



MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT

THE KENYA ROAD REGISTER (2024) REPORT

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1 INTRODUCTION

A road register is essential for improving Kenya's transport infrastructure. It ensures better planning for management of roads, which directly impacts road safety, trade, and regional development. Improved road connectivity fosters economic growth by enabling better access to services and markets.

Kenya's road register, last updated in 2016, has undergone substantial revisions in response to a significant volume of stakeholder requests. These updates were informed by two comprehensive nationwide Road Inventory and Condition Surveys (RICS) which mapped 77,671 km of new roads expanding the total country's network to 239,122 km from 141,451 that was gazetted in 2016. Additionally, extensive stakeholder consultations were conducted to ensure inclusivity and accuracy. This new register aims to improve road management, ensuring better connectivity and safety across the country.

Key recommendations include the approval of this updated register which includes both **National Trunk Roads (NTR)** and **County Roads**, and its regular review to ensure that it remains relevant to serve the country optimally.

2 KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- 1) **Total Road Length:** The entire country's network of 239,122km that was inventoried in 2023 included in the updated register, 2024.
- 2) **The Road Classification Process:**
 - Review was based on stakeholder requests. Over 4,000 requests received and reviewed.
 - Classification determined by road function, traffic volume, connectivity, prevailing socio-economic and Global best practices.
 - Stakeholder consultation, engagement, and participation were prioritized to ensure acceptance and ownership. The Ministry, Road Agencies, and KRB collaborated closely at every stage including, conducting three public stakeholder engagement forums.
- 3) **Categories:** Roads classified into 8 classes of rural roads and 7 classes of urban roads. **National Trunk Roads** (S, A, B, C) are managed by the National Government while, **County Roads** (D, E, F, G) are managed by the 47 County Governments.

- 4) **Major Additions:** Nairobi Expressway, Thika Superhighway, Dongo Kundu bypass, Kipevu Link Road and Nairobi Southern Bypass (re)classified to Class S for better recognition of hierarchy by road users to improve traffic flow and connectivity.

3 OVERVIEW OF THE UPDATED REGISTER

i. Road Length by Category:

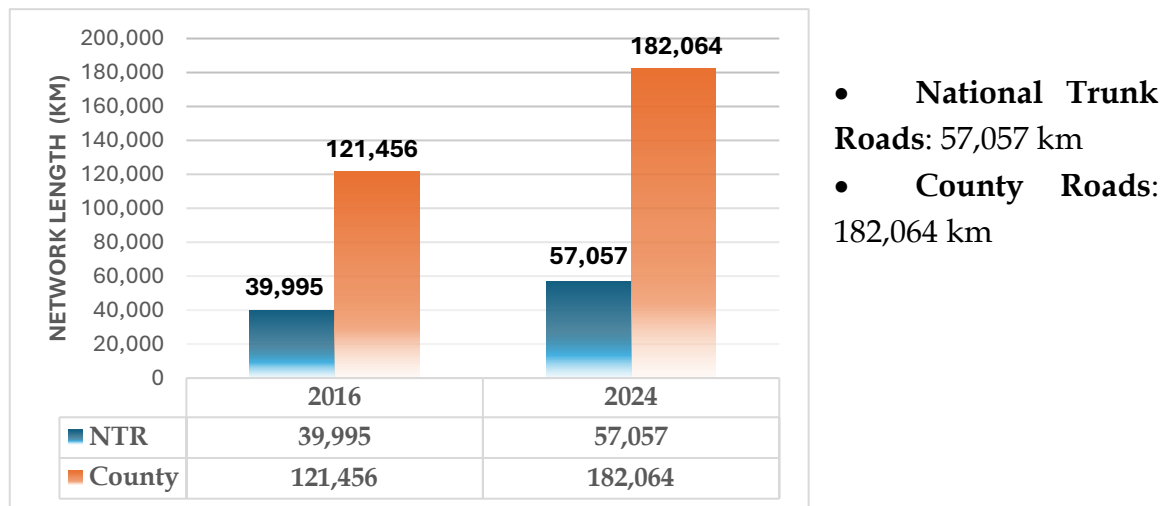


Figure 1: Change in Network Managed by NTR and County Roads

- ii. **Road Reclassification:** Some roads have been upgraded based on usage. Previously unmapped roads have also been classified to facilitate their management.

