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# COMMISSIONING OF THE NAIROBI SOUTHERN BYPASS

His Excellency Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli President of the United Republic of Tanzania and His Excellency Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, CGH, President of The Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of The Defence Forces will today officially commission the Nairobi Southern Bypass.

The 28.6 kilometre dual carriageway located in Nairobi and Kiambu Counties is a modern infrastructural project which represents the state-of-the-art in highway design; a novel piece of infrastructure with provisions to integrate seamlessly with the dualling of Ngong Road which is underway.

The project boasts of a high-strength pavement constructed to carry heavy traffic and starts from the junction of Mombasa Road, crosses the edge of Nairobi National park westward then goes through Lang'ata Road, Ngong Road, Motoine River, Dagoretti road, Thogoto Road over Ondiri River terminating at Kikuyu town.



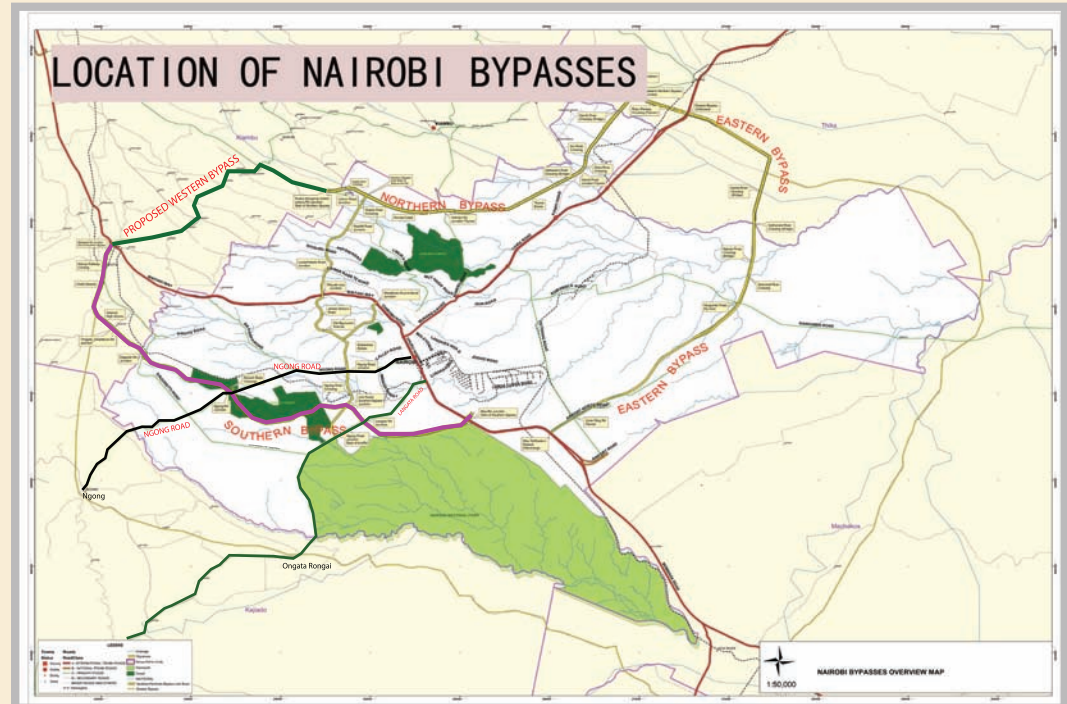
Dagoretti Interchange



Nairobi Southern Bypass near Kikuyu Town

## The major works on the project include:

- Construction of dual carriageway with a length of 28.6 kilometres, 12 Kilometre slip roads and 16.5 kilometre service roads;
- Construction of five interchanges (3 Full Interchanges at Mombasa, Langata and Ngong roads; and 2 partial (fly-over) interchanges at Dagoretti and Thogoto roads;
- Construction of 7 viaduct bridges, 3 underpasses;
- Construction of 27 box culverts, 121 pipe culverts and 8 slab culverts, for drainage;
- Roadway lighting system.



The project was jointly funded by Exim Bank of China and Government of Kenya at the cost of Kshs.18.7 billion, and was implemented by China Road and Bridge Corporation under supervision of the Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA).

The construction of Nairobi Southern Bypass has not only decongested the Northern Corridor, but has also enhanced socio-economic development in both Nairobi and Kiambu Counties. The Bypass has already eased traffic congestion and enhanced traffic flow along other major artery roads such as Langata Road, Ngong Road, Waiyaki Way and Likoni Road and in the Industrial Area.

Using the Bypass, it now takes slightly under 17 minutes to travel from Ole Sereni Hotel on Mombasa Road to Gitaru while travelling between the two sections using Uhuru Highway and Waiyaki Way may take up to two hours. Due to the short time taken by motorists, there is significant reduction in environmental pollution arising from exhaust emission in traffic jams, reduction of vehicle operational costs, and provision of employment opportunities among others. All these will enhance gains in the local, national and regional economy.

The Nairobi Southern Bypass is part of the ring road around Nairobi which links the Northern, Eastern and the upcoming Western Bypass that will complete the Ring Roads around the City of Nairobi.



Mombasa Road Interchange

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