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**4<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

**His Excellency John Dramani Mahama**  
**President of the Republic of Ghana**  
**Jubilee House**  
**Accra.**

*Dear Mr President,*

**APPEAL FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE NEW ACCRA-KUMASI EXPRESSWAY PROPOSAL**

I have the honour to convey my concern on the recent proposal by your administration to construct a completely new six-lane expressway between Accra and Kumasi, in place of the ongoing dualisation works currently being executed on that corridor.

As someone who has served both as Minister for Roads and Highways and a Member of Parliament representing a constituency directly linked to the Accra-Kumasi corridor, I fully appreciate the strategic importance of this route to our national economy. It remains the most critical arterial road in Ghana, linking our two largest cities and serving as a vital economic lifeline.

Your Excellency, since President John Agyekum Kufuor's administration, significant progress has been made in dualising this corridor. Over 100 kilometers of the 240km stretch have been completed, with an additional 46 kilometers currently under active construction, including strategic bypasses at Anyinam, Osino, Enyiresi, and Konongo. As per the Ministry's own records,



the physical progress on these bypasses ranges from 58% to 100%, with only 94 kilometers left to be dualised.

The recent announcement to initiate a completely new expressway project, while these works are underway, raises genuine concern. I was particularly struck by the Roads Minister's own admission that the Ministry is in the process of hiring a consultant to undertake the feasibility study for the new project. This suggests that there is no final design, cost estimate, or secured funding for the proposed expressway. Yet, Your Excellency stated publicly that construction will begin next year and be completed before your term ends; a timeline of less than three years. With my expertise and experience, I can say, without any fear of contradiction, that this timeline is not feasible.

With the greatest of respect, Mr. President, such pronouncements, made ahead of critical project milestones like feasibility, costing, environmental clearance, and financing; risk undermining our credibility in infrastructure planning and public investment management.

Moreover, Article 35(7) of the 1992 Constitution enjoins governments to continue development projects initiated by previous administrations in the national interest. Abandoning an ongoing project; one that is technically sound, economically justified, and already delivering results, contradicts this constitutional directive and may set a precedent of wasteful governance.

I am aware that the Minister for Roads and Highways has raised concerns about alleged cost overruns arising from project variations. While such claims deserve to be thoroughly investigated and, if necessary, addressed through appropriate corrective measures, they should not serve as justification for



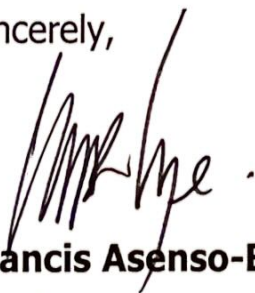
abandoning the entire project. Variations and cost adjustments are common in major infrastructure works and can be managed within existing contractual and legal frameworks. Discontinuing a critical national project on the basis of unresolved variations not only undermines continuity but also sets a troubling precedent for future infrastructure development.

In the context of Ghana's current fiscal constraints and competing infrastructure needs nationwide, I respectfully submit that it would be far more prudent to complete the existing dualisation project than to commence a new, significantly more expensive one. The resources needed for a fresh expressway could instead be channeled into completing the ongoing Accra-Kumasi dual carriageway and addressing other critical roads such as the Eastern Corridor, Coastal (N1) Corridor and Kumasi-Tamale highway.

Your Excellency, my concern is borne, not out of partisanship, but in the interest of continuity, prudence, and national development. I respectfully urge you to review the current course and provide leadership that consolidates, not disrupts, the modest gains we have made as a country.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Francis Asenso-Boakye', with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

**Francis Asenso-Boakye, MP**

**Bantama**

**Member, Roads and Transport Committee & Former Minister for  
Roads and Highways**