

NEED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF INTERNAL ROAD NETWORK WITHIN COMMAND SCIENCE SCHOOL EFA & EXTENSION OF SPUR TO EFA-MKPAT ENIN ROAD

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Mr. Speaker, Distinguished Colleagues...

This Motion is brought pursuant to Order III, Rule I of the Standing Orders of the Akwa Ibom State House of Assembly (7th edition).

First of all, my immediate constituency of Southern Iman Ward INEC Ward 4 in Etinan State Constituency, heartily appreciate His Excellency, Governor Umo Bassey Eno (PHD), for the rapidly progressive road construction between Efa junction and Mkpata Enin. At some point along this road, is a spur that leads all the way to Command Science Secondary School, also in Efa and off the Etinan-Onna major highway.

The Command Science Secondary School has gained international recognition and accolades by West African Examination Council (WAEC) and different awards in various categories. The school's achievement is in line with the Akwa Ibom State Ministry of Education's philosophy of achieving Academic excellence in our dear State. Also, in line with the A.R.I.S.E. Agenda of His Excellency Pastor Umo Eno (PhD), the Executive Governor of Akwa Ibom State. The basis of my submission is the recent recognition and accolades the school has attracted to the state necessitating my plea for an upliftment of its' current internal road networks standard.

From an environmental perspective, the school experiences poor drainage and various degrees of flooding, depending on the intensity of the rains- especially in the hostel areas, dining hall and the road leading to the administrative block and classroom. During the rainy season, damages to infrastructures in the school are prevalent, leading to the following challenges:

1. Erosion has eaten deeply into the access road running from the main entrance gate to the administrative block area and also affected some of the buildings. Management has been filling this access road and buildings regularly with laterite and stones.
2. The roads are muddy and slippery during rainy season. Due to the muddiness of the main entrance; Cars get stuck most times and also it affects student, staff and visitors ease of free movement within the school premises. Sometimes the mud hinders easy walk way for morning physical trainings, evening games and other routine activities.
3. Students' shoes are always muddy during the rainy season. In the dry season, however, everywhere is dusty, affecting the nasals of many children, with a possibility to lead to severe health challenges

Mr. Speaker, Leadership, Ranking Members & my Distinguished Colleagues...you will agree with me that the word-DIRE NEED, provides fair enough reference per what has been presented before you so far.

This will really boost the morale of the staff and students and as well, complement His Excellency Pastor Umo Eno (PhD), the Executive Governor of Akwa Ibom State's efforts in making Command Science Secondary School Efa-Etinan a model school. Confidently, the leadership of His Excellency will continue to prioritize education and road infrastructure, and optimistically His Excellency's kind gestures will be extended to meeting these challenges.

This House...

AGREES that basis the literature above, these academic institution and locales are in dire need of help.

ACKNOWLEDGES that delayed inaction by the Akwa Ibom State Government will reduce the opportunities of the people of the affected locations where these roads connects and the academic institution from measuring up with others in the very near future.

AWARE that the need and appeal for this road construction is timely as it will rekindle hope and bring back that sense of inclusion for the people.

WORRIED that these communities and academic institution have not had the tarred access road and can hinder more activities and I deem it fit to say that they are also unable to access certain services with the absent of these internal road.

CONCERNED that activities within the school and communities have been seriously affected

NOTES it could get to a point that there will be no activity carried out in the affected institution and to some extent in the communities in the near future.

RECOGNIZES that it is our duty and responsibility to speak for the interest of our constituents, noting that the executive arm of our state government gives tangible expression to our laws and resolutions through assiduous implementation of policies and programmes in a holistic manner for the benefit of our citizens.

LET THIS APPEAL BE MOVED AND HEREBY ACCORDINGLY RESOLVED BY THIS HONOURABLE HOUSE THAT A PASSIONATE APPEAL IS MADE TO HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR UMO BASSEY ENO, to:

1. Approve(s) for internal road construction within Command Science Secondary School, Efa
2. Approve(s) for a spur (through Lagos Street), to connect the Command School to the Efa-Mkpat Enin Road

My distinguished colleagues & MOST RESPECTFULLY MR. SPEAKER, I BEG TO MOVE.

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