

Minutes of 3rd Stakeholder Meeting

PREPARATORY SURVEY ON TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AROUND NEW KELANI BRIDGE

Resettlement Action Plan - Presentation Of Compensation Options To Affected People

Date: 28 September 2013 from 10:30AM-12:30PM

Venue: Sri Lanka Foundation Institute – 100 Independent Square, Colombo 7

Organized by: Road Development Authority

Participants: Hon. Minister A H M Fowzie, Hon Minister Nirmala Kotelawala (Project Minister of Ports and Highways), Hon Thilanga Sumathipala, MP, Hon Nowzer Fowzie- Provincial Council Member, Hon. Ashoka Lankathilake – Provincial Council Member.

Mr R W R Pemasiri, Secretary Ministry of Ports and Highways, Mr. M C L Fernando – Additional Secretary MOPH, Mr. W A S Weerasinghe Director General – RDA, Mr. H M K G G Bandara Director Planning, Mr. S Opanayake Director Lands, Mr. J A U S Jayakody, Deputy Director ESD, Mr. Prasad Ranaweera Coordinator (Projects) UDA , Ms. Irene Nanayakkara – Director Lands, Ministry of Land and Land Development. Other officials from RDA and government organizations relevant to project were also present.

JICA Representatives, Mr. Hiroaki Adachi, Mr. Kota Wakabayashi, Ms Namal Ralapanawa.

Mr. Kitazawa from the Oriental Consultants representing the JICA Study Team

Affected People from affected GN Divisions i.e. Wadullawatte, Sedawatte, Origodawatte, Navagampura, Grandpass, Peliyagoda Gangabada and Bloemandhal representing Residents and business owners

Total number of affected people attending the meeting were around 320. The proceedings commenced with the traditional lighting of the oil lamp.

Presentation Material:

Two Power Point Presentations were made by Mr. H M K G G Bandara, Director Planning Division and Mr. S Opanayake – Director Land RDA outlining the main features of the project, and the details of compensation options

(English Leaflet on proposed compensation options is given in Attachment-A)

Speeches & Presentations

Secretary to the Ministry of Ports and Highways Mr. R W Ranjith Pemasiri – made the welcome speech and stated that he expects a fruitful discussion among the participants and enlisted the help of participants towards that goal.

Mr. Bandara Director Planning Division of RDA Provided a quick outline of the project features.

Mr. Opanayake, Director Lands of RDA made a presentation explaining the details of compensation options offered to the affected people . Details of the offered compensation options are as follows as explained by Mr. Opanayake

Loss of Residential land and Structure - For Title Holders

Option 1- Self Relocation

The project will pay an extra allowance in addition to the compensation amount assessed by the Department of Valuation for the land and buildings.

Total Compensation Amount = Rs. 635,000+Compensation for the land+Compensation for the house

When the possession of the cleared land was handed over to the project before the designated date 25% of the assessed value of the building will also be paid additionally.

Option 2- Resettlement in a housing unit

A house will be provided from the housing complexes constructed by UDA at Salamulla, Orugdawatte or Kolonnawa.

Total Compensation Amount = Rs. 135,000+Compensation for the land+ a house as above in lieu of compensation for the house

Loss of Residential Structure Non-Title Holders

Option 1- Self Relocation

A compensation payment in addition to the assessed value by the Department of Valuation will be paid by the project.

Total Compensation Amount = Rs. 1,185,000

When the possession of the cleared land is handed over to the project before the designated date 25% of the house compensation value for the structure amounting to Rs 137,500 (25% Of Rs. 550,000) will be paid as an additionally.

Option 2- Resettlement in a housing unit

A house will be provided from the housing complex constructed by UDA at Salamulla, Orugdawatte or Kolonnawa.

Total Compensation = A house as above in lieu of compensation for the house

RDA will pay an amount of Rs. 635,000 to the UDA as an initial payment towards the housing unit.

Loss of Commercial land and Business Premises – Title Holders

Self Relocation

The project will pay an extra allowance in addition to the compensation amount assessed by the Department of Valuation for the land and buildings.

Total compensation amount = Rs. 590,000+Compensation for Land+Compensation for Building

When the possession of the cleared land is handed over to the project before the designated date 25% of the building value will be paid additionally.

Loss of Business Premises – Non Title Holders

Self Relocation

Total compensation amount = Rs. 865,000.00

When the possession of the cleared land is handed over to the project before the designated date 25% of the building value will be paid additionally and the payment will be.

Total Amount = Rs. 933,750.00

He further said that for self relocation purposes, the minimum amount of assessment for a house to be constructed will be taken as the current market value of a 550ft² house.

Key Views Expressed by participants During the Discussion Time:

Following key views and concerns were expressed by affected people, and the views/concerns expressed and the replies by RDA officials, Ministers and elected representatives have been listed in the following Table

Views Expressed by Line Agency and Public Participants	Replies by RDA Officials/MP's and Ministers
<p>██████████ from Kamkarupura Flats Stated that the method of compensation is not clear especially with respect to residents of a Government Flat. He also wanted every one to be relocated close by. My dispensary will be affected and I request that compensation be paid to affected parties. It is not clear whether how many houses of Kamkarupura flats will be affected</p> <p>██████████ wanted to minimise the effects on Sanchi Viharaya, the Buddhist Temple.</p>	<p>If the ownership titles are available compensation will be paid .</p> <p>Kamkarupura flats will not be largely affected according to the project design . However RDA will conduct a detailed site inspection and the status will be made known.</p> <p>Only the parapet wall and entrance When the possession of the cleared land is handed over to the project before the designated date 25% of the building value will be paid additionally.</p> <p>Only the parapet wall and the entrance structure will be affected which will be compensated by the project.</p>
<p>██████████ - Wadullawatte Explained that a replacement house will be preferred to cash compensation as they are working, schooling and conducting business in the area.</p>	<p>Affected parties will be given the option of obtaining a house from one of the proposed UDA Housing Complexes.</p>
<p>██████████</p> <p>Will the amount of compensation be paid at once?</p>	<p>All amounts of compensation will be paid in one instalment after assessment except for the additional 25% incentive payment</p>
<p>██████████ - Businessman from Sedawatte He will lose his business, how will they be treated.</p>	<p>Affected businesses will be compensated.</p>
<p>██████████ Wadullawatte We badly need replacement houses as at present we do not have proper toilets or garbage disposal facilities in some of our houses. We will not be able to self relocate.</p>	<p>Option for a housing unit with good basic facilities from UDA housing complexes will be available for affected people.</p>

