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Update on Evans Street Road Rehabilitation and Sangre Grande Traffic Disruption

The Ministry of Works and Transport (MOWT) takes this opportunity to address reports in the public domain of deteriorating road infrastructure along Evans Street, Curepe. While the Ministry understandably shares and acknowledges the general concerns of the traversing public, it should be noted that Evans Street and its surrounding areas do not fall under the jurisdiction of the MOWT. The maintenance of this roadway is the direct responsibility of the Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation. Despite this jurisdictional issue, the Ministry of Works and Transport has and will continue to coordinate with the Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation to render assistance for the rehabilitation of Evans Street.

Members of the public are reminded that the Highways Division is responsible for the execution of works on roads that fall under its purview and remains committed to doing so. The Ministry of Works and Transport is responsible for 21 percent of roads throughout Trinidad including Highways, bridges and culverts.

Additionally, as it relates to a major traffic disruption in the vicinity of Damarie Hill along the Eastern Main Road, Sangre Grande on Friday 24th September 2021, the inconvenience experienced by motorists was attributed to temporary road reinstatement works executed by the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA). The ongoing works resulted in the roadway being

left in an unsatisfactory condition which contributed to excessive traffic in the area. As of Saturday September 25th 2021, the road condition has not been restored to standard specifications. The Ministry has been notified that full reinstatement of the roadway is scheduled for today, Saturday September 25th 2021.

The Ministry of Works and Transport will once again seek to engage with the various Regional Corporations and the Water and Sewerage Authority to ascertain what assistance can be rendered to improve coordination among the agencies. As a key stakeholder, the Ministry remains committed to addressing underlying issues with the aim of reducing any inconvenience to the travelling public caused by WASA and the Regional Corporations.