



TAMALE METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY

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TaMA EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER INTERMITTENT TRAFFIC SIGNAL MALFUNCTIONING; URGES URBAN ROADS TO RESPOND PROMPTLY TO REPAIR REQUESTS.

Management of the Tamale Metropolitan Assembly (TaMA) is not unaware of the growing concerns over the intermittent malfunctioning traffic signals at key intersections along the principal streets including the ones in front of Fosmuel Shopping Centre and the ones around the Gulkpe Naa's palace as well as portions of the agric. traffic light all within the city centre. As a matter of fact, the Assembly has received numerous complaints and is fully aware of the concern of the public. Indeed, the safety and convenience of our citizens are of paramount importance to management of the Assembly.

By this press release, the Assembly acknowledges and shares the frustration of residents and motorists who are facing challenges relating to traffic flow and safety due to this recurring problem.

We want to assure the public that we are taking this matter seriously and have since been in continuous communication with the relevant state actors.

The mandate for the maintenance and repair of urban roads and their associated infrastructure, including traffic signals, lies with the Department of Urban Roads. Therefore, the Assembly has, through official correspondence and direct engagements, consistently put pressure on the Department of Urban Roads to expedite the repair of the faulty traffic signals. We have highlighted the critical nature of this issue, emphasizing the potential for accidents and the significant disruption to daily life and economic activities in the metropolis. While as an Assembly, we appreciate the efforts that have been made to address some of the issues, the problem persists, and we believe a more urgent and comprehensive approach is required.

The Assembly will continue to use every channel available to advocate for a swift and lasting solution. Consequently, we are calling on the Department of Urban Roads to deploy all necessary resources and personnel to ensure a permanent fix is implemented without further delay.

Management of the Assembly however urges all road users to exercise caution, patience, and adherence to road traffic regulations especially at affected intersections until the signals are fully restored and operationalized.

In the meantime, the Motor Traffic and Transport Department (MTTD) of the Ghana Police Service has been notified to provide traffic control and direction at these critical points to mitigate the risk of accidents.

The Tamale Metropolitan Assembly wishes to assure the public that it remains committed to working with all stakeholders, state and non-state actors to ensure that the city's available infrastructure serves its people effectively. Management will continue to take steps to provide further updates on progress being made in fixing this problem.



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