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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 #87 Efate Ring Road & Santo East Coast Road



The Dry Creek Box culvert with the seaward wing walls poured. On top Engineers Nario Brown, Keith Tangwata and Makau Kalsakau assisted by Subu Kaldang set out the reinforcing for the headwall, while workers below fill scour protection reno mattresses with rocks.



Chief Mormor – Liaison Officer for MCA – Vanuatu (and the smiling Chief) loading seedlings onto a truck for delivery of the Goodwill Entitlement to people who had significant vegetation affected by the road.

Efate Work

This week Downer work crews poured the concrete for the Dry Creek Box Culvert seaward wingwalls. The concrete for the inland wingwalls will be poured this weekend. The approach road either side of culvert will then be formed and rock rip rap placed to armour the road embankment and protect it from flood waters. The pavement will then be constructed and sealed to complete the work.

Chief Mormor and Catherine Malosu have been delivering the Goodwill Entitlements to people who had significant vegetation affected by widening of the new road.

The grass planting continues and is now approaching Erueti.

Santo Work

The sealing crew are continuing to make good progress with widening the existing 5 m seal to 6 m wide and now expect to complete the widening work in four or five days time. The second coat seal has already been completed for the entire length of the Santo East Coast Road. They will then put an additional coat of seal on some of the steeper sections of road to enhance the durability of the finished pavement. The crew are also preparing for road line marking.

Traffic Conditions and Road Safety

A one lane temporary detour road has been constructed around the work site at Dry Creek Road users are urged to comply with the safety signs and the directions of traffic controllers at work sites. 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 other vehicles.

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Next update will be provided on Thursday 14 October 2010