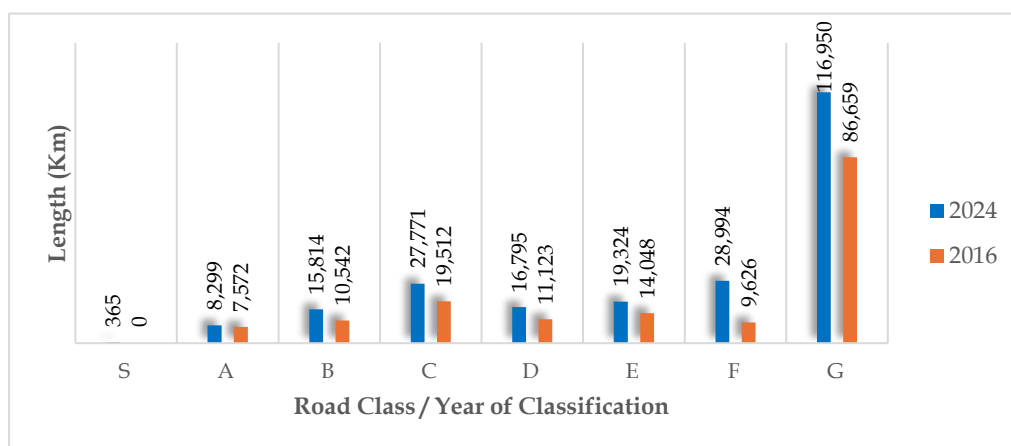


Figure 2: Change in Length per Class

iii. Change in Network managed by each road Agency

Figure 3 illustrates changes in the length of roads under the jurisdiction of KeNHA, KeRRA, KURA, and County governments in Kenya between 2016 and 2024. Here are the key highlights:

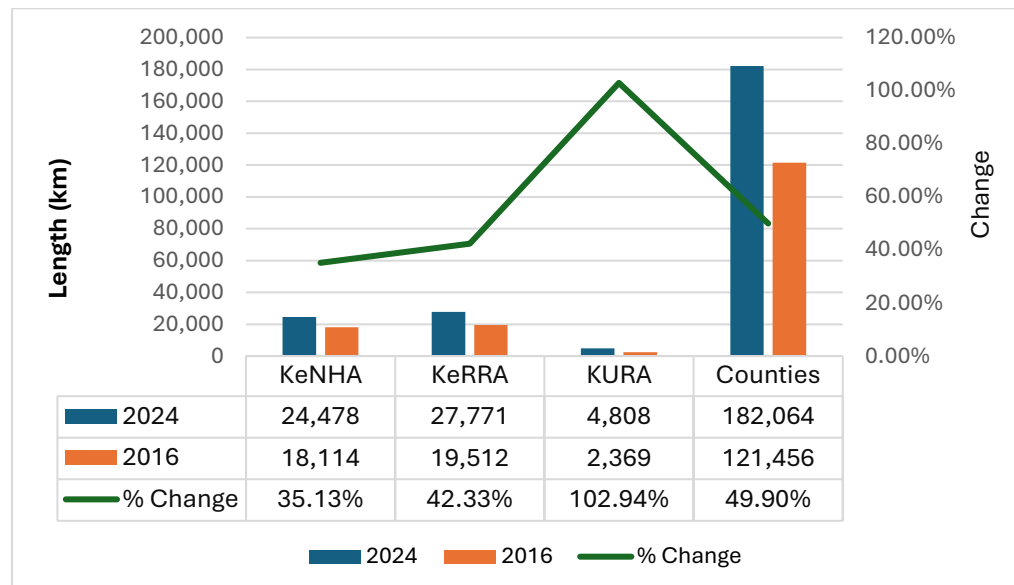


Figure 3: Change in Road Network under Road Agencies

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

The report is to be submitted to the Cabinet Secretary responsible for Roads for their review and consideration of the following matters:

1. Approval of the updated countrywide road register of 239,122km comprising of:
 - i. 57,057 km of National Trunk Roads (NTR)
 - ii. 182,064 km of County roads.
2. Publish The Road Register (2024) in the Kenya gazette.
3. Amend the Roads Act to designate the classification of National Trunk Roads and County Roads as a responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Roads. The classification should be based on a nationwide Road Inventory and Condition Survey (RICS) and a review of requests from various stakeholders, in alignment with the Road Classification Policy.