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## **Morvant to Maritime**

## **Roundabout Upgrade Project**

Senator the Honourable Rohan Sinanan, Minister of Works and Transport officially commissioned the Morvant to Maritime Roundabout Upgrade Project on Thursday 14th July 2022.

As part of the Government's strategic focus to build pathways that will transform Trinidad and Tobago, the Ministry of Works and Transport has channelled its efforts into developing quality roads and infrastructure that support economic development and equal access to opportunities. The Morvant to Maritime Roundabout Upgrade Project was identified as a critical relief measure to improve mobility, drainage capacity and reduce traffic congestion in such areas as Barataria, Morvant/Laventille and environs.

While the upgrade of the existing road network and flood alleviation measures were critical factors in the design of this project, other notable benefits include:

- Rehabilitation of five major intersections Maritime Roundabout, Morvant Junction, the Priority Bus Route, 2nd Caledonia and Arneaud Avenue intersections
- Rehabilitation of the Maritime Plaza Exit to facilitate improved traffic management
- Reconstruction of the Malick River Bridge between the Priority Bus Route and the Eastern Main Road to increase the hydraulic capacity of the river in that area.
- Construction of multiple culvert crossings, pedestrian sidewalks, street lighting and traffic management infrastructure
- Expansion and installation of drainage channels
- Installation of handrails and road safety measures; and
- Improved Mobility





Reconstructed Malick Bridge

Senator the Honourable Rohan Sinanan commented that "The completion of this project heralds several benefits for members of the communities of Morvant, Laventille, Barataria, and environs. Residents and commuters have already experienced significant improvements in traffic congestion and incidents of flooding due to the extensive work undertaken in this area." He further stated that "This initiative forms part of a wider programme of works currently in progress by the Ministry to systematically improve road infrastructure across the country."

Throughout the course of this year, the Ministry has been actively undertaking works in smaller communities which are set to improve the lives and livelihood of citizens while maintaining access and connectivity. Through the Programme for Upgrading Roads Efficiency (P.U.R.E) Unit over 130 projects are currently ongoing across the country.

