



**REMARKS DELIVERED BY HIS EXCELLENCY,
PRESIDENT BOLA AHMED TINUBU, GCFR**

AT

**THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMPLETED PART OF LAGOS – CALABAR
HIGHWAY SECTION I (30KM BY 6 LANES) AND OTHER PROJECTS. LAGOS
SATURDAY, 31ST MAY, 2025**

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

It is with great pleasure, pride and a sense of fulfilment that I stand here today to commission the completed part of the Lagos – Calabar Coastal Highway Corridor. This is Phase I: Section I: Ahmadu Bello Way to Eleko Village Area in the Lekki Peninsula, a section of the 700km iconic project spanning the coastal areas of Ogun, Ondo, Delta, Edo, Bayelsa, Rivers, Akwa-Ibom and Cross River States.

The Chinese have a saying: the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. By commissioning the first section of this 700km superhighway, we have taken our first step and, in the process, served notice to the naysayers; we are determined to complete this historic project by the Grace of God.

The Lagos-Calabar coastal highway project was envisioned during my tenure as Governor of Lagos State. Its objective is to provide vital road infrastructure connecting the coastal areas to facilities leading to and from the nation's seaports and significant towns, thereby unlocking the potential for boosting socio-economic activities in the country.

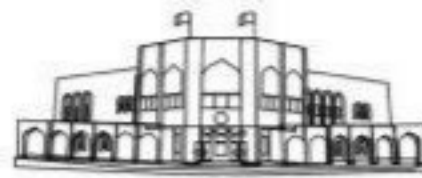
The road will be a lifeline for inaccessible communities, offering connectivity for economic growth and improving citizens' livelihoods.

When completed, the road will also boost the economy in the areas of agriculture, mining, tourism, commerce, and industrialization and attract foreign direct investment.

It will ease traffic congestion, reduce travel time, improve road safety, and facilitate smoother movement of goods and services. Significantly, it will stimulate local commerce and improve road users' overall quality of life.

Let me appreciate the Honourable Minister of Works, Sen. Engr. (Dr) Nweze David Umahi, the Honourable Minister of State Works, Rt. Hon. Bello Muhammad Goronyo, the Permanent Secretary, Engr. Funso Adebisi, and all staff of the Federal Ministry of Works that made today's commissioning possible. Thank you all for your commitment to this project.

I congratulate Messrs. Hitech Construction Company Limited for taking this job and for showing that Nigerian firms can perform to world standards and achieve excellence in



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infrastructure development. It is most pleasing to note that the highway was constructed using Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement instead of Flexible Pavement, thereby assuring long term durability.

At this point, I want to use this opportunity to commission other completed projects spread across the nation as follows:

South South Zone

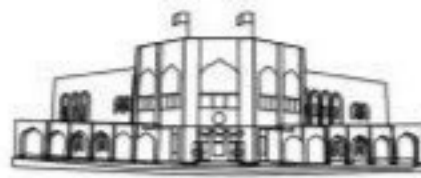
- Rehabilitation of Calabar-Ugep-Katsina-Ala Road Section II (Ugep-Katsina-Ala) in Benue/Cross River States.
- Dualization of East-West Road Section II (Sub Section I) Eleme Junction in Port Harcourt – Ahoada in Rivers State;
- Rehabilitation of Alesi - Ugep(Iyamoyung-Ugep) Section in Cross River State.
- Upgrading of 15km Section of the East-West Road Port Harcourt (Eleme Junction)-Onne Port Junction in Rivers State.

South East Zone

- Rehabilitation of Enugu-Port Harcourt Road Section III: Enugu-Lokpanta.
- Construction of a New Bridge at Akpoha in Ebonyi State to Replace the near-collapsed Bridge C/No.8469;
- Reconstruction of Collapsed Enugu Bridge at New Artisan Market Enugu-Port Harcourt Road in Enugu State.

South West Zone

- Lagos – Calabar Coastal Highway Corridor (Phase I: Section I: Ahmadu Bello Way to Eleko Village Area in the Lekki Peninsula, the one we are commissioning today.
- Rehabilitation, Construction & Expansion of Lagos-Shagamu-Ibadan Dual Carriageway Section II in Oyo State.
- Rehabilitation of Ikorodu-Shagamu Road in Lagos State.
- Emergency Comprehensive Repair works of the Eko Bridge (4.1km) in Lagos State (from Alaka, Surulere-Apongbon including all Ramps);



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- The Construction of Deep-Sea Port Access Road in Lagos State through Epe to Shagamu – Benin Expressway (54.24km) in Lagos and Ogun States.

North Central Zone

- Construction of Shendam Bridge in Plateau State.
- Rescoping and Variation of Contract for the Construction of Ilobu-Enrile road in Kwara and Osun States.

North East Zone

- Construction of Jimeta Bridge in Adamawa State

North West Zone

- Construction of Yakasai Badume-Damargu-Marken Zalli Roads in Kano State;
- Reconstruction of Kano-Kwanar Danja Hadeja Section II: Kano-Tsalle in Kano & Jigawa State.

Furthermore, in the same vein, I hereby flag off the following new projects:

- Ibadan-Ife-Ilesha-Akure-Benin Road in Oyo, Osun, Ondo and Edo States;

- Construction of Nembe-Brass Road;
- Construction of a Section of Enugu-Onitsha Carriageway (total length of 107km

- Rehabilitation of Zaria-Hunkuyi-Kufur-Gidan Mutum Daya Road in Kaduna/ Kano States;

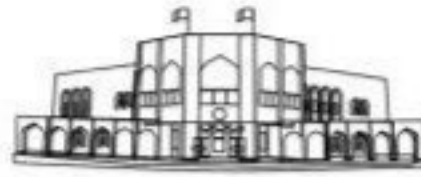
- Dualization of Kano-Maiduguri Road linking Kano-Jigawa-Bauchi-Yobe and Borno States (Section I: Kano-Wudil-Shuarin) Total length 105km;

- Construction of Kano Northern Bypass Road in Kano State; and

- Construction of Maiduguri Bypass Road

As we celebrate today, let us reflect on our collective responsibility to preserve infrastructure. The government can build roads, but it is up to all of us – citizens, motorists, residents – to maintain and protect them from misuse and degradation.

I promise you that we will continue to pursue more infrastructural projects, create jobs, and foster inclusive development nationwide.



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Finally, I thank the people of Lagos State for supporting this project that will positively affect their lives. My gratitude goes to the traditional rulers and custodians of our culture, political leaders, women and youth groups, and all lovers of and all lovers of democracy in Lagos State.

Thank you all, and may these projects bring prosperity to every life they touch.

God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

**President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR
President, Commander-in-Chief of The
Armed Forces
Federal Republic of Nigeria**