Views Expressed by Line Agency and Public Participants	Replies by RDA Officials/MP's and Ministers
<p>██████████, Wadullawatte</p> <p>I have given my house on rent and information regarding my house has been taken from my tenant. Will I get any compensarion.</p>	<p>If the ownership could be proved compensation will be offered to the landlord. Tennants will also receive assistance.</p>
<p>██████████</p> <p>When we opt for a housing unit do we have to pay Rs. 50,000 as an initial payment ? Most of us cannot afford to pay this amount.</p>	<p>Rs.50,000 has to be paid initially as the standard amount which applies to all applicants irrespective of the present project. If the hardships are proven special assistance will be available.Paying Rs. 50,000 as an advance from the any compensation due could be considered. Priority will be given to persons who are willing to pay this amount in advance.</p>
<p>██████████</p> <p>How will the 25% incentive be assessed ?</p>	<p>This will be paid based on the legal compensation amount for the structure.</p>
<p>██████████ – Private Secretary , of Honourable MP Duminda Silva</p> <p>Please provide good explanations regarding the compensation package . Please conduct a house to house campaign in this regard</p>	<p>A form will be distributed among the affected parties in Sinhala and Tamil indicating the compensation payment options and the Affected parties will be given an opportunity state their preference..</p>
<p>██████████</p> <p>How will we be able to pay the monthly payment of around Rs. 3900.00.</p>	<p>This is a standard payment applicable for all housing unit owners. There will be schemes to assist those who cannot afford this amount after verifying the needs.</p>

Secretary to the Ministry of Ports & Highways Mr. R W Ranjith Pemasiri- Explained the method of compensation in detail stating that providing land plots from RDA Attidiya site was done away with , after discussions with elected representatives and UDA considering the hardships the affected parties have to undergo if resettled in a far off place such as Attidiya. Forms and leaflets regarding the compensation options will be distributed next week and the affected parties could indicate the choice they opt for and thereafter another discussion will be held with them.

Minister A H M Fowzie- Explained the compensation options and other details in Tamil Language for the benefit of Tamil and Muslim affected parties. He also spoke in Sinhal summarizing the discussions.

MP Mr. Thilanga Sumathipala- Said that under the Mahinda Chiintana, and the guidance o the Hon. President, around 80,000 housing units will be built in Colombo to resettle low income people from unauthorized settlements in a major programme, Urban Regeneration Project, under Colombo city development using governmet funds. He also stated that a large number of people from railway reservations will also be affected due railway widening projects. He emphasized the need to standardize the resettlement process so that all affected people are treated fairly and equally.

Minister Mr. Nirmala Kotelawala – Wanted to know wheter there is any objection from the affected parties against the project. The minister asked the audience to confirm the agreement of the affected parties to the project by raising their hands. Every raised their hands and indicated their concurrence and support to the implementation of the project. The Minister also it is the desire of the government to improve the social and economic conditions of the people and this is one staep in a long term plan.

Vote of Thanks- Minister Nirmala Kotelawala thanked everybody who participated in the meeting and invited them for lunch at the venue.

Photographs of the meeting:















Preparatory Survey on Traffic Improvement Project around
2nd New Kelani Bridge
[Impacted properties of public sector and religious organizations]

Meeting Minutes

Subject: Impact on public sector and religious organizations caused by the proposed second new Kelani Bridge

Venue: Ministry of Ports and Highways, 9th Floor, "Sethsiripaya", Battaramulla

Date: 10th May 2013

Participants:

Name	Designation	Organization/Institution
1. Mr.R. W.R.Pemasiri	Secretary	Ministry of Ports&Highways
2. Mr. W.A.S. Weerasinghe	Director General	RDA
3. Mr. D.Ganeson	Director/ Highway Design	RDA
4. Mr. S.Opanayaka	Director/Land	RDA
5. Mr. D.K.R. Swarna	Director Engineering Service	RDA
6. Mrs. D.N. Siyambalapitiya	Deputy Director Planning	RDA
7. Mr. J.A.V.S. Jayakody	Deputy Director ESD	RDA
8. Mrs. S.Kaluarachchi	DD(HID)	RDA
9. Mrs. D.A.S. Jayasekara	Chief Engineer – Colombo	RDA
10. Mr. S.M.S.K. Samarakoon	Engineer, CE's office, Colombo	RDA
11. Mr. U.S. Pilanavithan	Engineer (Planning Div.)	RDA
12. Mr. J.A. Disanayake	Engineer (Planning Div.)	RDA
13. Mrs. C.Weerawardhana	TO, CE's office, Colombo	RDA RDA
14. Mrs. LakmaliLiyanage	Resettlement Officer (ESD)	RDA
15. Mr. S.Sai	Resettlement Expert	Oriental Consultant
16. Mr. H. Tashima	Environmentalist	Oriental Consultant

17. Mr. Shin Hisaoa	Construction Planer	Oriental Consultant
18. Mr. N.K. Thanh	Bridge Engineer	Oriental Consultant
19. [REDACTED]	Chief Incumbent	SanchiViharaya, Nawagampura
20. [REDACTED]	Chief Incumbent	Sri Badraamman Kali Kovil,Nawagampura
21. Mr. P.G.Kumarasinghe	General Manager	State Timber Corporation
22. Mr. S.Wijayabandara	General Manager	State Development and Construction Corporation
23. Mr. G.M.P.A. Gallaba	Director/Administration and HR	NAITA
24. Mr. G.Jayasinghe	Additional Director	Vocational Training Authority
25. Mr. N.S.D.Nawantha	Director	Vocational Training Authority
26. Mr. D.L.L.Wickramanayake	Director	Atomic Energy Authority
27. Mr. M.M.P. Wijesekara	SDD	Atomic Energy Authority
28. Mr. AnuraMalagala	Deputy Principal	Automobile Engineering Training Institute
29. Mr. H.S.Kariyawasam	Director/Principal	Automobile Engineering Training Institute
30. Mr. R.A.D.U. Rathnayake	Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering	Automobile Engineering Training Institute
31. Mr. D.P. Adikari	Resettlement Consultant	CEAA

The Secretary/MoP&H chaired the meeting and welcomed all participants attended. He also briefed about the need for a new bridge to ease unbearable traffic congestion of the area at present and also to meet the future traffic requirements to avoid a traffic bottleneck just at the main entering point to Colombo city. The bridge will connect Colombo-Katunayka Expressway, Colombo-Kandy Road, Peliyagoda-Puttalam Road, Baseline Road and Colombo Port Access Road. The Ministry of Ports and Highways is well aware about the inconvenience and hardships causing to public organizations and religious organizations by the project, but still, it is not

possible to stay away from the project as it would cause more problems by worsening traffic situation in the capital, as well as in the country.

As stated by S/MoP&H, project needs collaborative support of all public sector organizations and others. The hardships and inconvenience encountered by individual organizations have to be managed to ease those situations collectively, helping to each other. One of the objectives of this meeting is to share information with everyone to have best possible solutions to overcome hardships caused by the project, based on reliable information, within the overall contest of the project. S/MP&H assured his support to public sector organizations and religious organizations for finding such solutions, in all possible manners.

