

## Construction of Ethiopia's Ankober-Dulecha Road Launched

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The construction of Ethiopia's Ankober-Dulecha road has been launched and is expected to streamline the country's transport industry once complete, Ethiopian Road Authority has said.

According to the Ethiopian Road Authority the project will see a total of 40 Kilometers and will be constructed using the latest concrete asphalt technology.

The Ankober-Dulecha road which is expected to link Amhara with Afar state in Ethiopia has begun at a cost of US\$38.65m

According to the Authority Communication Director Samson Wondemu the project will be fully carried out by the local firm Sunshine Construction PLC and it was awarded the tender after a competitive tendering process.

"We know the contractor has the full capacity to deliver and all I am looking into is seeing the work done within the set time frame" he added.

Explaining the economic significance of the road Samson said the new corridor would trim down the loop from Djibuti to Debre Berhan via Addis Ababa detouring to drive direct from Awash-Arba via Dulecha -Ankober to Debre Berhan.

He also added that once the project kicks off it is expected to ensure that it creates more jobs for the country and also enhance trade among the states in Ethiopia.

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“Trade is key within the states and all we are sure off is that once complete the road will see the persons and traders from the are benefit so much” he added.

According to the authority, a 53 kms Dulche-Awash road to be constructed at a cost over 693.5 million Birr has been awarded to the Ethiopia Construction Works Cooperation.

Samson called on pertinent regional bodies and the community to cooperate with contractors for the timely completion of the roads.

He also called upon the residents that live along the places where the road project will becarried out to ensure that they give the contractor good time to ensure that they deliver.