



Republic of Namibia

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# MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT

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## **MOTIVATION STATEMENT**

### **VOTE 24: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT**

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2025/26**

**Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee, Honourable Members of the National Assembly!**

Thank you very much for granting me the floor. From the onset, I wish to congratulate the Minister of Finance, Comrade Ericah Shafudah for tabling a well crafted pro-people budget for the 2025/2026 financial year. I equally applaud the entire team that contributed towards the crafting of this very budget.

Honourable Members, the programme that will be dealt with by the Ministry during the Financial Year 2025/2026 to ensure modern and reliable Transport Infrastructure are as follows:

**1. Programme 01: Planning and Development of Transportation Infrastructure**

This programme includes the construction of feeder and access roads, upgrading of gravel roads to bitumen standard, rehabilitation of roads and the construction and maintenance of State-Owned Aerodromes.

Honourable Members, This Ministry wish to report the completions of the rehabilitations of 58km TR1/6 Windhoek -Okahandja to a dual carriage way from Brackwater up to the intersection of Okahandja - Karibib and Okahandja – Otjiwarongo road, The upgrading of MR44, MR 36 and TR2/1 Walvis Bay to Swakopmund Phase 1 Extension 12km.

Honourable Members, this Ministry continues with the construction of district and access roads, that provides accessibility to our rural communities to economic centres and social centres. This Ministry is also responsible for the construction and rehabilitation of Stated Owned Aerodromes.

*Therefore, the Ministry request for an amount of Eight Hundred and Twenty-Five million, Four Hundred and Seventy-Eight thousand Namibia dollars (N\$825,478,000) to be allocated to the Development of Transportation Infrastructure programme.*

**2. Programme 02: Provision and Upgrading of Railway Network**

**Honourable Members**, our national desired outcome is for Namibia to have a safe and reliable rail transport infrastructure. Therefore, this programme is to plan, construct, upgrade, and maintain railway infrastructure for a safe and efficient railway network that supports socio-economic development.

**Honourable Members**, 226 km for the railway line upgrading between Walvis Bay and Kranzberg was completed last year. Under this project, 78 Namibian youths satisfactorily completed theoretical and practical training in railway maintenance activities.

The Construction of the Oshakati Station Buildings, Platforms and Civil Works including the installation of the CCTV security monitoring was completed.

Over the past three years, TransNamib transported an average of 1.3 to 1.5 million tonnes of freight annually—amounting to only 12% of the total national freight volume.

*Honourable Members, this Ministry request for an amount of Nine Hundred and Ninety Million, Two Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$990,225,000) to be allocated to the provision and upgrading of railway network.*

### **3. Programme 03: Formulation of Transportation Policy and Regulation Oversight**

The programme is responsible for the regulation of Transportation Services in the Transport Sector and for the development, review and administering relevant transportation legislation.

*Honourable Members, the Ministry is requesting for an amount of Forty-five million, five hundred and seventy-eight thousand Namibia dollars (N\$45,578,000) to be allocated to the Formulation of Transportation Policy, Transport Law Enforcement, Regulation Oversight and subventions for the National Road Safety Council (NRSC), Trans Kalahari Corridor Secretariat (TKCS) and Walvis Bay Corridor Group (WBCG).*

### **4. Programme 04: Air Transport Administration**

This programme caters for (i) Aircraft Accident Investigations and (ii) Civil Aviation Air Navigation Services (NCAA) sub-programmes.

#### **4.1 Sub programme - 04:01 Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigations**

To fulfil the State's obligations towards Civil Aviation Act No 6 of 2016 and Annex 13 to the Chicago Convention, to which Namibia is a signatory, and in compliance with the Civil Aviation Act No. 6 of 2016 and Annex 13, of the Convention on International Civil Aviation.

Namibia underwent a successful International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) where DAAII achieved a score of 79.1%, which is higher than the ICAO and NDP 5 target of 75%.

*The Ministry is therefore requesting for an amount of Fourteen Million and One Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$14,156,000) to be allocated to the Aircraft Accident Investigations Sub-Programme.*

#### **4.2 Sub programme - 04:02 Civil Aviation Air Navigation Services (NCAA)**

The Namibia Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) is the guardian of our national air space for civil use and provider of quality air traffic services.

Providing air traffic services requires the NCAA to utilize sophisticated equipment like the RADAR (primary and secondary), Wide Area Multilateration (WAM) and Air Traffic Management (ATM) systems.

In future, Namibia will be able to take over air traffic services over the Namibian oceanic airspace and the airspace south of 273000 degrees from South Africa.

*Honourable Members, to achieve these objectives, the Ministry request an amount of Five Hundred and Sixty-two Million, Three Hundred and Forty-one thousand Namibia dollars (N\$562,341,000) to be allocated to the Sub programme Civil Aviation Air Navigation Services (NCAA)*

#### **5. Programme 05: Maritime Legislation Administration**

The programme is implemented in line with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) instruments relating to flag, Port and coastal State obligation and comprises the following main activities:

- Enforcement and compliance to Maritime rules and regulations;
- Accreditation of Maritime Education Institutions
- Registration and licensing of ships and seafarers;
- Maritime Safety and Surveillance;
- Marine pollution Control and Marine Search and Rescue (SAR) Coordination.

*The Ministry is therefore requesting an amount of One Hundred and Three Million, Four Hundred and two thousand Namibia dollars (N\$103,402,000) to be allocated to Maritime Legislation Administration*

#### **6. Programme 06: Meteorological Services Administration**

The purpose of this program is to provide timely and quality weather, climate and early warning services to all sectors such as aviation, disaster risk reduction, agriculture, transport, health, energy, fisheries, environment and construction whose operations are sensitive to the vagaries of extreme meteorological hazards and disasters.

The recent Climate of Parties 29 (COP29) in Azerbaijan, in November 2024, saw the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), convene top level even on the Un Secretary-General's Early Warning for All (EW4ALL) initiative to 30 more countries through 14 projects.

*Honourable Members, to achieve these objectives, the Ministry request an amount of Forty-nine million Eight hundred and forty-six Namibia dollars (N\$49,846,000) to be allocated to Meteorological Services Administration.*

#### **7. PROGRAMME NO 99: Policy Co-ordination and Support Services**

The purpose of this programme is to ensure the provision of safe, reliable, and efficient transport solutions for the smooth delivery of public services, enabling Offices, Ministries, and Agencies (OMAs), as well as Political Office Bearers to fulfil their mandate.

The programme manages procurement and distribution of vehicles, registration and renewal of vehicle license as well as repair and servicing of vehicles and plant. Renovation and upgrading of Government Garage facilities is also part of this programme.

*Honourable Members, to achieve these objectives, the Ministry request an amount of One Hundred and Fifteen million, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Nine Thousand Namibia dollars (N\$115,989,000) to be allocated to Policy Co-ordination and Support Services (Government Garage).*

**Honourable Members,** I now present the Budget summary of Vote 24: TRANSPORT, allocations for FY 2025/2026.

**In conclusion Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee, Honourable Members:** it is now my pleasure to present to you **Vote 24: Transport, to the amount of Two billion, seven hundred and seven million, and fifteen thousand Namibia dollars (N\$2,707,015,000)** for your consideration and approval.

*? Thank You*