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**NAIROBI NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORT ENFORCEMENT DIALOGUE,
WEDNESDAY APRIL 6TH, 2022.
RADISSON BLU HOTEL, ARBORETUM DRIVE, NAIROBI, KENYA.**



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1. Introduction

This was an NMT enforcement dialogue as a follow up to the recommendations from the Study jointly carried out by CDKN and NMS and the peer learning forums on NMT among officials from Nairobi, Kisumu, Mombasa Cities.

Aims of the dialogue:

1. Celebrate gains on NMT made by NMS
2. Highlight areas of improvement on NMT
3. Bring together departments of transport, compliance, environment, enforcement and communications to jointly commit to addressing areas of NMT improvement
4. Agree on an action plan for undertaking the NMT improvements

2. Overview of the Non-Motorized Transport forums in Nairobi, Kisumu and Mombasa

2.1 Welcome Remarks and Opening Presentation



The enforcement forum began with welcome remarks from Edna Odhiambo (Country Lead, CDKN). The participants introduced themselves and the departments they work

under in the Nairobi Metropolitan Services (NMS). After the round of introductions, officials from the transport, compliance, environment, enforcement and communications departments were asked to elaborate on how their roles NMS co-relate with NMT governance in Kenya and they had the following to say:

1. Compliance and Service Delivery Department

Douglas Atamba stated that their role includes enhancing effective usage of roads by curbing practices such as illegal trade or encroachment of traders on pedestrian pathways and parking of vehicles on NMT pathways.



2. Water, Environment and Sanitation Department



Kevin Oloitiptip pointed out that the NMS environment department has put in measures to safeguard and maintain the existing NMT systems. These measures include promoting low carbon transport systems (de-carbonizing the transport sector), placing of litter bins in public spaces, planting trees and general greening of the city to improve the air quality and setting up of street furniture in the CBD like on Luthuli Street.

3. Communications Department

Richard Muriithi stated that the role of the communications department in relation to NMT governance majorly revolves around user education and creating awareness on what NMT means and how to effectively use NMT pathways.

2.2 NMT: Celebrating gains and highlighting areas of improvement

Edna Odhiambo made a presentation that focused on celebrating the strides made by NMS in effecting non-motorized transport systems and the areas for improvement. The basis of the presentation was on statistics that visually presented the findings by the said Study. This was done to promote evidence-based decision making by NMS when implementing the strategies for NMT improvement.

NMS NMT GAINS:

Well maintained footpaths
and cycling paths on
Kenyatta Avenue



Well maintained footpaths
and cycling paths on
Muindi Mbingu Street



Wide footpath from Greenpark terminus



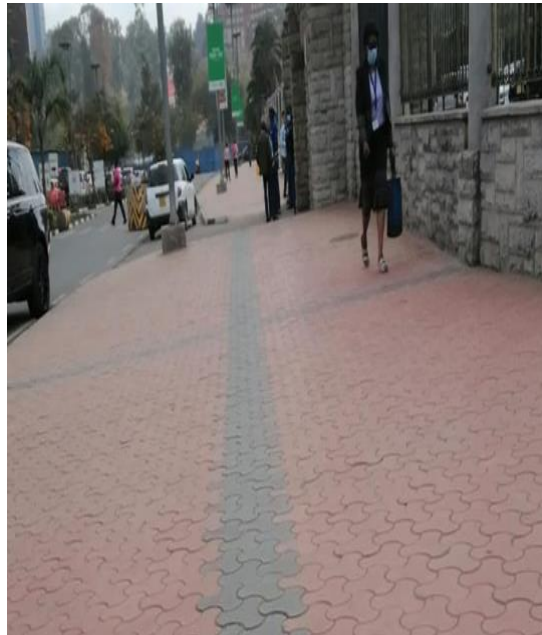
A view of the footpaths and cycling paths on Wabera Street



Well-maintained greenery, footpath and cycling path on the Kenyatta Avenue-Muindi Mbingu junction



Well-maintained footpath and cycling path outside the Kenya National Parliament



Areas of improvement:

Jogoo Road- Garbage



Jogoo Road- illegal pedestrian crossing



Jogoo Road

Lack of accessibility of footbridge for persons with disabilities



Outerring Road-Illegal pick-up and drop-off by public service vehicles



Lungalunga Road

Lack of designated crossing points



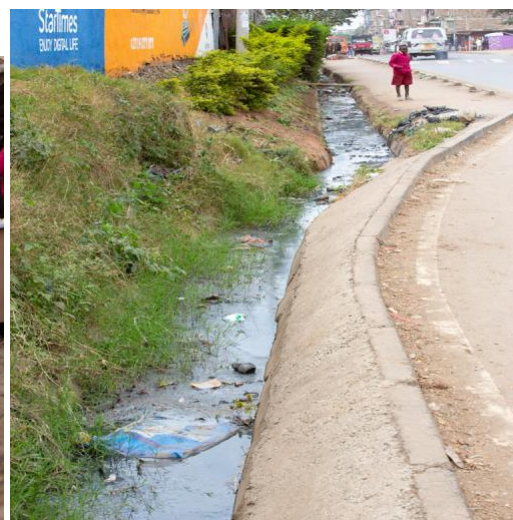
Encroachment by vendors



Councillor Opundo Road- Lack of footpaths



Muigai Kenyatta-Clogged Drains



Councillor Opundo- Lack of drainage



Jogoo Road- Encroachment by vendors



Jogoo Road- Air Pollution



Ring Road Kilimani
Encroachment by vendors



3. Comments from the Plenary

Engineer Michael Ochieng, Director Roads, Transport and Public Works Department, NMS highlighted that from the presentation, it was evident that several footpaths are not usable hence the need to examine their utility for purposes of encouraging and safeguarding NMT. He also pointed that the presentation is vital in supporting data analysis which will enable NMS to have a suitable perspective of the on-going issues and how to resolve them.



