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Rwanda roads expansion project starts in January

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RWANDA. The much anticipated roads expansion project across the Kigali is set to commence in January, according to officials from the City.

The roads expansion project is set to cover about 54 kilometres, mainly targeting expanding roads to a dual carriage way with two lanes on each side.

Chinese firm, China Road Bridge Corporation, has been contracted to do the work.

The project is expected to address traffic jams, especially during peak hours (mornings and early evenings). This has largely been attributed to narrow roads and lack of bypasses and alternative routes connecting various parts of the city.

Parfait Busabizwa, the City vice mayor in charge of economic development, told *The New Times* that all was set to for project to kick off in January.

He said the funding of the project was between Rwanda and China but the expropriation cost would be met by the Government of Rwanda.

The cost of expropriation is about Rwf4 billion with some of the payments already made and former property owners already moving.

Expropriation law states that subsequent to receiving compensation, those expropriated cannot exceed 90 days before vacating the premises to be used for development projects.

"The road upgrade will be in two phases; the first from the roundabout in town to Gatsata, Kanogo to Rwandex and to Prince House in Remera. This will be about 54 kilometres in total," Busabizwa said.

The second phase will cover Nyacyonga, Nduba, Nyamirambo and the network around Rugando, he added.

Cost

The entire project to relieve the city off traffic congestion is expected to cost about \$76 million. The announcement of the ambitious project has excited road users across the city, especially those plying the Remera-town route via Rwandex.

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