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MEDIA RELEASE

GETTING GOOD VALUE FOR MONEY **LAUNCH OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMME**

On Wednesday 9th November, the Minister of Works and Transport, Senator the Honourable, Rohan Sinanan launched the Ministry's Infrastructure and Rehabilitation Programme. This project seeks to bring the Ministry closer to the people by improving the lives of citizens and providing relief to those who currently suffer tremendous inconveniences because of dilapidated or non-existent infrastructure. **By the simple click of a button, citizens can voice their concerns and expect "ACTION".**

One key element of this programme is the establishment of the Ministry's "**Issues Management Hotline**" where citizens are invited to upload pictures of issues such as landslips, caving roadways, or potholes via www.mowt.gov.tt, along with a location and contact information. Issues can also be reported by calling the hotline number **623-MEND (623-6363)**.

To support this initiative, the Minister unveiled a fleet of 10 vehicles which will traverse the country mending potholes on the major highways and roads that fall under the purview of the Ministry. The fleet of vehicles includes two Pro Patch Pothole Patcher units which will ensure that the road rehabilitation process is a much faster one, and will improve the quality of patching in terms of labour, equipment, tools and production cost.

Minister Sinanan reiterated that the Ministry will respond to all queries within a one week time frame, but ultimately, the goal of the Highways Division is to MEND potholes within 48 hours after receiving the report.

Another major component of this programme is the much anticipated start of projects under the Programme for Upgrading Road Efficiency (PURE). This division has identified almost 200 projects throughout Trinidad for Fiscal 2016-2017, commencing this week. The programme is expected to engage over 100 contractors and will employ approximately 1000 persons. Through these projects, the Ministry maintains its mandate to stimulate economic growth.

The major projects include:

- Widening of the Churchill Roosevelt Highway (Maloney to Mausica)
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- Construction of the Sea Lots Pedestrian Overpass
- Widening of the Sir Solomon Hochoy Highway (Chaguanas to Chase Village)
- Upgrade of the Endeavour Interchange
- Caroni Savannah Road Widening (Caroni Roundabout to Caroni flyover at the Uriah Butler Highway)

The Ministry of Works and Transport is confident that the rollout and implementation of these projects will surpass the benchmarks set for accountability and transparency in Trinidad and Tobago.

We encourage the general public to utilize our latest hotline **623-MEND**, as we strive to improve your drive.

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