

MCA Update #59 Efate Ring Road & Santo East Coast Road



Drainage work underway near Forari.



Steep Grade Sign – this is erected where vehicle speeds are likely to increase to an extent which would make a vehicle difficult to control. All trucks and loaded vehicles should change to a low gear before descending the hill.



The Eton village water pipe crew. There are a number of water pipes alongside the road through the village that will be affected by the road widening. This team is relocating the water pipes so that they are clear of the roadway in advance of construction work reaching the village.



Klehm's Hill – just below the corner halfway up the hill – preparing the pavement panels for pouring. This work is now 75 % complete.

Road Signs – What They Mean - Advisory Speed

Warning and information signs have been installed where the road has been sealed. Some of these signs have not been regularly used in Vanuatu. Among the new signs is the Steep Grade sign (see photo). This is placed in advance of the top and bottom of steep hills where vehicle speeds are likely to increase to an extent which would make a vehicle difficult to control.

Going downhill, trucks and loaded vehicles should change into a low gear before starting to descend the hill. Going uphill vehicles need to be prepared to change down as the vehicle loses speed ascending the slope.

Santo Work

Pavement construction has reached the 36 km peg and will continue progressing North of Velit Bay and the end of Section B2 at the 45 km mark. 26.5 km of sealing has now 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.

Efate Work

Culvert installation has almost reached Eton village. Clearing and widening work has reached La Cressonniere. Pavement construction has reached Pangpang. The Klehm's Hill concrete pavement is over 75% complete. Eton village water pipe relocation continues.

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.

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