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TRANSPORT, ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE TRANSPORT, ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE ON THE STATEMENT REGARDING REPAIR OF
SEVENI-KIONYWENI ROAD AND KIKULUMI DRIFT

MAY, 2026

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Preface

Honorable Speaker,

The Sectoral Committee on Transport, Roads and Public Works, in fulfillment of its constitutional oversight mandate under Article 185(3) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, considered a Statement sought by Hon. Boniface Katiti, MCA, Muthetheni Ward, regarding the condition and maintenance status of Seveni–Kionyweni Road and the structural integrity of Kikulumi Drift. The Statement raised concerns over the deteriorating state of the infrastructure despite prior budgetary approvals by the County Assembly to the Department of Roads and Transport, and the continued risk posed to residents and road users.

The issues raised were of significant public interest as they touched on accountability in the utilization of public funds, effectiveness of infrastructure planning and maintenance, quality assurance in project implementation, and the County Government’s obligation to provide safe, reliable, and sustainable transport infrastructure.

Upon consideration of the initial response submitted by the Department of Roads and Transport, the Assembly resolved that a further inquiry was necessary to establish the factual position and ensure adequate accountability. Consequently, the Committee undertook a detailed inquiry process which included a site visit to Seveni–Kionyweni Road and Kikulumi Drift to independently verify the condition of the infrastructure and assess the challenges affecting its performance and sustainability.

The Committee’s findings revealed notable gaps in maintenance planning, drainage design, infrastructure resilience, and project prioritization following budget approvals. These shortcomings have contributed to accelerated deterioration of the road and structural damage to the drift, thereby exposing the public to safety risks and undermining the value derived from public investment.

This Report therefore presents the background to the Statement, the Committee’s inquiry process, observations arising from the site visit, the legal framework underpinning the inquiry, findings from the Committee’s deliberations, and recommendations intended to guide corrective action by the County Executive and strengthen future infrastructure planning, implementation, and maintenance practices.

2.0 COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

1. Honorable Speaker, the Transport, Roads and Public Works Committee currently has thirteen members as listed below;

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| i. | Hon. Muoki Musila | Chairperson |
| ii. | Hon. Julius Munywoki | Vice-Chairperson |
| iii. | Hon. Grace Bahati | Member |
| iv. | Hon. Judas Ndawa | “ |
| v. | Hon. Raphael Lucky | “ |
| vi. | Hon. Dominic Ndambuki | “ |
| vii. | Hon. Francis Ngunga | “ |
| viii. | Hon. Paul Muli | “ |
| ix. | Hon. Fredrick Muia | “ |
| x. | Hon. Alphonse Mutinda | “ |
| xi. | Hon. Charles Mbuva | “ |
| xii. | Hon. Dee Kivuva | “ |
| xiii. | Hon. Anna Ndilo | “ |

SECRETARIAT

- i. Ms. Evelyn Kimote - Snr. Clerk Assistant
- ii. Mr. Patrick Muange - Clerk Assistant
- iii. Mr. Lewis Muoki - Research Officer
- iv. Ms. Vivian Mutheu - Legal Officer
- v. Mr. Erastus Mutua - Sergeant at arms

3.0 COMMITTEE MANDATE

2. Honorable Speaker, Second Schedule of Machakos County Assembly Standing Orders mandates the Transport, Roads and Public Works committee to deal with all matters related to County Transport, including county roads, housing, street lighting, traffic and parking, public transport and ferries and harbors, excluding the regulation of international and national shipping and matters related thereto; county public works and services.
3. Honorable Speaker, the specific assignment of the Committee is stipulated under Standing Order 190 (5) which mandates the Committee to investigate, inquire into, and report on

all matters relating to the mandate and the assigned departments, make reports and recommendations to the Assembly among other assignments in the stated standing order.

4.0. THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK GUIDING THE COMMITTEE INQUIRY PROCESS

4. Hon. Speaker, the Committee visited the site and conducted an inquiry in accordance with the following legal provisions:

a) The Constitution of Kenya, 2010

5. Article 185(3) bestows the County Assembly with oversight role over the county executive Committee and any other county executive organs.

Article 10 binds all state organs, state officers and public officers to uphold accountability, transparency, good governance, and sustainable development.

Under Fourth Schedule, the County Governments bear responsibility for maintenance and management of county roads under devolved transport functions.

b) County Governments Act, 2012

6. Section 8(1) (b): Mandates a County Assembly to exercise oversight over the County Executive Committee and other County executive organs.

5.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

7. Honorable Speaker, Standing Order 41(2) (c), states that a member may request for a statement from the Committee Chairperson relating to matters under the mandate of the Committee and the Speaker may either appoint a day for the statement or direct that the statement be issued on the same day.

8. Pursuant to the above Standing Order, Hon. Boniface Katiti, MCA, Muthetheni Ward, during an Assembly sitting held on 22nd July, 2025 sought a Statement from the County Government seeking information on;

a) Why the County Government has failed to maintain and recarpet the Seveni-Kionyweni Road and repair Kikulumi drift despite previous budget approvals to the department of roads and Transport?

b) What plans are in place to recarpet the said road and reconstruct the drift and when residents should expect the works to commence?

