate technical staff. It came to the fore that engineers engaged at the Ministry are under paid, compared to market premium, thus making it difficult to retain quality engineers. Ultimately, this has a direct effect on the quality of work.

The Committee is of the view that incentive packages could be employed to augment the low remuneration and retain quality engineers. The Ministry's ability to engage and retain quality engineers, could go a long way to reduce the high cost of engaging consultants and eventually inure to the benefit of the Ministry.

## 10.2 Capping of Road Fund

The Committee also noted that the capping of the Road Fund in accordance with the Earmarked Funds Capping and Realignment Act, 2017 (Act 947) poses a challenge to the operations of the Road Fund, as the policy continues to affect inflows into the Road Fund. Undoubtedly, this situation affects the ability of the Fund to pay for routine and periodic maintenance, minor rehabilitation, upgrading and road safety works that are carried out annually by the Ghana Highway Authority, Department of Feeder Roads and Department of Urban Roads. Although the Ministry continues to put measures in place to pay contractors, it still has huge arrears to pay to contractors for works executed.

The Committee recommends to the Ministry of Finance to consider giving some exemptions to the Road Fund to enable it utilise all monies paid into the Fund to meet its obligations. The Committee further urges the Ministry of Finance to ensure that monies expected to be made available to the Road Fund are duly released and on time.

## 10.3 Dualisation of Major Trunk Roads in the Country

The Committee was informed of Government policy to dualise all trunk roads. These include Accra-Cape Coast, Accra-Aflao, Accra-Kumasi, and Accra-Akosombo. The Committee further noted that, the occurrence of accidents on these roads are mostly due to wrongful overtaking which often results in head-on collisions. The dualisation of major trunk roads in the country is therefore critical for the reduction and prevention of road traffic accidents. It will further reduce travel time and boost business.

## 10.4 Inadequate and Untimely Release of Funds

The Committee noted that the Ministry's budgetary allocation of GH¢4,000,673,000.00 for year 2022 represents a 49.2% increase over the 2021 allocation of GH1,967,771,490.00. Nonetheless, funding to the road sector is still inadequate considering the size of the portfolio.



The Committee further observed that inadequate and untimely release of funds to pay contractors adversely affects cash flow for planned projects leading to delays in the completion of projects and interest payments. This situation does not give value for government expenditure.

The Committee recommends for additional sources of funding for the road sector and urges the Ministry of Finance to ensure the timely release of funds to the Ministry of Roads and Highways to undertake its planned projects.

#### 10.5 Vegetation Control along the Roads

The Committee noted that, grass cutting is an activity expected to be carried out under routine maintenance programme. However, vegetation control is not carried out regularly as required. The Committee observed that most of the roads in the country have high vegetative cover along the sides, thus limiting the road carriageway and obstructing the sight of some road users.

The Committee recommends that grass cutting activities should be undertaken regularly to reduce the high vegetation on the carriageways.

#### 10.6 Issue of Potholes

The Committee noted that, potholes on roads is a problem that confront road users. The Committee observed that although funds have been allocated for pothole patching, the impact does not reflect the investment made.

The Committee recommends to the Ministry that road patching or sealing of cracks and potholes should be carried out regularly to reduce prevent the destruction of vehicles and accidents on our roads.

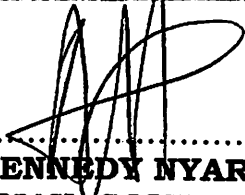
## 10.7 Arrears

The Committee observed that as at September 2021, outstanding arrears on GoG related projects and Road Fund related projects stand at GH ₵2.8 billion and GH ₵4.5 billion respectively. This unsustainable debt is affecting the delivery of critical road projects across the country. The Ministry of Finance should allocate funds to pay the outstanding arrears.

## 11.0 **CONCLUSION**

The road sector plays a critical role in the development of the country's economy. The Committee having critically scrutinised the 2022 Annual Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Roads and Highways and bearing in mind that road construction is a priority of the Government, recommends to the House to approve the sum of **Four Billion, Six Hundred and Seventy Three Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH₵4,000,673,000.00)** for the programmes of the Ministry of Roads and Highways for the fiscal year 2022.

Respectfully submitted.



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