



BRIDGES, LANDSLIPS AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Bridges Reconstruction Programme

Trinidad and Tobago's bridges represent critical elements of our overall transportation asset. The economic impact of bridges begins with their ability to facilitate the movement of people and goods between communities. Without these structures, many areas separated by a body of water or the gulf of a valley would otherwise be isolated. As a result, these structures require special attention since they facilitate daily life by enabling many to access and exit in order to contribute to the wider nation.

Under the Ministry of Works and Transport's Bridges Reconstruction Programme, 92 structures are being designed and rebuilt across Trinidad. This work is being carried out in phases as we work to repair, replace and in several cases, upgrade pedestrian service and lighting.

Phase 1 (Design and Construction of 25 bridges)

In fiscal 2022, works were substantially completed on the reconstruction of last bridge under Phase 1, B1/22 Toco Main Road. It was completed at the end of September 2022.

Phase 2 (Design and Construction of 12 bridges)

Under Phase 2, Madam Speaker, works were also completed on the reconstruction of last bridge under this Phase 2, namely B2/10 Talparo Main Road, as at the end of September 2022. As September, 2022 Phases 1 and 2 of the BRP have been completed with the reconstruction of thirty-seven (37) bridges.

Phase 3A (Design and construction of 14 bridges)

Additionally, the BRP Phase 3A comprises of the reconstruction of fourteen (14) bridges. As at September 2022, tender evaluations were completed for five (5) of the fourteen (14) bridges and a request for approval of budget for these reconstruction works has been submitted.

Further to the above, Tender documents are being finalised for issue of tenders for seven (7) of the other bridges, while designs are ongoing for the remaining two (2) bridges.

For the year 2023, the Bridges Reconstruction Programme anticipates the following progress:

- Phase 3A - Completion of the reconstruction of four (4) bridges, the commencement of reconstruction works on eight (8) bridges
- Phase 3B - Commencement of designs for a minimum twelve (12) bridges