

## MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## Repairs to the B1/2 Bridge at Golden Grove Road Commences

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020, the carriageway that spans the length of the B1/2 Bridge, Golden Grove Road collapsed making the roadway inaccessible to localized traffic. The Ministry of Works and Transport is mindful of the criticality of this connector bridge as it serves as a main access point between the Churchill Roosevelt Highway and the Eastern Main Road. As such, works are ongoing to restore unencumbered travel to drivers in the shortest possible time.

At a site visit today, the Minister of Works and Transport, Senator the Honourable Rohan Sinanan along with technical staff of the Highways Division and the Water and Sewerage Authority toured the site to determine the most appropriate strategy to reopen Golden Grove Road. Preliminary reports indicate that, considerable age and erosion caused by recent weather patterns may have contributed to the destabilization of the structure.

While comprehensive investigations continue, works have begun today (14th October 2020) on the construction of a single lane Bailey bridge as a temporary measure. This will restore access to Golden Grove Road within the next three (3) days. As an alternative route, the Ministry of Works and Transport has granted authorization for Light Motor Vehicles to utilize the Priority Bus Route (PBR) from Arima Old Road to Orange Grove Road until further notice and Heavy Motor Vehicles can utilize the Eastern Main Road.

The Ministry will continue to provide updates to the public through its website <a href="www.mowt.gov.tt">www.mowt.gov.tt</a> and social media platforms.

The Ministry of Works and Transport takes this opportunity to express its gratitude to its dedicated staff for their immediate response and apologizes to the general public for any inconvenience caused.

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