

DEPARTMENT OF ROADS, PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT

Under the direction of the county Executive Hon. Charles Birech, the mandate of the Department of Roads, Public Works and Transport is mainly to facilitate the development of transport infrastructure.

Over the past five years, the work of the department has been guided by policy instruments, departmental development plan, county medium plan, Constitution of Kenya 2010, Governor's manifesto and county integrated development plan (CIDP 2013-2017).

The department has heavy earth moving machines purposely for implementation of its functions and looks forward to acquiring more since most of the equipment inherited from the former authorities are old and may be inefficient. The department has executed several civil works since the onset of devolution 2013-2017 as per the development policies.

The Department encompasses the sub-departments of:

1. Roads
2. Public Works
3. Transport

Roles of the sub-departments

- **Public Works**

1. Planning services, development and maintenance of public buildings
2. Maintenance of inventory of county government property.
3. Provision of mechanical and electrical services Standards.
4. Storm water management as well as Provision of architectural services

- **Roads**

1. Design Construction and Maintenance of county roads and structures
2. Protection of road reserves
3. Material testing and advice on usage

- **Transport**

1. Implementation of the transport policy and Promotion of road safety initiatives Management of parking and street lighting

2. Transport licensing services and Regulation of public road transport services
3. Development, management of airstrips and Support development of airports
4. Rail transport infrastructure and Enforcement of axle load controls

MILESTONES

- 1) The department has opened up over 2,500km of rural road networks across the county with more attention in marginalized areas like Kipkelion West, Sigowet/Soin and Kipkelion East constituencies
- 2) Enactment of Roads Bill
- 3) Establishment of the County Transport and Safety Committee
- 4) Quick response to various emergency works
- 5) Construction of over 70 drainage structures which include Bridges and Box culverts across major rivers
- 6) Construction of Urban roads projects, either on Contracted works, in-house projects or emergency basis.
- 7) Indirect employment of over 50 casuals per ward on temporary basis at a time
- 8) Installation of street lighting encompassing solar lights and electric flood lights across the county
- 9) Maintenance of streetlights in major towns
- 10) Supervision of upcoming buildings in town and approval of plans