Mr. Jayakpody, Deputy Director/ESD made a well prepared power point presentation with necessary maps and drawings, showing details of affected areas along proposed access roads leading to new bridge. His presentation drew attention to following;

1. Background
2. Project area
3. Surveys
4. Affected buildings
5. Environment
6. Resettlement planning

Public sector organizations

- **National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA)**

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(The Automobile Engineering Training Institute, located in Wadullawatta GND of Kolonnawa DS division)

This Automobile Engineering Training Institute located in Wadullawatta is one of the apprentice training centers administered by National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA), and it is the only apprentice training centre of NAITA in automobile engineering training. NAITA comes under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Skills Development.

This training institute has been established with a grant aid of the Government of Japan. This assistance included construction of buildings, installation of machinery and training of staff, costing of Rs. 500 million approximately. The institute commenced activities in November 1989. Institute's building area covers nearly 4 acres of land, and has 2.5 acre bare land for vehicle testing track and other training purposes. Training center has three training batches in a given time, 400 hundreds in each, of which one batch is trained inside the center for one year, and two batches are undergoing training at selected industrial sites.

The project impact will be severe for this location. Training centre will lose all most all land area it has now. Most appropriate solution for NAITA is to find an alternative site somewhere else. S/P&H wished to have a meeting with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Skills Development separately to discuss matters related to NAITA training canter at Waddullawatta.

- **Atomic Energy Authority (AEA) Sri Lanka**

Functions under the purview of Ministry of Science and Technology and implement regulatory programs conforming to international standards on radiation safety, to ensure protection of workers, public and the environment from potentially harmful effects of ionizing radiation. AEA Head office located in Urugodawatta will be affected severely, loosing around 50% of its land. The representatives of AEA wished to shift the premises to alternative site, even away from congested city limits, like Battaramulla or Malabe.

- **State Timber Corporation**

The impact on State Timber Corporation Depot located in Orugodawatta is limited to access road. However, State Timber Corporation premises is in the verge of changing its location as its area is needed by UDA for a construction project. Representatives of State Timber Corporation suggested discussing this matter with UDA too. RDA agreed with this accordingly as only the access to the premises is affected in lie of this project.

- **State Development and Construction Corporation(SD&CC)**

The affected land is limited to a staff quarters. SD&CC wished to have an alternative land for this lost in Colombo or suburb area.

- **Sri Badra Kali Amman Kovil**

As shown by maps and drawings, around 95% of the premises will be affected for this project inclusive of working space. [REDACTED], the incumbent priest of the Kovil stated that he has no objection of taking up the rest of the kovil for this project as long as the shrine stone in the center could be saved. This may need detail ground surveys to exactly know the position, Rev Sarma requested to rebuild a Kovil in nearby premises where alternative accommodation is provided for the people who need relocation elsewhere. Further, [REDACTED] requested to have a meeting with Kovil devotees too to share information in this regard. CE/Colombo will arrange this meeting with [REDACTED], the chief priest of the Kovil.

- **Buddhist temple**

The impact on the temple is not severe. It is limited to a smaller area and the boundary wall including the gate. In case of buildings, it will affect only the building under construction now. The chief incumbent, [REDACTED], the chief incumbent agreed with the situation and expects reasonable compensation to make necessary adjustments.

Minutes of the meeting held for awareness creation and Focus Group Discussion on the Traffic Improvement Project around new new Kelani Bridge

Theme	Awareness program and Focus Group Discussion for Traffic Improvement project Around New Kelani Bridge
Venue	Community Hall at Wadullawatta (Grama Niladari Office) of Kolonnawa DS division
Date and Time	25 th April 2013 at 10.00 AM

Attendances:

Road Development Authority

Mr. Sajith Colombage, Environmental and Social Division of RDA

Government Administration Service

Mr. R T Wijenayake, Grama Niladari, Wadullawatta

JICA Survey Team, Consortium of Oriental Consultants Co. Ltd and Katahira and Engineers International ;

Dr. M. Tatsumi, Team Leader

Mr. S. Sai, Resettlement specialist

Mr. E. Yonezawa, Road Engineer

Mr. N. Kitazawa, Representative of Colombo Office

Local Survey Team, Consulting Engineers and Architects Associated (Pvt) Ltd.;

Mr. D P Adikari, Team Leader

Mr. C A Abesuriya, Resettlement Consultant

Mrs. S K K Ranasinghe, Coordinator

Mr. L S P B Bernard, Supervisor

Mr. A S Gunaratne, Supervisor

Mr. R P. Lokuratna, Managing Director, CEA

Around 120 members from the affected community attended the meeting including religious leaders and 10 office bearers of various community organization based in this GN Division. The Attendance sheets which were signed by the community participants is attached as Annexe 1.

1) General

As per the agenda of the meeting, business commenced with religious observances; Venerable Seenipelle Ariyadamma Thero administered five precepts for Buddhists while persons of other religions made their observances individually.

An informal self-introduction session was conducted so that the JICA Team Members, Local Survey Team and the members of the community could come to know each other prior to commencement of discussion sessions.

2) Session with key speeches

Mr. R.T.Wijenayake, GN/ Wadullawatta welcomed all participants to the meeting. Further he briefed objectives of the meeting as creating an opportunity for affected persons to meet RDA officers and the study team engaged in the census on land acquisition and resettlement directly, and discuss likely effects that may be caused by the project in a friendly atmosphere. The correct awareness required by affected people is very important at this juncture. They need should be able to understand what measures are taken to overcome adverse environmental and social impact caused by the project, and how best they can cooperate with project planners and implementers to achieve their expectations. GN wished that this awareness session will enhance peoples' understanding in this direction and invited the audience for active participation at the meeting.

Mr Sajith Colombage, who is supervising Census on Land Acquisition and Resettlement at field level, representing RDA, briefed about RDA's past experience in resettlement planning, and its considerations for mitigating adverse environmental and social impact in road development projects. Environmental and Social Division (ESD) is the functional division of the Road Development Authority responsible for compliance of projects with environmental and social safeguard requirements. As observed by Mr Colombage, the collaboration extended by the affected people of the area and the field staff of DS office/Kolonnawa is very encouraging. He expected the continuation of the exercise with the same spirit. He requested participants' views, observations and comments either as representing their organizations or as individuals and pointed out that this information will be very valuable to the resettlement planning process.

Dr. Tatsumi, Head of Project Team briefed about the Project explaining how it came to the present stage. As Mr. Tatsumi spoke in English, his speech was translated to Sinhala by Mr. R P Lokuratna, MD, CEA. Mr. Lokuratna inquired whether all the participants understood Sinhala and they replied in the affirmative.

Dr. Tatsumi explained that the Colombo Katunayake Expressway will be completed by August 2013 and this result in the current Kelani Bridge not being able to cope with the increased traffic. The traffic from the Colombo Harbour also contributes to the congestion at the Kelanitissa intersection and the Orugodawatta intersection.

To relieve the expected traffic congestion around this area, Government of Sri Lanka has requested the support of Government of Japan to extend their corporation. The Government of Japan has released funds for a Feasibility study including the assessment of environmental effects and social and resettlement impacts of the project with a view to funding the construction in future. The proposed second bridge goes paralleled to the present bridge and will be upstream and at a higher elevation. It will be a cable stayed bridge and will not have supporting piers in the river area and hence, bridge will create minimal impact to the waterway. The adverse impacts, especially related to resettlement will be due to the access road network for the proposed bridge.

The main bridge over the river and up to Kelanitissa intersection will have six lanes, while port (Ingurukade Junction) and Oriugodawatta access roads will each have 4 lanes. The road system will consist of viaducts with ramps at the intersections. The elevated road system will be designed so that it can be connected to a future city wide elevated road system. However the current project is only concerned with the bridge over the river and accesses to the port and Orugodawatta junction

Mr. D.P. Adikari, resettlement Consultant of CEAA, drew attention to the ongoing Census on Land Acquisition and Resettlement. The Government Policy regarding resettlement is to protect people from adverse impact caused by development projects, and ensures that no one fall below their previous socioeconomic situations as a result of new project. For preparation of resettlement plans to protect people from adverse impact, it is necessary to assess their present socioeconomic situation going through each and every person, and this is done through the present census carried out in the area. Mr. Adikari urged all participants to cooperate with the study team giving correct information and also their views, ideas and suggestions. This assessment is the information base for developing Resettlement Action Plans. The people living in the area should support preventing of new comers to the areas for sake of receiving resettlement benefits. As can be foreseen, new comers will only result in reducing level of relief the people already living in the area will receive due the reason that the funds available for resettlement benefits are limited.

Mr. C. A. Abeysuriya, Land Acquisition and Resettlement Consultant, explained land acquisition procedures of the Land Acquisition Act. According to the act, only title holders are entitled to receive compensation following ownership inquiries and valuation process. According to Land Acquisition Act encroachers and unlawful occupants of government land are not eligible to receive government compensation. They have to be dealt in a different manner, outside to the Land Acquisition Act. This area comes under the responsibility of project implementing agency. The past experience shows that RDA has taken adequate steps through special aid packages to cover these circumstances. He expected similar arrangement for this project too.

3) Open discussion – question, answers and discussion

Name of the person raising the question	Question /issue	Team response
<div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> A resident of the area	<p>I see road congestion is due to the location of four container yards operating with Colombo port and also act as bonded warehouses for customs purposes in Orugodawatta. The large number of container trucks plying between the Colombo port and the Orugodawatte junction is the main culprit causing traffic congestion in the area.</p> <p>This problem can be easily solved by relocating these container yards to the large empty space in Bluemendal area earlier used as a rubbish tip.</p> <p>Mr. Priyankara also requested that the</p>	<p>Consultant will include his suggestions in the report so that further investigations can be made by relevant authorities.</p> <p>People who lose access roads or other infrastructure as a result of the implementation will be provided with alternative facilities.</p>

	facilities, such as access roads, for residents who live outside the affected area should also be improved	
President of the Tax payers' association	There are people who pay taxes but do not live here. They also should be benefited.	GN explained that the survey is to take a census of people living and carrying out lively hoods in the affected area. The purpose is to identify those affected by the project.
Chairman, New Kelanipura Community development Society	I wish to know, when physical resettlements are done, do we get permanent settlement in a single step or temporary settlements first, till permanent settlement are made later	This depends on many factors such as availability of new lands, , need for urgent evacuation, availability of funds and construction requirements etc. Project Planners prefer to support permanent resettlement, if physical resettlement is needed, if other conditions permit to do so. It is too early to give a definite answer.
Chairman, Mosque, New Kelanipura	Stated that they support development. When needed, we have no objection to demolishing our houses as long as we are provided with better facilities	The aim of the Resettlement Plan is to provide new and better facilities
A resident	I have a cleaning service. I need a place, especially an office in addition to an alternative house.	The Questionnaire has specific questions related to self employment and small businesses. If correct answers are give these issues can be considered when preparing the Resettlement Plans.
A resident	Myself and a number of people make incense sticks as a cottage industry. We need space for drying this product. If we are shifted to a flat there will be no space to carry out our livelihood	Pl. inform your requirements when the enumerators visit you and you answer the questionnaire. Suitable provisions can be made in the Resettlement Plan.
Chairperson Samurdhi beneficiary group, Wadullawa watta	Same as above	See above

<p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>The project is commendable and warrants every ones' support. Today's meeting is successful and all present got a good idea of the project and had opportunity to state their views.</p> <p>Rev. Thero also wanted to know as the elevated road will be constructed on piers, whether the piers can be located in a way to avoid demolition of any features of the temple.</p>	<p>This can be considered in the detailed design stage and precautions taken to minimize effects on the temple structures when possible.</p>
<p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>Will the buildings close to the site be affected by construction work, especially pile driving.</p>	<p>Whether there will be any effects on closeby structures due to construction activities will depend on a number of factors. The Contractors will be taking insurance. There will be procedures in place to ensure any damages to building close to the site are identified properly compensated.</p>
<p>A resident</p>	<p>We have a small shop in my premises. How can I continue my livelihood.</p>	<p>This will be taken in to notice in the ongoing Census and Resettlement Plan will include income restoration provisions.</p>

Mrs. Kamala Ranasinghe, thanked all participants for joining the meeting leaving their day to day business and house chores aside in this public holiday. This cooperation is highly appreciated by the study team. Her special thanks went to Rev Seenipelle Ariyadamma thero and other religious dignitaries for their presence which is considered as a great encouragement for the resettlement planning process. Mrs. Ranasinghe appreciated the cooperation extended by Mr. R.T.Wijenayaka, GN/Wadullawatta and staff of all government agencies and RDA to make the event successful. She wished continuation of this cooperation in future endeavors too.

Refreshments including pastries and and a cool drink of milk were served to all participants. The session ended at 1.00 PM and created a friendly environment for future work.

Prepared by;

D P Adikari, Team Leader

**PREPARATORY SURVEY ON TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AROUND NEW
KELANI BRIDGE**

(Focus Group Meeting)

For APs of Wadullawatte GN Division (SO9D)

Venue : Community Hall at wadullawaththa G.N. Division
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Date : 25. 04. 2013
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Time : 10.30 a.m. + 12.00 P.m
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Attendance පැමිණීම

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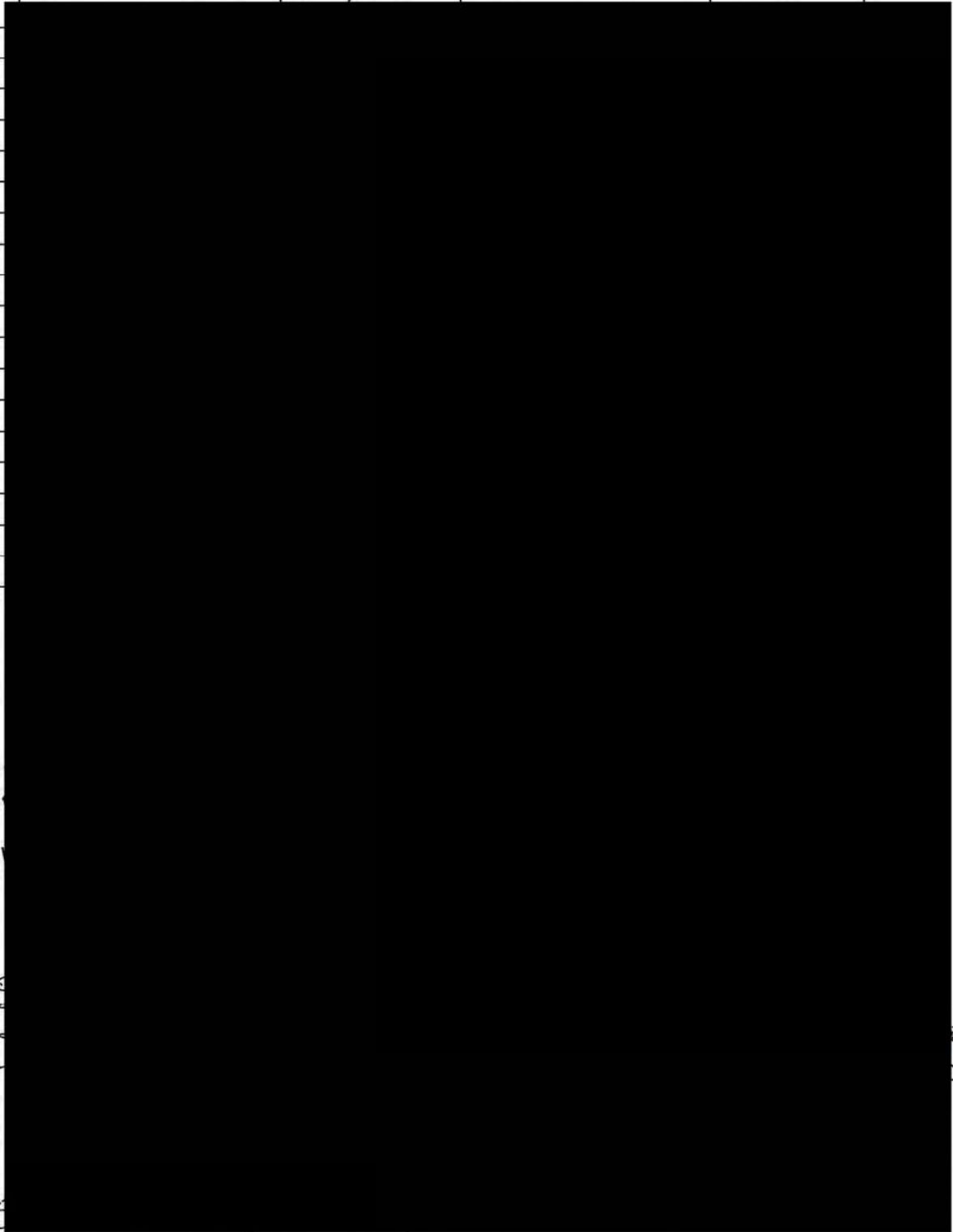
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**PREPARATORY SURVEY ON TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AROUND NEW
KELANI BRIDGE**

(Focus Group Meeting)

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2nd New Kelani Bridge feasibility studies

Minutes of the meeting held at Kalibadra Amman Hindu Kovil, Nawagampura, Colombo with Kovil devotees on adverse impact caused by 2nd New Kelani Bridge Project

Date and time	26 th May 2013 at 10.00 AM
Venue	Kalibadra Amman Hindu Kovil, Nawagampura, Colombo
Participants	Mr.S.H.U.de Silva, Director, Environmental and Social Division, Road Development Authority (RDA) Mr.D.Ganesan, Director, Highway Design, RDA Mrs. D.A.S.Jayasekera, Chief Engineer, Colombo, RDA Mr.S.M.S.K. Samarakoon Saman Kumara, Engineer, CE Office, RDA, Colombo Mr.S.Sai, Environmentalist, JICA Mr. G. Hisapa, Construction Planner, JICA Mr. Saranga Gajasinghe, Environmental Consultant (Consultant Engineers & Architects Associated (Pvt) Ltd (CEAA) Mr. D.P. Adikari, Resettlement Consultant (Consultant Engineers & Architects Associated (Pvt) Ltd (CEAA) and Kovil devotees (attendance list of kovil devotees is attached)

██████████, the chief priest of the Kovil welcomed all participants and conducted religious observations. He was assisted by two male students by chanting religious verses. Chief priest said that he requested this meeting to make an opportunity for devotees to present their views to project officers directly, instead of his representation of their views to project planners. He thanked all concerned officers for giving an opportunity to share their concerns and urged devotees to present their views and ideas, actively participating for the discussion.

Mrs. S. Jayasekera, Chief Engineer, Colombo of RDA welcomed all participants and thanked Chief Priest for his mediation to organize a meeting with Kovil devotees to discuss likely impact that may occur to Kovil by the proposed land acquisition related to the 2nd New Kelani Bridge project. She emphasized the importance of the meeting, as it helps to formulate necessary resettlement plans to mitigate negative impact of the project, taking views and ideas of all interested parties.

Mr. D. Ganesan, Director/Designs, RDA thanked all participants attended for the meeting and the organizers, and urged to participate in the meeting constructively to achieve the objectives of the meeting.

Mr. H.U.C. de Silva, Director, Environment and Social Division of Road Development Authority made a computer presentation about the project, highlighting likely impact caused by the project to the people and properties in the project area. The Kovil is one of the affected properties. Government doesn't like to make people to suffer from the project impact, therefore take all possible measures to avoid such circumstances, in the first instance. Under unavoidable circumstances, if adverse impact can't be avoided, government takes actions to minimize them by providing adequate resettlement assistance. In case of the Kovil, if construction plan can't avoid the Kovil, we need to consider possible alternative solutions to mitigate

adverse effects jointly through our consultation. This meeting is an attempt to reach consensus on the issues encountered by all of us.

Mr. Silva made his presentation in English and Sinhala. Majority of the audience understood Mr. Silva's presentation proceeded in a discussion style, maintaining interactions with the audience. Mr. D. Ganesan, Director, Highway Designs of RDA assisted the audience by translating Mr. Silva's presentation to Tamil when necessary, and supporting the discussion with necessary clarifications. Mr. Ganesan performed a role of a good facilitator at the meeting, using the advantage of being a Tamil by ethnicity and Hindu by religion. This matched the aspiration of Hindu devotees.

As highlighted by Mr. Silva, the Government is trying to solve the present traffic congestion in the project area with the financial support of the Government of Japan, yet the project is in the feasibility study phase evaluating environmental and social problems arising from the project. As stated by him, officers participate in this meeting with open minds, without pre-determined solutions or remedies. Therefore, this is a good opportunity for devotees to make their views, grievances and suggestions.

██████████, a Kovil devotee, said how a religious institution can be moved. It has to be with its devotees living around. In case of government institutions; they can move to a new place at any time, and commence their work newly. But, in case of religious place, it can't move without its devotees. As revealed in the discussion, after taking affected areas, the remaining space in the Kovil is not sufficient for kovil functions. According to the initial design a floor area about 190 sq. meters needs to be acquired from the total of 320 sq. meters from the building. The remaining area may not be sufficient for devotees to go around the shrine.

Mr. Sinna Alagan, MC Member, Kolonnawa Municipality, Mr. Moorthy, a member of Kovil management, Mr. Jeganathan Kugadasan and Mr. Thangavelu Ranganathan expressed their views, mainly emphasizing the need to remain the kovil in the present premises. At this point an idea was emerged to study the possibility of moving the kovil towards the NHDA dwelling area in the adjacent, removing a line of houses belonged to the National Housing Development Authority (NHDA). In this case, occupants of the dwellings have to be provided with new houses. If this proposal is considered, this has to be studied by preparing necessary plans and discussions with NHDA and present occupants of NHDA dwellings.

The proposal made to shift the center line more towards the power plant to avoid damages to the Kovil was found unrealistic. It is not possible only to shift the center line near the Kovil. Such design will make an unnecessary curve at this point. If such option is to be considered such shift should be from Kelanitissa junction up to Ingurukade junction. This will cause more damages.

Chief priest said that all steps have to be taken to prevent the temple. The temple is performing its religious functions for last 22 years. If a religious place is destroyed without proper replacement arrangements, it creates a bad impression, and damages to the country's good name.

As per a proposal came from a participant, instead of trying to extend kovil land to nearby houses where people live, possibilities have to be studied to move the kovil to a nearby vacant land belonged to UDA. Kovil priest can advise on the suitability of the land if he knows the place. The land near Sena Mill also a possible alternative location if kovil has to be moved finally, irrespective to the efforts made to keep it in the same place. The most important thing here is the completion of the new kovil, before the removal of

present kovil. The most religious shrines and symbols can't be put in transition places until a new kovil is constructed. When they are removed, there should be a place to install them permanently. There can't be a gap between the two. The selection of a new place should have to be done very carefully. It should not have any risk involving feature threat of removals due to any other development project or some other reason in the future.

Responding to a point raised by the audience, it was mentioned that government will pay the cost to rebuild it in the new location.

Following key decisions were taken as relocation options;

1. If only a portion of Kovil is acquired, the government should provide all budgetary requirements to rebuild the remaining portion to the satisfaction of all devotees. This option is agreed only if there is space to go around the Kovil.
2. If the Kovil is relocated, it should be relocated at a place in the near vicinity and the government should provide all budgetary requirements to build a new kovil having at least the present facilities.

The chief priest explained to RDA and JICA representatives that they do not object for the development but to reconsider all available options to avoid damage to the Kovil.

Mrs. Sathyanandan, responding to a question raised by an officer, said that they are confident that government will not damage the kovil without a proper solution. They don't object to the Bridge Project. Mrs. S.Indradevi also supported this view. For Mrs. Udayakumari, Kovil is like her mother, and mother shouldn't be damaged. Mrs. Radakrishnan, told that she came to this area around 1991 and temple was developed little by little from those days with contribution of devotees living nearby. "This is the soul of the people", Mrs. K. Murugaiah added her views, saying that she has a big faith for the temple, and it will not allow anything bad to occur. They all wished to have a better solution agreeable to all.

Mrs. Jayasekera, Chief Engineer thanked all participants and devotees for their presence and views expressed for mitigating ill effects that may occur to kovil premises. She appreciated devotees' interest shown to work together for an acceptable solution. Mrs. Jayasekera thanked all government officers and partner agency officers by naming them for their presence and corporation extended to her to make the event a success. As stated by her " we didn't come here with predetermined plans to restore damages that may occur to the kovil. We need devotees and kovil custodians' views and ideas for planning; this planning needs to be a collaborative effort with highest participation of all affected persons. Now we have some ideas from APs. This consultation is not going to be ended by this event. We will have a continuous dialogue with you all on this issue until we reach an acceptable solution".

Mrs. Jayasekera thanked all participants again and ended the meeting.

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List of Attendance of Kovil Devotee
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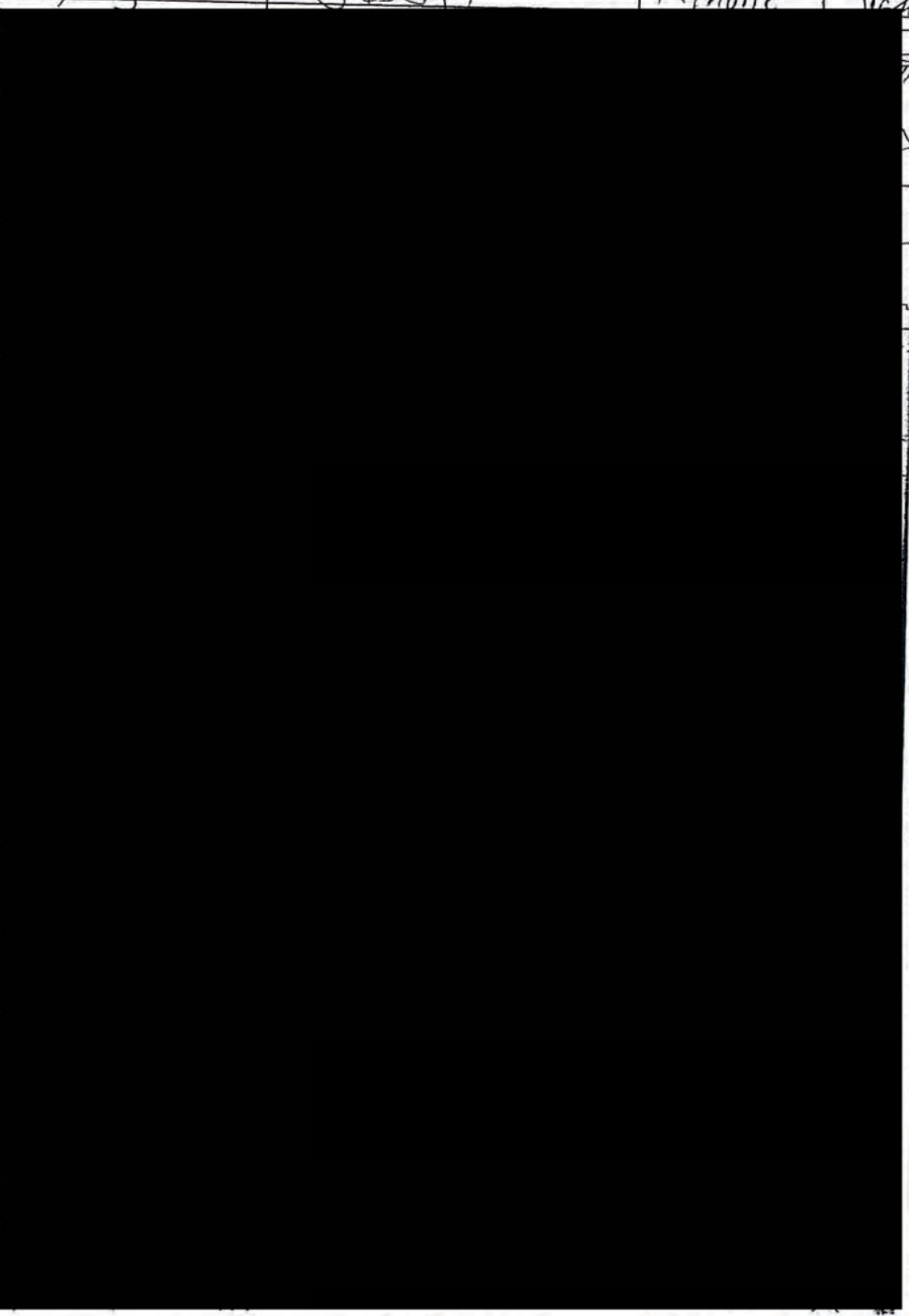
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Agenda for the Focus Group Meeting