Moreover, he mentioned that the way forward will be through systematic improvement and in this regard, he stated that **NMS will target to correct the defects or improve the NMT systems in 10 major corridors in Nairobi by the end of the year.** The energy department at NMS will also be tasked to investigate the safety of pedestrians through effective street lighting of the NMT pathways.

Lastly, he opined that greater efforts need to be put in place for the enforcement of NMT systems. This will involve departmental co-ordination within NMS. Notably, he stated that his department will look into ensuring that proper NMT infrastructure was put in place as it is cheaper to install than the vehicular infrastructure.

Maureen Njeri, Director Water, Environment and Sanitation Department, NMS stated that the biggest challenge her department is dealing with is solid waste management particularly in the central business district (CBD) despite the installation of litter bins.



Another area that her department is focusing on is enhancing of green spaces in Nairobi. This has led to the partnership between NMS and UN Habitat. The environment department at NMS is also involved in the Uhuru Park renovation and seeks to create more green spaces in the form of parks in Nairobi's Eastlands areas. She also pointed out that the air quality in major parts of Nairobi has been greatly compromised by open burning which has subsequently led to air pollution. Policies have been put in place to mitigate the effects of air pollution and enforce sanctions against offenders. Her department's role will be to sensitize the public on the importance of environmental sustainability and enforce the policies in place.

Dr. Mark Leleruk, Director of Enforcement, NMS brought in the fundamental aspect of addressing the proper audience when dealing with NMT governance. He posed questions on who the audience is and asked whether it is only those who attend the forums, the citizens or the policy makers because there is a very big disconnect with regards to what these three major groups know to be lawful. He gave the example of interference in enforcement against traders that encroach NMT pathways by individuals who tell his enforcement officers that they are interfering with businesses and people's means of livelihood. He highlighted the need for greater sensitization in matters NMT. He also mentioned that the Nairobi City County Government Act 2020, Traffic Act and National

Transport and Safety Authority guidelines have proved to be fundamental in the enforcement of NMT governance systems and safety. He highlighted that there is need for greater collaboration and support from civil societies and the international community.



His department has been facing challenges in clearing of NMT corridors particularly from boda boda (motorcycles for public transport) riders who encroach NMT pathways and have been hostile towards enforcement officers. Additionally, political interference has been a major hinderance in NMT governance systems.

He did point out that despite the challenges, his department has received a lot of support from the Executive arm of the government. He brought out the need to invest in improving skills, training and enhancing the knowledge base in relation to NMT. The county officers have contributed to the degradation of NMTs by not implementing the enforcement measures in place and his department has addressed this by effecting redress mechanisms such standing orders, heightening discipline of the county officials, user education and capacity building for city enforcement teams.

Edna Odhiambo pointed out that the relevant departments should direct partners on where the funds should go to have sustainable NMT financing. Additionally, with the fact that NMS' tenure is ending, there is need to have systems that ensure continuity of the NMT improvement commitments.

Douglas Atamba, representing the Director of the Compliance Department, NMS highlighted that education and sensitization of the public will play a major role in

mainstreaming NMT. His department will be involved in carrying out of effective compliance checks and rolling out of action plans to buttress proper NMT systems.

4. Conclusion.



Martin Eshiwani, Deputy Director of the Roads, Transport and Public Works Department, NMS concluded on the forum on behalf of Major General Mohammed Badi (in absentia). He pointed out that there is need for greater departmental coordination so that they can create a proper plan on the way forward. He also stated that the next meeting will be a forum for sharing the preliminary steps taken on the way forward after the forum.

Annex 1: Non-Motorized Transport (NMT) Enforcement Breakfast Forum Participants



NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORT ENFORCEMENT FORUM, WEDNESDAY APRIL 6TH, 2022 LIST OF PARTICIPANTS



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Annex 2: AGENDA- NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORT (NMT) ENFORCEMENT BREAKFAST



NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORT (NMT) ENFORCEMENT BREAKFAST **APRIL 6, 2022, RADISSON BLU HOTEL, NAIROBI**

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER
08:30 - 08:50	Registration and Welcome Remarks	Edna Odhiambo CDKN
08:50 - 09:20	 	Radisson Blu
09:20 - 09:50	NMT: Celebrating gains and highlighting areas of improvement	Edna Odhiambo CDKN
09:50- 10:05	Comments from Plenary	Edna Odhiambo CDKN
10:05- 10:45	Director Roads, Transport & Public Works Director Environment and Sanitation services Director Enforcement Remarks Representing the Director Compliance and Service Delivery	Eng. Michael Ochieng Maureen Njeri Dr. Mark Leleruk Douglas Atamba
10:45-11:00	Representing the Director General Nairobi Metropolitan Services	Martin Eshiwani
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