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## **Press Release**

## THE COMMISSIONING OF MUNALI FLYOVER BRIDGE A WELCOME DEVELOPMENT-ZRST

**25th March 2021, Lusaka:** The Zambia Road Safety Trust (ZRST), the nation's leading NGO for Road Safety, has welcomed the Government's commissioning of Munali Flyover Bridge by His Excellency President Dr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

ZRST notes with great pleasure that such an infrastructure development programme is also key to improving road safety in the country.

The redesigning of the major road network infrastructure like the Munali Flyover Bridge and the other ones, recently launched, will not just reduce traffic congestions but also promote safe mobility for motorists.

We therefore want to commend His Excellency President Edgar Chagwa Lungu and his Government for the job well-done, which will result in an enhanced standard of living for all the citizens without leaving anyone behind.

## Chairman for ZRST, Mr. Daniel Mwamba Said:

"This part of the government's effort to transform and change the face of the country through urban revitalization will go a long way in reducing unnecessary accidents in the country. The safe road infrastructure development will improve accessibility and reduces transportation costs also allowing citizens improved access to services.

"ZRST, as an organization that advances the interests of all road users to ensure transport systems are safe and sustainable, attaches such developments to great achievement where human lives are concerned. However, our appeal to the government is to extend this gesture to also vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, disabled people and even cyclists by improving the sidewalks to make our country walkable, given that lots of our people do a lot of walking compared to motorists.

"It is against this background that we have vigorously embarked on various road safety projects that are aimed at reducing road crashes, as a means to supplement government efforts to reduce the number of fatalities in the country". /end

## **About Us**

The Zambia Road Safety Trust (ZRST), established in 2014, is a leading registered non-government road safety entity registration no: 101/0503/15. The Trust is a member of the Global Alliance of NGOs for road safety, seeks to create awareness on road safety issues in Zambia and contribute to reduce loss of life and injuries on Zambia's roads. The Trust is an operational NGO, meaning we plan and carry out boots-on-the-ground projects to accomplish our objectives. This requires a great deal of careful planning, communication, and local involvement for each project.

Our goal as an organization is to accomplish the following: To priorities safety of the most vulnerable road users, to advocate changes in national law to make roads, vehicles and drivers safer, to support the 50 percent reduction in road traffic death UN decade of Action 2020 target.

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