

ABSTRACT

Road should be viewed as an important national assets. Like any other assets, road must be regularly maintained to keep them serviceable. The study conducted on the Homa Bay County, whereby there were agencies involved to specifically to manage and maintain the road assets. The aim of this study is to study road maintenance system in Homa Bay County; identify the common problems in road maintenance and financial trends already in place. This was informed by the government agencies involved in maintenance including; Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA), Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA), Kenya Urban Roads Authority(KURA), Homa Bay County Government as well as their maintenance work programs. The study is carried out through discussions, obtaining relevant information and sample roads were taken. The discussions were conducted with the personnel involving in road maintenance management. Information obtained included maintenance funding budget for previous years was obtained from the Kenya Roads Board, disbursement criteria of the funds to be given to various road agencies, proposed maintenance budget and the approved maintenance budget and the unit costing. Sample roads were selected for better analysis of the information obtained from the agencies. One road per agency was selected. Site visit was conducted to ascertain the works done.

Proposed maintenance budget and the approved maintenance budget were compared and there was disparities observed. From the unit costing, it was observed that the resources available were not enough. Discussions were also conducted with the Engineer. These discussions helped to clarify any information obtained. Site visit was conducted to ascertain the works done and some challenges faced on site were identified.

On the basis of the findings in this study, the recommendations were made to improve the road maintenance in Homa Bay County.