



THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU
Department of Urban Development And
Municipality



Minutes

Minutes of the Stakeholder Engagement Exercise Held at Lamu Fort Hall on The Evaluation The Ring Road Project and Ongoing Works

Date: 15th January 2024

Time: 10:00 am

Venue: Lamu Fort Hall

Agenda

Determination and evaluation of the Ring Road project.

Decongesting Lamu Old Town to preserve its UNESCO World Heritage Site status.

Collection of residents' views and feedback on the project and its impact.

Discussion of ongoing works and challenges.

AOB (Any Other Business).

Attendance

List Attached

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1. Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 10am by the Municipal Manager, who welcomed all attendees. The Chairperson highlighted the importance of preserving Lamu Old Town as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the necessity of implementing the Ring Road project to ease traffic congestion.

2. Project Overview

The County Engineer presented a detailed overview of the Ring Road project. Key points included:

The road's proposed route and how it bypasses the congested Old Town area.

Its expected impact on local businesses, tourism, and daily transportation.

Strategies for minimizing environmental and cultural disruptions.

3. Stakeholder Feedback

The Chairperson invited attendees to share their thoughts and concerns.

Salim:

Expressed concerns about possible displacement of families living near the proposed route.

Suggested compensations and resettlement plans be clearly outlined.

Emphasized the importance of maintaining pedestrian access to the Old Town.

Abubakar:

Voiced support for the project, citing the need to improve access for emergency services and reduce traffic delays.

Recommended a public awareness campaign to educate residents about the project's benefits.

Said:

Highlighted the potential negative impact on businesses near the Old Town if traffic is diverted.

Requested the inclusion of small business owners in future planning meetings to address their concerns.

Fatma:

Stressed the importance of preserving the town's heritage, including architectural and cultural elements.

Proposed creating specific routes for heavy vehicles to minimize vibrations that could damage historical buildings.

Shee:

Asked for clear timelines for project completion to minimize prolonged disruption.

Expressed hope that the project would create job opportunities for local youth.

4. Ongoing Works and Challenges

The County Engineer provided updates on ongoing construction, noting:

Progress achieved to date.

Challenges, including delays due to funding constraints and environmental considerations.

Measures being taken to address resident grievances and ensure minimal disruption.

5. Action Points and Resolutions

Conduct a detailed social and environmental impact assessment, focusing on the concerns raised by residents.

Develop a compensation and resettlement plan for affected families, to be presented in the next meeting.

Include local businesses and heritage preservation experts in the planning and execution phases.

Initiate a public awareness campaign on the project's benefits and timelines.

Ensure transparency and regular updates to all stakeholders.

6. AOB (Any Other Business)

A proposal was made to include walking and cycling paths in the Ring Road design to promote eco-friendly mobility.

Residents requested that all grievances be addressed through a formal redress mechanism, chaired by a neutral party.

7. Closing Remarks

The Chairperson thanked all participants for their constructive input and reaffirmed the Municipality's commitment to preserving Lamu Old Town while addressing modern urban challenges. The next meeting was scheduled for [Insert Date].

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Signature:

