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THE KENYA ROADS (AMENDMENT) (NO.3) BILL, 2025

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**THE KENYA ROADS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL,
2025**

A Bill for

**AN ACT of Parliament to amend the Kenya Roads Act
and for connected purposes**

ENACTED by the Parliament of Kenya, as follows—

1. This Act may be cited as the Kenya Roads (Amendment) (No. 3) Act, 2025. Short title.

2. Section 2 of the Kenya Roads Act (hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”) is amended by— Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 408.

(a) deleting the definition of the term “national roads” and substituting therefor the following new definition—

“national trunk roads” means national trunk roads as classified under Part A of the First Schedule;

(b) inserting the following new definition in its proper alphabetical sequence —

“county roads” means county roads as classified under Part B of the First Schedule.

3. The principal Act is amended by deleting section 47 and substituting therefor the following new section— Amendment of section 47 of Cap. 408.

Classification of roads.

47. (1) A public road shall be classified in the manner set out in the First Schedule to this Act.

(2) Where a new public road is established, the responsible Authority or a county government shall submit to the Cabinet Secretary a request in writing for classification of the public road.

(3) The Cabinet Secretary shall in classifying the public roads ensure that—

(a) the classification accurately reflects the function served by the public road; and

(b) all parts of the country have reasonable access to a national

trunk road or a county road.

(4) The Cabinet Secretary shall classify public roads in consultation with the relevant county government and at least once every five years, review the classification and assignment of public roads.

4. The principal Act is amended by inserting the following new sections immediately after section 47—

Insertion of a new sections 47A and 47B in Cap. 408.

Responsibilities of county governments.

47A. (1) Pursuant to paragraph 5(a) of Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution, each county government shall, within its area of jurisdiction—

- (a) maintain, rehabilitate and develop county roads;
- (b) manage road reserves and facilitate access to roadside developments with respect to county roads;
- (c) implement road policies in relation to county roads;
- (d) ensure adherence to the rules and guidelines on axle load control as prescribed under the Traffic Act and any Regulations made under this Act;
- (e) ensure that the quality of county road works is in accordance with national standards issued by the Cabinet Secretary;
- (f) oversee the management of traffic and road safety on county roads;
- (g) collect and collate all such data related to the use of county roads as may be necessary for efficient planning under this Act;
- (h) monitor and evaluate the use of county roads;

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- (i) plan the development and maintenance of county roads;
- (j) prepare the county investment programme and annual county road works programmes for county roads; and
- (k) coordinate with road Authorities or agencies in planning and operations in respect of county roads.

(2) Each county government shall, for purposes of ensuring uniformity with national standards in the roads sector, through its legislation and administrative action, implement and act in accordance with the national policy, standards and guidelines issued by the Cabinet Secretary under this Act.

(3) The county executive committee member responsible for roads shall be responsible for the maintenance, rehabilitation and development of county roads within the respective county.

Road signage.

47B. (1) A public road shall bear signage indicating its—

- (a) classification including the level of government responsible for its maintenance, rehabilitation and development; and
- (b) road code.

(2) The Cabinet Secretary shall prescribe the dimensions and additional information to be included in the signage on a public road.

(3) A person shall not erect any signage under this section containing their name, image or likeness.

(4) A person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (3) commits an

offence and shall be liable, upon conviction, to a fine not exceeding one million shillings or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both.

5. The principal Act is amended by deleting the First Schedule and substituting therefor the following Schedule—

Amendment of the
First Schedule to
Cap 408.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(s. 47)

PART A—CLASSIFICATION OF NATIONAL TRUNK ROADS

All national trunk roads shall be classified as follows—

A1. NATIONAL ROADS

Functionality	Class	Description
Primary National Trunk Roads (National Roads)	As	Highways connecting cities, a city to a town or a town to another town through the use of grade separation using interchanges, overpasses and underpasses with maximum access control.
	A	Roads and corridors connecting international boundaries and international terminals such as international ports, airports.
	B	Roads forming national routes, linking County headquarters and Municipal headquarters to the cities, to each other or to Class A roads and inter-county.

A2. URBAN ROADS

National Trunk Roads (Urban Roads)	Au	Major urban arterials in cities providing through traffic and for relatively long distance movements between widely separated parts of the city with high levels of service that maximizes speed and mobility, consistent with safety and segregation of pedestrian and other non-motorised movements.
	Bu	Minor urban arterials which provide the main means of moving between different zones of the urban area, other than the function provided by any class A roads and include thoroughfares or avenues serving the Central Business District of cities and major towns

and principal urban bus routes.

Cu Major urban collectors that provide the link between arterials and county roads, distributing traffic to residential and other defined zones, typically taking the form of radial roads between arterials or spine roads serving the main residential areas, towns or other defined zones.

A3. RURAL ROADS

Secondary National Trunk Roads C Roads linking major designated towns and forming a continuous network with Class A and Class B roads.

Special Purpose Roads SP Roads providing direct access to places of specific National Social or Economic importance, including industrial and commercial areas and government institutions such as schools, hospitals, prisons, government housing, etc.

Security Roads SR Roads strategic to national security as identified by the Ministry responsible for Internal Security and communicated to the Minister from time to time.

Last Mile City Roads LM Link roads providing last mile connections in cities by collecting substantial traffic from arterials and conveying the same to residential terminals so as to form a contiguous network between residential areas and estates or other defined zones.

PART B—CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTY ROADS

Functionality	Class	Description
County Roads	D	Inter-ward roads forming routes of moderate length, linking wards and other minor towns to the Sub-county towns or higher network with the main function of channelling local traffic from lower level roads to higher level roads and centres.
	E	Residual category of roads providing last access to villages, minor markets and homes and shall form the largest proportion of the

road network in Kenya.

Du These include the main shopping and business streets in the urban CBD or suburbs of larger towns and cities, other than designated minor Arterials and catering to a high level of pedestrian access to commercial properties fronting directly on the street.

Eu Roads providing direct access to groups of residential properties, comprising local residential streets and constituting the local tier of the hierarchy of urban roads suitable for motorized transport.

6. Section 6(2) of the Kenya Roads Board Act is amended in paragraph (d) by—

Consequential amendments to section 6 of Cap. 408A.

(a) deleting the words “twenty-two percent” appearing in sub-paragraph (i) and substituting therefor the words “twenty-five percent”;

(b) deleting the words “ten percent” appearing in sub-paragraph (ii) and substituting therefor the words “seven percent”;

(c) deleting the words “forty percent” appearing in sub-paragraph (iii) and substituting therefor the words “thirty-eight percent”;

(d) deleting the words “fifteen percent” appearing in sub-paragraph (iv) and substituting therefor the words “fourteen percent”;

(e) deleting sub-paragraph (v) and substituting therefor the following new sub-paragraph—

“(v) one percent of the allocated funds is allocated in respect of roads in national parks and reserves to be administered by the Kenya Wildlife Service; and a maximum of one and a half percent of the allocated funds is allocated in respect of the recurrent expenditure of the Board under section 31(5);”

(f) inserting the following new sub-paragraphs immediately after sub-paragraph (vi)—

“(vii) one and a half percent of the allocated funds

is allocated to the department responsible for matters relating to roads in respect of execution of the functions stipulated under paragraph 18 of Part 1 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution; and

(viii) five percent of the allocated funds is allocated to county governments under Article 202(2) of the Constitution.”

(g) inserting the following new subsections immediately after subsection (2)—

“(3) The Cabinet Secretary shall utilise funds allocated under sub-paragraph (vii) to provide for equity in roads maintenance, road related emergencies, primary oversight and administration expenses.

(4) The Board shall not approve any disbursement of funds to a county government unless the county government has met the requirements set out in subsection (5) (a) and (b);

(5) In the utilisation of the funds under subsection (2)(d)(viii), a county government shall —

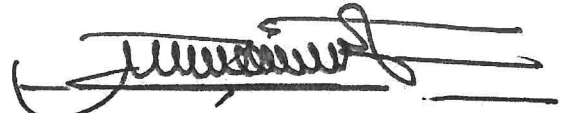
- (a) designate a department or division responsible for the maintenance, rehabilitation and development of county roads;
- (b) open and maintain a special purpose account at the Central Bank of Kenya into which shall be deposited the funds under subsection 2(d)(viii);
- (c) comply with the standards for the maintenance, rehabilitation and development of roads as may be set out by the Cabinet Secretary; and
- (d) at least six months before the commencement of every financial year, submit to the Board an annual road programme approved by the respective county executive committees.

(6) The Board shall—

- (a) specify the form and content of an annual road programme under subsection (5)(d); and
- (b) monitor and evaluate all works, goods and services financed by the Fund.

(7) The Board may take such remedial, supplementary or alternative measures to ensure compliance with the conditions under this Act or any other written law.”

I certify that this printed impression is a true copy of the Bill passed by the National Assembly on the 7th October, 2025.


Clerk of the National Assembly

Endorsed for presentation to the Senate in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 142 of the National Assembly Standing Orders.


Speaker of the National Assembly