**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**for public hearing and availability of the documents “Environmental and Social Management Framework” and “Resettlement Policy Framework”**

**for the Local Roads Connectivity Project in RNM**

The Ministry of Transport and Communications, through the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia, has submitted an application to the World Bank for funds for the purposes of improving the local road infrastructure in the country. The project’s realization shall encourage the economic development and the equal regional development, whilst improving traffic safety.

 In order to timely identify the potential adverse environmental and social impact from the realization of the project activities, the following documents for engagement of the stakeholders have been prepared within the Local Roads Connectivity Project:

* “Environmental and Social Management Framework”
* “Resettlement Policy Framework”
* “Stakeholder Engagement Plan”
* “Action Plan for realization of environmental and social measures within the Local Roads Connectivity Project in RNM”

The documents have been prepared in accordance with the national legislation and the World Bank’s requirements.

The documents have been made available at the website of the Ministry of Transport and Communications (<http://www.mtc.gov.mk>).

Your comments can be submitted within 14 days as of the day of posting of the documents on the website to Mrs. Harita Pandovska at the following e-mail address: harita.pandovska@mtc.gov.mk or can be sent in writing at the following address: Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of North Macedonia, Dame Gruev No 6 , 1000 Skopje.

**The main findings of the prepared documents shall be presented at the public hearing to be held in the premises of the Ministry of Transport and Communications on 11.11.2019 at 14.30 hrs.** The minutes from the public hearing shall be sent to all interested parties who have submitted the comments through their contacts (submitted e-mail addresses/ post addresses).

In addition, the documents related to specific municipal projects shall be made publicly available (at the website of the MoTC and of the relevant municipality):

* “Environment and Social Management Plan for the Project for Reconstruction of Streets in village Dvorishte, Municipality of Berovo";
* “Environment and Social Management Plan for the Project for Reconstruction of the Street Hristijan Todorovski Karposh in village Cheshinovo, Municipality of Cheshinovo-Obleshevo”;
* “Checklist with Environment and Social Management Plan for the Project for rehabilitation of existing road and pedestrian walkway from the location Porta to the location Mechkin Kamen in the Municipality of Krushevo”;
* “Checklist with Environment and Social Management Plan for the Project for rehabilitation of Blvd Teodosija Paunov in the City of Kochani, Municipality of Kochani”;

**The public hearings shall be held in the period from 12.11.2019 to 15.11.2019, and the specific announcements shall be publicly available (at the website of the Ministry of Transport and Communications and the municipality) with information on the place and time for the public hearings.**

The Ministry of Transport and Communications hereby invites all stakeholders, institutions and individuals to attend the public hearing on the framework documents for the project, as well as to attend the public hearings in the relevant municipalities and provide their comments and suggestions on the developed documents.

**Ministry of Transport and Communications**

**Republic of North Macedonia**