

Team MECI remained at home for two weeks, in the month of May. This delayed completion of works but employees returned geared to move faster than before and finish works within the contract time.

Surfacing works for the last 14km have been completed and the road is now fully trafficked to the Mhandamabwe intersection, which is looking superb. Other works that are still in progress include laying of kerb stones and L channels. Kerb stones are being placed on 25mm thick concrete bedding and haunched with concrete for support. Most of the laying that has been done so far has been giving a striking visual impact helping vehicles to stick to their intended path.

Construction of erosion protection works has been on going, along the recently surfaced pavement and on the 2019 constructed phase. Stone pitching is being done with skill and innovation, as shown in the photos, in areas where there is usually high velocity road runoff. Stone pitching protects culverts, headwalls and pavement base layers from erosion and the amount of suspended silt is reduced as water runs off on a protected base.

L channels are being replaced by new ones delivered from



Stone pitching in progress.



Lining kerb stones at Mhandamabwe intersection.



Mhandamabwe intersection last stretch of kerb stones being installed.

Bubi. The L channels are 0.9m long and direct water down chutes (600mm long x 250mm height x 620mm wide) straight into the drains and catchpits without causing further erosion.

Shepherd and team were in attendance to do some house-

keeping and cleaning of the road reserve before finishing off the road marking. This coming month will bring joy to the builders as they approach completion of the works.