

# Phase 2 of Dongo Kundu bypass half complete, at 53%

It will connect west of Mombasa from Miritini



Mwache-Tsunza-Mteza (Dongo Kundu) bypass / KENHA

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The construction of the Sh4.89 billion Mwache Junction-Tsunza-Mteza road is 53.9 per cent done.

The road is part of phase two of the Dongo Kundu Bypass project, which commenced on March 13, 2020, running for 48 months, and is expected to be completed by March 12, 2024.

It is also part of the Sh24.2 billion Mwache-Tsunza-Mteza road, which will connect Mombasa and Kwale counties

The Dongo Kundu bypass is a three-phased project that will connect west of Mombasa from Miritini to Kibundani along the Likoni-Lunga Lungu road in the South. Phase I of the project was completed at the cost of Sh11 billion.

Phase III of the project is from Mteza bridge to Kibundani at the South Coast.

The project is part of the Mombasa Port Area Road Development Project being undertaken by the Kenyan government, through funding from the Japan International Corporation Agency.

Kenya funds 20 per cent of the project while 80 per cent is being funded by Jica, through conventional loans and grants.

On Tuesday, the deputy project coordinator Eustace Mutea said phase II of the project is going to connect the west mainland to the

south coast through Tsunza. It will open all the hinterland in Kwale county while reducing traffic at the Likoni crossing channel, he said.

"This road will ease traffic at the ferry and will connect Mombasa with Kwale. It will also make a good access to the coast and Tanzania that we expect will have a significant impact on trade along the south," Mutea said.

He was speaking to the press at the Tsunza Bridge site.

The phase II of the road, which measures 8.96km, will consist of a dual carriageway starting from the Mwache interchange.

It runs in a southerly direction from the interchange for four kilometres, crossing the Mwache creek and going through Tsunza peninsula before turning eastwards across the Mteza Creek.

The road will involve the construction of an interchange at the Likoni-Lunga Lungu highway and the erection of three bridges, one at Mwache spanning 660 metres.

The other two bridges will be Tsunza Viaduct (690m) and the Mteza Bridge, which is expected to be the longest bridge over water in the country and region straddling 1,440 metres.

The contract was awarded to the Fujita Corporation-Mitsubishi Corporation consortium on February 20, 2019, with the signing taking place on April 18, 2019.