9. The Statement was subsequently committed to the sectoral Committee on Transport, Roads and Public Works to respond to the Member pursuant to standing order 41(2) (d).

10. In undertaking its mandate, the Committee requested information from the Chief Officer, Roads and Transport and the department responded vide letter Ref: Ref: GMC/TR&PW/COUNTY ASSEMBLY/VOL.II/94 dated 30th July, 2025 and the same was tabled in the House.
11. Upon consideration of the response, the statement seeker expressed dissatisfaction with the information provided. Consequently, the matter was re-committed to the Committee to undertake further inquiry and prepare a comprehensive report for tabling before the House.
12. Hon. Speaker, the matter was thereafter deliberated upon by the Committee and Members resolved to conduct a site visit to the affected areas for purposes of verification, fact-finding, and formulation of recommendations to this House.

6.0 SITE VISIT FINDINGS

13. Hon. Speaker, the Committee conducted a site visit to Seveni - Kionyweni road and Kikulumi drift on 16th October, 2025 and made the following observations:;

a) Seveni – Kionyweni – Miu Road

- i. The bituminous surface has peeled off in several sections, resulting in the formation of serious potholes and surface cracks that have exposed the base and sub-base layers, thereby rendering the road uneven and unsafe for road users **(Annexure 1)**.
- ii. The road lacks adequate drainage infrastructure, including side drains, culverts and outlets, resulting in uncontrolled water flow over the carriageway. This has caused erosion, water stagnation, and accelerated surface degradation, particularly during rainy seasons.
- iii. Quality routine maintenance has not been adequately undertaken. In some sections, marram was used to fill potholes instead of recommended asphalt concrete material.
- iv. Severe erosion along road shoulders has led to wearing of the road surface and narrowing of the carriageway width.

b) Kikulumi Drift

The Committee observed that:

- i. A significant section of the drift had sunk considerably, with visible cracks, holes, and structural displacement. (**Annexure 2**)
- ii. Several supporting columns and sidewalls had been washed away, rendering the structure unsafe for vehicles and pedestrian use, particularly during rainy seasons.

7.0 COMMITTEE FINDINGS

Hon. Speaker, the Committee's findings are as follows:

- a) Seven-Kionyweni-Miu road was constructed without a proper drainage design, a key element for ensuring road durability and structural integrity.
- b) The rapid formation of potholes and cracks indicates possible compromise in construction standards and weak quality control mechanisms during execution.
- c) The Department of Roads has not established a routine maintenance framework on the road which would have prevented the current level of deterioration.
- d) The Absence of proper drainage systems has significantly reduced the lifespan of the road and is likely to result in higher future maintenance costs.
- e) Damage to Kikulumi drift is attributable to inadequate structural design and reinforcement, noting that Miu River experiences substantial water volumes during rainy seasons.

8.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Hon. Speaker, based on the above observations and findings the Committee Recommended as follows;

- a) The Department of Roads and Transport should within the existing approved departmental budget commence the construction of a properly engineered and reinforced drift or box culvert at Kikulumi and submit an implementation progress report to the Assembly not later than ninety (90) days after adoption of this report.
- b) The Department of Roads and Transport should allocate funds in the next supplementary and/or annual budget to undertake immediate rehabilitation works on the Seveni –Kionyweni – Miu Road, including pothole repairs and resurfacing.
- c) The County Executive should allocate funds in the next financial year (FY 2026/2027) for construction of adequate drainage structures along Seveni-Kionyweni-Miu road to prevent further deterioration.

d) The Department of Roads and Transport should ensure all future road projects include comprehensive drainage designs, maintenance planning and certified engineering approvals prior to project implementation.

9.0 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONCLUSION

14. Honorable Speaker, the Committee is grateful to your Office and that of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the support throughout the entire process of compiling this report. I also wish to thank the Committee members for their dedication during the committee sittings and site visits. Further the committee acknowledges the support given by the committee secretariat in compilation of the report. It is therefore my duty, on behalf of the Transport, Roads and Public Works Committee to table the report on the statement regarding repair of Seveni-Kionyweni Road and Kikulumi Drift and recommend it to this Honorable House for consideration and adoption.

CONFIRMED BY:.....  DATE..... 04/05/2020

HON. MUOKI MUSILA

CHAIRPERSON, TRANSPORT, ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

ANNEXURES

1. PHOTO SHOWING A SECTION OF SEVENI – KIONYWENI – MIU ROAD



2. PHOTOS SHOWING KIKULUMI DRIFT





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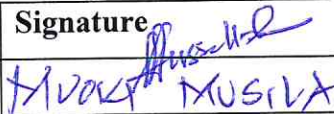



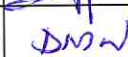
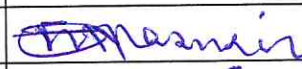

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Adoption schedule for the Report of Transport, Roads and Public Works Committee on the Statement regarding repair of Seveni-Kionyweni road and Kikulumi drift

The report was adopted by the following Members:

Date: 4th May, 2026

S/No.	Member	Signature
1.	Hon. Muoki Musila	 MUSILA
2.	Hon. Julius Munywoki	
3.	Hon. Grace Bahati	
4.	Hon. Judas Ndawa	
5.	Hon. Raphael Lucky	
6.	Hon. Dominic Ndambuki	
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