



**Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago**  
Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government

**Priority: For Immediate Release**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**Minister conducts site visits to completed works in St. Madeleine and Mon Repos**

*August 12, 2019. Kent House, Maraval* – Senator the Honourable Haji Kazim Hosein conducted site visits to Clark Street, Ste. Madeleine and Mon Repos, San Fernando, last week (Friday August 9, 2019). Chairman, Mrs. Patricia Alexis, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and technical team at the Rural Development Company (RDC) along with officials of the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government were also present on these visits.

The Minister assessed approximately sixty-nine metres (69m) of road paving works with a culvert crossing; a project completed by the Rural Development Company. For decades, this area experienced recurrent flooding. Moreover, the lone access road had not been resurfaced in forty-three (43) years according to the residents who eagerly came out to thank the Minister for all his efforts on their behalf.



Minister of Rural Development and Local Government, Senator Kazim Hosein and Chairman of the Rural Development Company (RDC), Ms. Patricia Alexis, speak with residents of Clark Street.

**Corporate Communications Unit**

Kent House, Long Circular Road, Maraval, Trinidad and Tobago  
Tel: (868) 628 – 5187; 628-1450 ext. 3353/3354 Fax: (868) 628 – 0432  
Like and Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RDLGTT>



**Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago**  
Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government

Member of Parliament for the area, Randall Mitchell, submitted the road works project to RDC for consideration while drainage works were previously completed by the San Fernando City Corporation in fiscal 2017/2018.

Minister Hosein commended the Executive and Staff of RDC for their hard work and dedication to community development as this particular project was completed in less than two weeks and under budget.



Road rehabilitation works at Clark Street, Ste. Madeleine recently completed by the Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago.

**Corporate Communications Unit**

Kent House, Long Circular Road, Maraval, Trinidad and Tobago  
Tel: (868) 628 – 5187; 628-1450 ext. 3353/3354 Fax: (868) 628 – 0432  
Like and Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RDLGTT>



**Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago**  
**Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government**

While addressing residents, Minister Hosein stated, “I am proud to highlight the developmental works being conducted by the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government along with the Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago.

These projects were ear-marked as a priority and they were lobbied for by both the Councillor and MP for the area. This is how local government benefits the citizens of our nation. We are prioritizing projects based on your voices. Better roads mean greater access to goods and services such as schools, supermarkets and healthcare which in turn improves the overall well-being of citizens.”



**Above:** Minister Hosein and officials of the RDC observe road rehabilitation works on Clark Street.

**Left:** The construction at Clark Street St. Madeleine also included a culvert crossing.



**Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago**  
Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government

Following this visit, the team proceeded to assess the construction of a pavement along the Naparima Mayaro Road in the vicinity of the Mon Repos Apartments. Minister Hosein was very pleased with the completed project and the efficiency of the Rural Development Company as this was another example of a project that was completed within the allotted timeframe and under budget. This project was seen as essential not only to community development but especially for the women and children who use the pavement on their way to and from work, school and church daily.

As Minister Hosein reminisced on his childhood and growing up in San Fernando, he recalled walking to Naparima College and emphasized how important pavements are especially at a time when the nation's roads are so busy saying, "The safety and security of our children must be our first priority. We have to set the example; firstly, by providing these safe spaces and secondly, by teaching them road and traffic awareness tips. Many road related tragedies can be prevented if persons choose to use pavements and walkovers instead of walking along the roadway or crossing the highway for example."

Minister Hosein further emphasized that participation in decision-making is the cornerstone of development and encouraged citizens to meet with their elected representatives to lobby for projects that require attention in their community; from roads and pavements to bridges and drains, the Ministry puts people first.

-END-

Minister of Rural Development and Local Government, Senator Kazim Hosein and Chairman of the Rural Development Company (RDC), Ms. Patricia Alexis, walk along the newly constructed pavement along Naparima Mayaro Road, Mon Repos.



**Corporate Communications Unit**

Kent House, Long Circular Road, Maraval, Trinidad and Tobago  
Tel: (868) 628 – 5187; 628-1450 ext. 3353/3354 Fax: (868) 628 – 0432  
Like and Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RDLGTT>



**Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago**  
Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government



**Above and right:** Recently completed pavement construction along Naparima Mayaro Road, Mon Repos.

**Corporate Communications Unit**

Kent House, Long Circular Road, Maraval, Trinidad and Tobago  
Tel: (868) 628 – 5187; 628-1450 ext. 3353/3354 Fax: (868) 628 – 0432  
Like and Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RDLGTT>