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This is a regular update on progress with the Millennium Challenge Corporation Vanuatu Project compiled by MCA-Vanuatu and the Design and Build Contractor – Downer EDI Works Vanuatu Ltd on behalf of the MCA-V Project Team.

MCA Update #63 Efate Ring Road & Santo East Coast Road



Clearing vegetation from the new road corridor in Eton Village.



Klehm's Hill, with the concrete roadway complete. Drainage, guardrail and finishing off work is now underway.



Undercut and side drains being excavated near Eton Bridge just North of Eton Village



Surveyors Isaiah Tialong (left) and Ushmendra Singh with GPS equipment near La Cressonniere Ranch.



Pedestrian Sign

This sign warns motorists that people frequently walk on the road ahead. Drivers should slow down in anticipation and be prepared to stop in such areas.



School Sign

This sign warns that a school is next to the road ahead. Drivers should slow down and take extra care in case children run onto the road without warning.

Road Signs – What They Mean – Pedestrian and School Signs

There are two signs with similar appearance that warn motorists that people are frequently on the road ahead. Firstly the “man walking” general pedestrian sign and secondly the “two children walking” school

sign. These both warn motorists that there maybe people/children on the road ahead and that motorists should slow down and take extra care in the area.

A supplementary plate can be added underneath the diamond with the two children walking symbol with the words "School" for extra emphasis. On the Efate Ring Road schools are generally located in areas with 30 km/hr speed limits.

Santo Work

Clearing has reached the 45 km mark just North of Hog Harbour and culvert installation is now progressing 2 km North of Hog Harbour. Due to recurring wet weather the pavement construction overlay remains at the 36 km peg, however subbase has progressed to the 39 km mark. All operations will continue to progress North as weather permits.

Efate Work

Clearing and widening work has reached Eton Village at the 74 km mark. Although progress has slowed due to wet weather, pavement construction is underway between La Cressonniere and Pang Pang. Guardrail, drainage and tidy up work is underway on Klehm's Hill. Eton village water pipe relocation work has finished. The existing road between Eton and Rentabao was again graded to restore a smooth surface for motorists after further wet weather during the week.

Traffic Cautions

Traffic will be confined to one lane with twenty-four hour traffic control on Klehm's Hill while guardrail and drainage work is carried out. Road users are urged to comply with the safety signs and the directions of the traffic controllers on site. Again, we ask all drivers to refrain from speeding anywhere on the sealed road or where construction is underway. The roads are construction sites and used by pedestrians as well as vehicles.

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In addition further information can be found on the MCA – Vanuatu website at www.mcavanuatu.gov.vu.

Next update will be provided on Thursday 1 April 2010