



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

Ministry of Works & Transport

To provide Reliable, Safe Works, Transport
Infrastructure & Services

Launch of the General Specifications for Road and Bridge Works, 2026

FOREWORD

By the powers entrusted to me under The Roads Act 2019, I am pleased to present the General Specifications for Road and Bridge Works, 2026. As Government, we are committed to enhancing the quality and safety of Uganda's road infrastructure. The General Specifications will be part of the legal and technical framework for use in planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of efficient and effective public road and bridge infrastructure in our country.

The Ministry of Works and Transport, in consultation with stakeholders has undertaken a comprehensive review of the previous specifications that were launched in 2005 and updated them accordingly. The revisions have incorporated the latest advancements in technology, the best practices observed locally, regionally and internationally, as well as the valuable experiences gathered from practitioners in the road construction industry.

The importance of well-designed, constructed and maintained public roads cannot be overstated. They are vital to our national development and facilitate trade, tourism, security, agriculture, mining, mobility, and connectivity across our communities. It is our responsibility to ensure that these roads are built and maintained to the highest standards and with the lowest possible costs while ensuring durability, safety, and sustainability.

As we roll out the new specifications, I encourage all stakeholders who include among others Government Ministries, Departments, Agencies, Local Governments, engineers, contractors, consultants, manufacturers, and suppliers to familiarize themselves with the provisions and apply them rigorously in their work. Your continuous feedback to the Ministry, will be invaluable as we welcome insights and suggestions that can further refine our approach towards public roads design, construction and maintenance.

Additionally, while these specifications serve as the national standard for all public roadworks, I want to emphasize that special specifications may be developed for projects. Any deviations from these specifications must also receive prior approval as we strive to maintain the integrity and consistency of our road infrastructure across the nation. All proposals for deviations with accompanying rationale and justification, shall before incorporation into projects, be submitted to the Engineer-in-Chief, Ministry of Works and Transport for technical advice before approval by the Minister.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all the Stakeholders from Government Ministries, Departments, Agencies, private sector consultants and contractors, academia among others who have dedicated their time in providing input in updating these General Specifications.

Together, let us work towards building a robust and efficient road network that meets the needs of our people and supports Uganda's aspirations for growth and development.

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