- Theme** : Familiarization and sensitization on adverse impact causing social and economical disturbances and inconveniences to women in Wadullawatta Grama Niladari Division by "Traffic Improvement Project Around New Kelani Bridge "and discuss corporate solutions
- Venue** : Community Hall at Wadullawatta
- Date** : 11/06/2013
- Time** : 10.00 AM – 12.30 PM
- Participants** : Grama Niladari, Members of women headed families , women who engage in self employment activities , mothers , house wives, aged women and vulnerable women

Time	Event	Description
10.00 am	Attendance	list attached
10.00- 10.05	Registration	documented
10. 05 -10.10	Religious Observances	participants observed religious adherence in silence as per own religion
10.10 - 10.15	Welcome speech	By Mr. R.T.Wijenayaka Grama Niladari (Wadullawatta)
10.15 - 10.20	Explanation of the objective of the meeting	Mrs. S.K.K.Ranasinghe – Program Coordinator/CEAA
10.20 - 10.25	Introduction of resettlement planning , mitigation of negative impact, and public participation	By Mr. D.P. Adikari – RP Consultant/CEAA
10.25 - 10 .35	Project impact on women and need for women participation in mitigation adverse impact caused by development projects	By Mr. Mr. Saranga Gajasingha Environmental Specialist/CEAA
10.35- 12.10	Open Discussion - Problems /Proposals Views & comments of participants	Participants
12.10- 12.15	Vote of thanks / Conclusion	Mr. W.L.S.B.Perera -Supervisor
12.15 - 12.30	Refreshments	By CEAA

The Minutes of the Focus Group Meeting for women at Wadullawatta held on 11/06/2013

Attended (Officials)

1. Mr. D.P Adikari	RP Consultant
2. Mr. Saranga Gajasingha	Environmental Specialist
3. Mrs.S.K.K. Ranasinghe	Project Coordinator
4.Mr. Bernard Perera	Supervisor
5. Mr.R.T.Wijenayaka	Grama Niladari (Wadullawatta)

The Agenda of the day & the List of Participants are annexed.

The meeting was started around 10.05 am.

Mr. R.T.Wijenayaka, GN of wadullawatta welcomed all participants. He stated that RDA is making great care to mitigate adverse impact of the project and is in the process of developing a resettlement plan with the participation of all stakeholders, including the affected persons of the area. He requested support of all participants through active participation and communication their views and ideas freely as inputs for resettlement planning.

Mrs. S.K.K Ranasinghe, program coordinator of CEAA briefed the audience on objective of the meeting. As stated by her, women is a specific group necessary to participate in the exercise of making a resettlement plan to overcome adverse impact of the land acquisition caused by the project. As experiences show, most of the hardships and inconveniences caused by the project will fall on women and add to the already overload work of them as housewives, mothers of children and family caregivers. Women are the persons living in the disturbed environment for the most part of the day as male population leave away from the environment, at least in the day time. This makes women are more knowledgeable about the area, and become worthwhile resources persons to express their views, judgments and opinions for mitigation plans. RDA wishes to use these resources to have a better plan for APs in the area.

Mr. D.P.Adikari, Resettlement consultant briefed about the resettlement policy and procedures adopted in the country in line with international standards and RDA's efforts taken to prepare a reasonable and acceptable plan to mitigate all ill effects caused by the project for the people living in the area. According to him, this plan is prepared with the participation of all stakeholders, especially the affected persons, including all segments of them. For resettlement planning, women are very important as they have good knowledge about the area and the need of people, and importantly they care for others and have more humanitarian values.

Mr. Saranga Gajasinghe, Environment Consultant of CEAA briefed about environmental issues causing hardships and inconveniences and ways and means of handling them to avoid their harsh impact. In this discussion, we shouldn't limit to the exiting situation only. As stated by him, we have to acquire necessary knowledge and skills to take challenges of the negative impact. If we are losing our present income source, we should change to a new source and acquire knowledge to engage with new situations. Resettlement offers many new opportunities; if we understand them and prepare, we will have a better life. Women are a better group to understand changing situations and adjust to such circumstances. This meeting may add many innovative inputs for resettlement planning.

Responses of women

Name	Response/issue
[REDACTED]	Engage in a retail business. She has a three wheeler. If resettlement is made elsewhere with housing flats, she wants a ground floor house to keep her business going continuously. Upper floors are not suitable for her business
[REDACTED]	Engaged in a retail business, & requested a place on ground floor
[REDACTED]	
[REDACTED]	Mrs. Chandrika sells vegetables to the families in Wadullawatta area ,using the space in front of her house. Also she wants to continue the same, so she wants a suitable place for her business.
[REDACTED]	She conducts English tuition Classes . She has around 25 students . Class is still not registered. She wants to improve her knowledge also. She wants to continue her class after the resettlement.
[REDACTED]	According to her knowledge the three wheel park at Wadullawatta may be affected & her husband has already registered as a Three Wheel driver at this Three Wheel Stand. If three wheel Stand is removed, they have to face many difficulties , including risk of losing income.
[REDACTED]	A resident. Schools and the hospital ares very close to their current resident places. Travelling expenses may increase if resettlement is going to be away. This increases travelling cost. . Hope to get very close place after the resettlement
[REDACTED]	Same as above
[REDACTED]	She sells fruits .Request is same as Leelawathie and Chandrika

	She makes paper bags. Request is same as Leelawathie & Chandrika
	She has lost her husband. Sells Beetle with borrowing money daily. She wishes financial assistance to continue her business after the resettlement, or she wants to facilities & knowledge to start new business.
	She Prepares flowers for the Hindu devotees. Her market place (Hindu Kovil) is near by her house. She wishes to get a place with water & Electricity facilities and it should be in walking distance because she can't afford travelling expenses
	She manufactures incense sticks. Especially she wish to get a place with space to make dry yard necessary for making incense sticks in the manufacturing process
	She has two three wheelers. She hopes to have parking space in new settlements
	She prepares and sells Incense powder(<i>Sambrani</i>)
	She cooks string hoppers for the neighbors. After the resettlement she may lose her business . She wants facilities to continue the employment
	Health clinics for mothers & children are very close to current resident places. She requested to arrange these facilities within the area of resettlement schemes
	It is very difficult to transfer children from a school to another school. Surrounding school should be ready to register their children without unnecessary cumbersome procedures
	She used to go to the clinic at Sedawatta because she is suffering from Diabetes .She requested a place close to the clinic facilities
	She is a widow. Has school going children. She wish to get a settlement close to these schools. (Maradana/ Dematagoda) . The traveling expenses are on the increase. She can't spend more money for travelling.
	They are not agreed to move to a transitional site. They wish to have a permanent place at once. So they want to know is the resettlement plan activate before the construction work commences

After the views and ideas of the affected persons Mr. Adikari , Mr.Saranga Gajasingha replied them. Further they said that. The government takes actions to minimize them by providing adequate resettlement assistance. government need to consider possible alternative solutions to mitigate adverse effects jointly through the consultation. This meeting is an attempt to reach consensus on the issues encountered by all of us.

Mrs. Ranasinghe thanked all participants attended for the meeting constructively to achieve the objectives of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned around 12.30 pm with refreshments.

Focus Group Meeting for Women at Wadullawatta.

Date : 11/06/2013

Place : Community Hall at Wadullawatta

Time : 10.00a.m -01.00 p.m

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Compensation for the affected persons

All affected persons will be compensated based on Land acquisition act, its regulations and policies of the government in this regard.

For any assistance or clarification please contact:

For further information on the proposed development project you could contact Director, Deputy Directors or Resettlement Officer of Environmental and Social Development Division of RDA and the Chief Engineer, Colombo Region of the RDA

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PREPARATORY SURVEY ON TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AROUND NEW KELANI BRIDGE

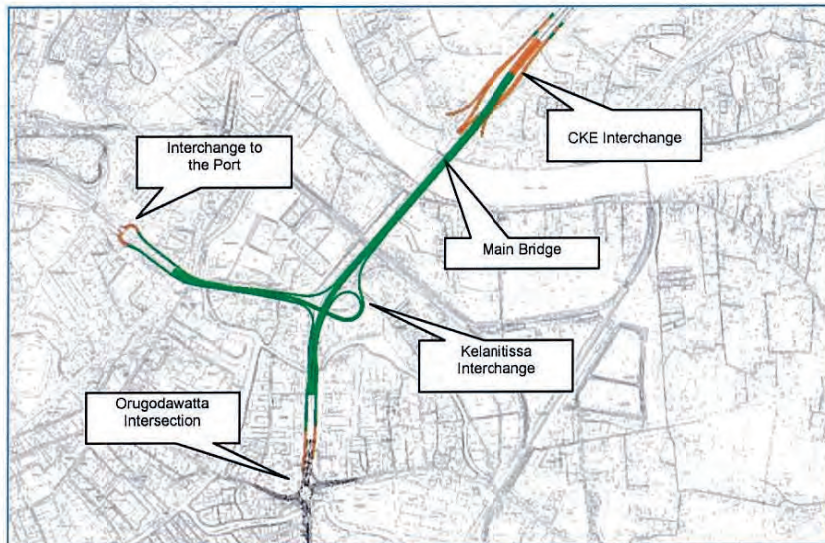


The 2nd New Kelani Bridge is proposed to be built as an elevated bridge to the existing New Kelani bridge. This bridge will cross the Kelani River upstream of the present bridge, and connect the Colombo – Katunayake Expressway (E02), Colombo – Kandy road (A001), Peliyagoda – Puttalam road (A003), Baseline road and Colombo Port Access road.

Present situation

The existing 'New Kelani bridge' is located at the cross roads of Colombo – Kandy (A001) road, Peliyagoda – Puttalam (A003) road, Colombo – Katunayake Expressway (E02) and the Baseline Road. This bridge is one of main North South links across the Kelani River.

- Currently there is severe traffic congestion at Peliyagoda and Ingurukade Junctions at peak periods of the day.
- Colombo – Katunayaka Expressway Project and Colombo Port Expansion Project are major development projects around the existing New Kelani bridge. After completion of these projects, traffic will significantly increase and New Kelani bridge will become a bottleneck for traffic.
- Therefore, a new bridge is urgently needed to relieve traffic loading on the existing bridge ensuring reliability and the safety of road users. Road Development Authority (RDA) has proposed to build a 'Second New Kelani Bridge' as an elevated bridge to the existing New Kelani Bridge upstream of the river. This bridge will reduce the traffic congestion at the city entrance providing a fast and reliable access while extending the lifespan of the existing New Kelani Bridge as well.



Objectives of the project

Broad Objective of the project is to provide efficient and safe connectivity between Colombo Katunayake Expressway (CKE), Colombo Kandy Road, Peliyagoda Puttalam road, Colombo port and Baseline road while preserving the nature and to assist the needs of the growing economy.

Specific Objectives:

- To construct a new bridge of six lanes on the upstream of the existing Kelani bridge, elevated viaducts and interchanges to connect CKE, Colombo Port and Baseline road.
- To avoid extra loading on the existing new Kelani bridge and increase the durability of the bridge.
- To increase the transportation efficiency within Colombo city.

Key features of the project

Description	Details
Starting point	Peliyagoda Palama Junction (Starting point of the Colombo – Katunayake Expressway)
End points	Orugodawatta Junction and Ingurukade Junction
Total length of bridge	Approximate length of the main bridge is 415 m.
Number of lanes	The number of lanes of the main line from CKE to Kelanithissa interchange is 6 lanes, from Kelanithissa interchange to Orugodawatta interchange is 4 lanes and Port access road (Ingurukade Junction) is 4 lanes.
Affected Divisional Secretariat Divisions (D S Divisions)	Colombo D S Division, Kollonnawa D S Division and Kelaniya D S Division.

Mitigation of adverse environmental and social impacts

Project related land acquisition may cause adverse environmental and social impacts, and it is necessary to address them with adequate mitigation measures mainly in line with Land Acquisition Act, National Involuntary Resettlement Policy and National Environment Act. The aim of this approach is to assure that affected people of the project will be protected from ill effects of this development.

Identifying the affected persons (APs)

- Socio Economic Survey and an Inventory of Loss (IOL) Survey will be conducted to identify the socio-economic profiles of APs including whether they hold titles to the lands they occupy.
- A Resettlement Plan will be prepared based on above information.