

THE PUBLIC ROADS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

MEMORANDUM

The object of this Bill is to amend the Public Roads Act, so as to—

- (a) revise the composition of the Board of the Road Development Agency; and
- (b) provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

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M. D. KABESHA,
Attorney-General

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Act to amend the Public Roads Act.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia

Enactment

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Public Roads (Amendment) Act, 2026, and shall be read as one with the Public Roads Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act.

Short title and commencement

5 (2) This Act shall come into operation on the expiry of the term of office, or removal by the Minister, of the members of the Board holding office prior to the enactment of this Act, after which the Minister shall appoint the members of the Board in accordance with this Act.

10 2. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following new definitions in the appropriate places in alphabetical order:

Amendment of section 2

“Engineering Institution of Zambia” means the Engineering Institution of Zambia established under the Engineering Institution of Zambia Act;

Cap. 432

15 “legally disqualified” means the absence of legal capacity as provided under section 4 of the Mental Health Act;

Cap. 305

20 “Zambia Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport” means the Zambia Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport established under the Zambia Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Act; and

Cap. 382

Act No. 19 of 2024	“Zambia Institute of Quantity Surveyors” means the Zambia Institute of Quantity Surveyors established under the Zambia Institute of Quantity Surveyors Act, 2024.	
Amendment of section 6	3. Section 6 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of subsections (1), (2) and (3) and the substitution therefor of the following:	5
	(1) There is constituted the Board of the Agency which consists of the following part-time members appointed by the Minister:	
	(a) a representative each from the ministries responsible for—	10
	(i) infrastructure;	
	(ii) finance; and	
	(iii) local government;	
	(b) a representative of the Attorney General;	15
	(c) a representative of the Engineering Institution of Zambia;	
	(d) a representative of the Zambia Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport;	20
	(e) a representative of the Zambia Institute of Quantity Surveyors;	
	(f) a representative of a civil society organisation with knowledge and experience in matters relevant to this Act; and	25
	(g) one person from the private sector with knowledge and experience in matters relevant to this Act.	30
	(2) The Director of the Road Transport and Safety Agency and the Director of the National Road Fund Agency shall be <i>ex-officio</i> members of the Board and shall have no vote.	
	(3) The ministries, institutions and organisations referred to in subsection (1) shall nominate their representatives for appointment by the Minister.	35