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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 #78 Efate Ring Road & Santo East Coast Road



Camions carrying coral, 1, 2 & 3. The first one has spread its load, the middle one is about to and the rear one is waiting to. Currently 12 trucks are engaged in carting aggregate to the work site.



The new seal in Eton Village. A cyclist on a training ride and pikinini walking on the road shoulder.



Routine Maintenance: Downer personnel working on a patch near Malarua. Margaret Jonathan operates the plate compactor while the “boys” do the sweeping!



Downer EDI Works personnel repairing storm damage in the Taken Over Section. This is among the work being done in the Defects Notification Period.

Santo Work

Pavement construction has now passed the 52 km mark and there are only 5 km more to do before reaching the end of the Project length in Port Olry. Aggregate production continues from the Maour Quarry. There are only two culverts (both in Hog Harbour) remaining to be installed. Additional equipment to finally trim the road surface so that it is ready for sealing has been transported to Santo. Sealing of the total length from Manioc to Port Olry is expected to resume in late July/early August. Rock lined drain work is underway at the 52 km mark. Side drains have been completed to the 50 km mark.

Efate Work

The pavement overlay crew are working on the final 3 km near Eruti. Other crews are carrying out final trimming and shaping of the pavement surface in advance of the sealing team. Sealing had a very good week with over 11 km having the first seal coat applied, this included the Eton Village section as well as the section from Pang Pang to La Cressonniere Ranch. Sealing of the La Cressonniere Crossing section that was damaged during the recent heavy rain is planned for this weekend. The floodway at Lakenasua is now complete and open to traffic. Guardrail installation continues at the 67 km mark near Forari. Replacement of the timber deck on the Tanoliu Bridge has resumed and is expected to be completed this Saturday. **Next week we expect to begin replacing the timber on the deck of the Ulei Bridge. No traffic detour is available at this site and traffic delays of up to 30 minutes will occur as the work is carried out.**

Traffic Conditions and Road Safety

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. We wish all road-users safe travelling so that all can enjoy the Kiwanis Race Day and a happy approach to the Independence Celebrations.

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