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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 #88 Efate Ring Road & Santo East Coast Road



The Dry Creek Box Culvert immediately after the formwork for the concrete wingwalls was removed.



The site after most of the backfill has been placed around the new structure with the road embankment almost up to the top of the concrete units..



An abused road sign at Klehm's Hill where some letter have been removed and can confuse road user.

Efate Work

Downer crews have made good progress at Dry Creek reinstating the road formation, placing rock rip rap to armour the road embankment and constructing the pavement. The road over the culvert is expected to be opened to traffic early in the week beginning 18 October.

Some additional work is being done on the Lelepa Hill that requires traffic to be restricted to one lane.

The grass planting has reached the end of the Japanese Road and the crew have relocated to the other side of Eton Village and are now progressing towards La Cressonniere.

Santo Work

Prolonged wet weather this week has delayed the completion of the sealing work until late next week. Road marking will commence early next week, with all the equipment expected to return to Efate at the end of the week.

Abuse of Road Signs

MCA-V has been raising serious concerns on abuse of road signs to the general public through previous road updates and community notices. It appears that the abuse is still continuing with signs removed, twisted around or letters on signs removed and which will further misinform a road user or driver and can likely lead to fatal accidents. MCA-V is appealing to the general public to please respect these road signs and reduce the level of abuse. Please always remember that road signs are installed for the main purpose of traffic and pedestrian safety.

Traffic Conditions and Road Safety

A one lane temporary detour road has been constructed around the work site at Dry Creek. Traffic is also restricted to one lane on Lelepa Hill, with traffic controllers on duty 24 hours per day.

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

Next update will be provided on Thursday 21 October 2010