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RESPONSE TO STATEMENT BY HON. KWAME GOVERNS AGBODZA ON COMPLETED ROAD PROJECTS AS PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT BY H.E. THE PRESIDENT, NANA ADDO DANKWA AKUFO-ADDO DURING THE 2023 STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS (SONA)

The attention of the Ministry of Roads and Highways (MRH) has been drawn to a statement issued by Hon. Kwame Governs Agbodza, the Minority Chief Whip/Ranking Member on Roads and Transport Committee of Parliament and titled *"Exposing the lies behind President Akufo-Addo's claim that his government has constructed more roads than any government under the 4th Republic."*

The Ministry wishes to state that the issues as presented by Hon. Agbodza contain some inaccuracies and do not represent the full facts.

1. Interchanges

In relation to the interchanges, the following table details the information on the project implementation milestones.

#	NAME OF INTERCHANGE	AWARD DATE	START DATE	SOD CUTTING DATE	COMPLETION DATE	COMMISSIONING DATE	REMARKS
1	Kwame Nkrumah Circle	08-Oct-12	23-Jul-13	28-Oct-13	22-May-15	07-Aug-15	Sod Cutting and Commissioned by HE John Dramani Mahama
2	Ring Road Flyover	08-Oct-14	01-Jul-15		30-Sep-16	15-Aug-15	Commissioned by HE John Dramani Mahama
3	Kasoa Interchange	03-Oct-14	01-Jun-15	04-Feb-16		29-Nov-16	Sod Cutting and Commissioned by HE John Dramani Mahama
4	Giffard Road Interchange	19-Jun-12	15-Nov-12		31-Aug-16		Part of Burma Camp Road, Phase 1
5	Airport Hills Interchange	19-Jun-12	15-Nov-12		31-Aug-16	3-Nov-16	Part of Burma Camp Road, Phase 1. Commissioned by HE John Dramani Mahama
6	Pokuase Interchange	27-Feb-18	04-Apr-18	03-Jul-18	30-Jun-21	09-Jul-21	Sod Cutting was undertaken by the Senior Minister Hon. Yaw Osafo Maafo and was commissioned by HE the President Nana Akufo-Addo.
7	Tema Motorway Interchange Phase 1	01-Dec-17	01-Feb-18	Aug-18	16-May-20	05-Jun-20	Sod Cutting by HE Vice President. Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia and commissioned by HE the President, Nana Akufo- Addo
8	Obetsebi Interchange Phase 1	26-Oct-16	18-Jan-19	21-Oct-19	20-Nov-20	24-Nov-20	Sod Cutting and Commissioning by HE the President Nana Akufo-Addo
9	Flower Pot Interchange	07-Nov-16	01-Mar-17	N/A			Project Ongoing
10	East Legon Underpass	01-Aug-17	01-Sep-17	N/A	30-May-18	09-Aug-18	Commissioned by HE the President Nana Akufo-Addo
11	Suhum Interchange	26-Sep-08	26-Sep-08		15-Nov-19	26-Jun-20	This interchange is part of the Kwafokrom - Apedwa Dualization Project which was awarded in 2008. The Interchange was commissioned by HE the President Nana Akufo-Addo

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12	Tamale Interchange	01-Sep-18	10-Apr-19	10-Apr-19	Mar-22	05-Apr-22	This is part of the Sinohydro MPSA. The sod-cutting and commissioning was done by HE the President, Nana Akufo-Addo
13	Nungua Interchange	16-Oct-12	16-Nov-20	14-Aug-20			This interchange on-going as part of La Beach Road Completion Project, Lot 2. Sod Cutting was by HE Vice President Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia on 14th August, 2020
14	Adjiringanor	03-Apr-20	04-May-20				On-going as part of the Rehabilitation of selected roads in Accra
15	PTC Interchange	01-Sep-18	15-Sep-21	15-Sep-21	15-Sep-20		Sod cutting by HE the Vice President, Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia.
16	Kpong Barrier Interchange		11-May-21				
17	Dawhenya Interchange						On-going as part of the Tema -
18	Prampram Interchange	25-Sep-20		25-Oct-20			Aflao Road (17km). Sod cutting by HE the President Nana Akufo-Addo
19	Savannah Interchange						
20	Obetsebi Interchange Phase 2	28-Apr-20	25-Mar-21	25-Mar-21			On-going, sod cutting was undertaken by the HE President Nana Akufo Addo.

2. Roads

With regards to the length of road projects completed as stated in the 2022 State of the Nation Address (SONA), we wish to refer to our press statement dated 31st March 2022 wherein the length of roads completed were accounted for.

Further, the annex to the 2023 SONA as presented to Parliament by H.E President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo provides the details of all completed road projects between January 2017 to December 2022.

The 231-page document provides such details as the region, metropolis/municipality, road name and length completed, and the type of construction activity undertaken on the road. These are facts that can be verified by any member of the public.

In the spirit of transparency and accountability, the Ministry has widely circulated the information contained in the document on its digital media platforms; website – <u>https://mrh.gov.gh</u>, Facebook – <u>Ministry of Roads & Highways</u> and Twitter – <u>@mrhgovgh</u>.

The Ministry is committed to providing the necessary road infrastructure for the socio-economic development of the country.

The public is assured that in the spirit of transparency and accountability, the Ministry will continue to provide accurate information on road projects to the good people of Ghana.

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