

MCA Update #57 Efate Ring Road & Santo East Coast Road



Single dashed centreline. Can pull out and pass a slower vehicle if there is no traffic coming from the other direction. Photo taken near Surunda on Santo.



Dashed line on the driver's side of the centre of the road. Can pull out and pass a slower vehicle if there is no traffic coming from the other direction. Photo taken near Onesua.



Solid line on driver's side of the centre of the road. Drivers can **NOT** pull out and pass slower vehicles. Photo taken near Takara.



Double solid line. This means it is **NOT** safe to overtake in any direction. Photo taken near Epule.

Safety and Roadmarkings – how they work and what they mean

Roadmarkings have been painted on the Efate Ring Road as far as Epule and on the Santo East Coast Road as far as Turtle Bay. These lines are one of the safety features of the reconstructed roads and are intended to keep traffic travelling in opposite directions apart. This is especially important on corners or other places where it is not possible to see a long way ahead. The markings also advise where there is sufficient forward visibility for vehicles to safely pull out and pass slower vehicles.

- A single dashed line means that drivers can pull out and pass if there is no vehicle in the other lane.
- A broken line closest to the driver with a solid line means that drivers can pull out and pass if there is no vehicle in the other lane.
- A solid line closest to the driver with a broken line means that there is not sufficient visibility and drivers can **NOT** pull out and overtake – to do so would be dangerous and may result in an accident.
- Two solid lines means that there is not sufficient forward visibility for any vehicles to pass in either direction. There should be no attempt to overtake on two solid lines.

The turnouts also have roadmarkings. The signs may say Stop or Give Way. In either case traffic on the side or feeder road should not proceed beyond the line marked across the side road until the main road is clear of traffic and it is safe for them to drive onto the main road.

Santo Work

Sealing has now reached the 24.5 km mark near Natawa. Pavement construction has reached the 36 km peg and will continue progressing North of Velit Bay. The rock lined drains on the Manioc Hill have been completed. The pipes for all the remaining culverts will be dropped off at the culvert sites – meaning there

will be small groups of concrete pipes stacked on the side of the road all the way between Loreloraseri Quarry and Port Olry. The village name/information signs will be installed this week.

Efate Work

Clearing and widening work has reached Forari. Side drains and pavement construction will continue between Elu and Pangpang. Pavement overlay will also progress between Elu and Pangpang. The village name/information signs have been installed as far as Epule.

Traffic Cautions

Traffic flows on Klehm's Hill will continue to be restricted to one lane while the guardrail and concrete pavement is constructed. There will also be some total road closures of up to 30 minutes while the concrete trucks discharge. Twenty-four hour traffic control will be in place and 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. The roads are construction sites and used by pedestrians as well as vehicles.

Construction Pegs

Communities adjacent to both roads have been advised earlier on during initial phases of the road construction that there will be a number of stakes planted along the road every 50 meters to indicate the current legal road Right Of Way. The stakes reach the end of the existing seal and have coloured ribbons tied around them with a number written on to indicate a particular survey location point. It was discovered during the Christmas and New Year period that a number of them have either been knocked over or removed. We strongly urge everyone's cooperation to ensure the stakes are maintained in their current location as they play a critical role to show physical boundary for the Contractor to build the road. And equally important to control any further encroachments into people's properties.

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