

CAUSE II Identifies 2026 Construction Sites and Launches Community Consultations to Transform Urban Infrastructure in Honiara

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The Community Access and Urban Services Enhancement (CAUSE) II Project has announced the list of construction sites scheduled for work in 2026 and beyond, marking a significant step in improving Honiara's urban environment and strengthening essential infrastructure across Honiara city and surrounding communities in the Solomon Islands as part of a \$310m SBD project.

Under **Component 1**, the project will prioritise upgrades to key road networks, bridges, culverts and drainage systems across the Central Business District and peri-urban areas. Planned works include road rehabilitation, bridge repairs and enhanced drainage to strengthen resilience and improve local mobility.

2026 Construction Sites

Road Rehabilitation:

- Tasahe – Ngossi Valley Road
- Ngossi Valley – White River Road
- Kolo'ale Ridge Road (West Kola)
- Tsilm Street
- Hibiscus Avenue
- Skyline Drive
- Lengakiki Road

- Rewa Road

Bridge Rehabilitation:

- Mbokona Road Bridge, CBSI
- Kobito Road Bridge

Drainage Rehabilitation:

- Tasahe Road Drainage
- Mbokona Road Drainage
- Market Place Drainage
- Vura Road Drainage
- Ngaliraugha Road Drainage 1 & 2

All activities will comply with **World Bank Environmental and Social Standards** and national regulations.

Community Consultations

The CAUSE II team will engage communities located near upcoming works to gather feedback, identify potential impacts and understand local priorities. These consultations will address issues such as effects on fences, gardens, property boundaries and community access.

Particular attention will be given to **women, youth, the elderly and persons with disabilities**, ensuring their safety and concerns are fully considered during construction.

Two open awareness sessions have been scheduled:

Supporting Local Contractors and Future Planning

The Project Management Unit has recently held **Business Opportunity and Awareness Meetings** with local contractors on procurement and preparations for upcoming tenders. **Kramer Asia Pacific**, the design consultant for Component 1, will soon release the detailed designs for the civil works.

CAUSE II has also identified future infrastructure needs in **Guadalcanal, Auki, Gizo, Munda and Noro**, broadening the project's long-term reach.

Alongside infrastructure upgrades, the project includes four additional components:

- Safe and Inclusive Communities

- Enhanced Urban Productivity
- Urban Management and Land Administration
- Project Management

The **Ministry of Infrastructure Development (MID)** and **Honiara City Council (HCC)** continue to oversee this World Bank and Australian government-funded initiative, which aims to improve urban services, strengthen climate resilience and expand employment opportunities across Solomon Islands' rapidly growing towns and cities.