

**THE ORIGINAL LETTER IS IN KISWAHILI
THIS IS A TRANSLATION FROM KISWAHILI TO ENGLISH**

Tanzania National Roads Agency
PO Box 11364
3rd Floor
Maktaba Complex
Bibi Titi Mohamed Road
Dar es Salaam

Date 10 September 2007

Reference: TRD/D/GEN/P.43/VOL.II/

Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam (UWABA)
PO Box 12247
Dar es Salaam

**RE: INFORMATION ON DESIGN OF ROADS BEING BUILT IN DAR ES
SALAAM**

Please refer to your letter dated 15 June 2007 on the above mentioned subject which requested us to provide clarification on the design of our national roads, especially in the city of Dar es Salaam.

The concerns raised referred mostly to San Nujoma Road, Nelson Mandela Road and Kilwa Road which are in various stages of completion.

Please find attached to his letter answers to the questions on your relevant concerns.

On the subject of the request of your organization to meet with the management of TANROADS to discuss the issue of safety for road users, this request has been dealt with and we will inform you of the day of the meeting after making the necessary preparations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the leadership of your organisation of cyclists for the decision to cooperate with us in the question of improving the use of roads especially as regards safety.

We promise to further our cooperation with your organization.

Thank you very much.

Ephraem C M Mrema
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Answers to the cyclists UWABA

1 Question

On these roads where has it been planned that ordinary bicycles, cycles for disabled people, three wheeled cycles, hand carts, pedestrians and vehicles will travel? What space on the road is there for each of these types of transport? Will all travel on the same part of the road or are there special parts of the road for different types of transport? Will cyclists travel together with pedestrians or together with vehicles or is there a special space for cyclists?

Answer

The design of our roads has a separated part for motorized transport such as vehicles and motor bikes and gutas. Also bicycles and cycles for disabled people as well as hand carts will have a special lane. As for pedestrians they have also been given their own path so they will not be together with other forms of transport especially motorized transport.

2 Question

How wide is each part of the road?

Answer

These roads have been designed according to the national specifications as follows.

- a) Sam Nujoma – the width of the road for vehicles is 7 metres, the width of the road for cycles as well as hand carts is 5 metres and the width of the road for pedestrians is 2 metres. This will be put on both sides of this road.
- b) Nelson Mandela Road – The width of the road for vehicles is 7.5 metres, the width of the road for cycles as well as hand carts is 3 metres. This will be on both sides of this road.
- c) Kilwa Road – The width of the road for vehicles is 7.5 metres, the width of the road for cycles and hard carts is 3 metres and the width of the road for pedestrians is 3 metres. This will be on both sides of this road.

3 Question

How will bus stops be planned? How will cycles pass bus stops – behind or in front?

Answer

In these roads there will be bus stops. Also to ensure the safety of cyclists, cyclists will pass behind the bus stops so there will not be interference between the people waiting for buses at the bus stop and cyclists.

4 Question

What plans are there for access roads to plots which are close to the main road? How will people go in and out without interfering with others on the road?

Answer

Small roads which go to plots near the main road will meet the service road which will collect vehicles from plots and allow them to access the main road to continue with their journey.

5 Question

What plans are there for road junctions?

Answer

All road junctions have been researched to clarify the number of vehicles per hour at each intersection. In these junctions there will be systems for safety to guide vehicles. The types of systems to guide vehicles which we have at the moment in the national specifications include traffic lights, roundabouts as well as fly-overs.

6 Question

How will pedestrians and cyclists be protected so they are not hit, and what barriers are there to protect the parts of the road for pedestrians and cyclists so that vehicles do not get it to park or pass out the queue?

Answer

Road safety signs will be placed in accordance with the needs of the plans. The footpath for pedestrians will be protected by kerbstones which will prevent vehicles entering or parking on the footpath.

7 Question

What plans are there for planting trees?

Answer

Trees will be planted on the edge of the roads for pedestrians "service roads" for the strength of citizens as planting of trees is a national campaign.

8 Question

What plans are there for road lighting?

Answer

Road lights is part of the work under the contract of building these roads. Therefore they will be placed according to the needs and the importance of the road.