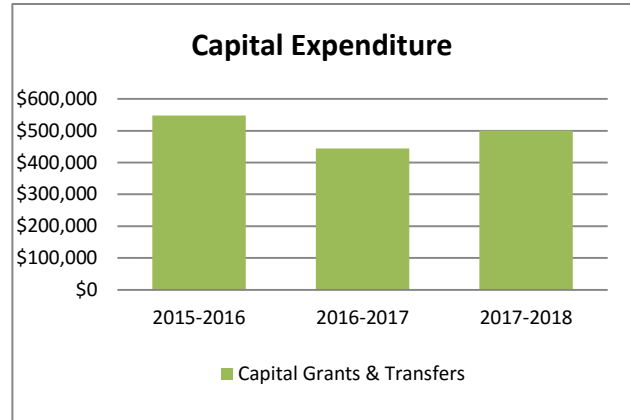
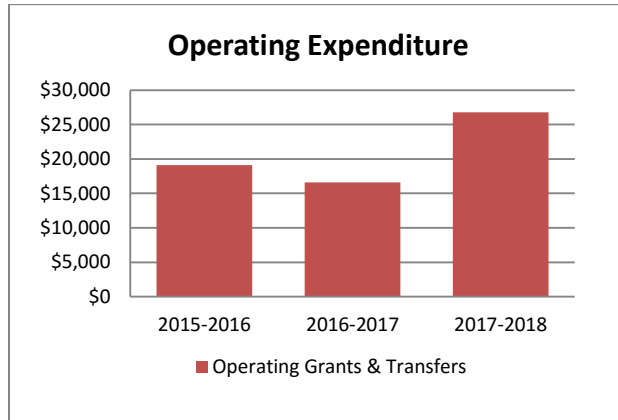




The Fijian Government Fiji Roads Authority 2017-2018 Budget Highlights

The Fiji Roads Authority (FRA) is responsible for the country's entire surface-transportation network, which is an integral part of Government's vision of socioeconomic empowerment for the Fijian people. Fiji's surface-transportation assets are primarily roads, bridges and jetties. These assets provide access and grant mobility to the Fijian people and facilitate flows of goods and services by connecting towns, cities, domestic and international ports and rural and maritime communities. The FRA is also responsible for implementing the footpaths and street-lighting programmes, which aim to improve safety and security for roadside communities and pedestrians all across Fiji.

The total budget for FRA in 2017-2018 is **\$527.5 million**, comprising **\$26.8 million** for operating expenditure and **\$500.8 million** for capital expenditure.



The increase of **\$66.4 million** in 2017-2018 is mainly attributed to:

- an increase in staffing from 130 to 170 employees to facilitate the transition of all client functions and activities handled by the FRA. Due to the expansion of the FRA in different divisions, additional funds have been allocated to meet increased operational costs;

- an increase in capital expenditures due to an expansion of the footpath programme; drainage improvement programme; and rural roads construction;
- a significant increase to fund an expansion of the street lighting programme, given the benefits that night time visibility has on reducing road accidents and improving pedestrian safety. The programme also supports streetscape enhancements, incentivises night time trading for small vendors and enables individuals to work during the evening; and
- an increase in the allocation towards the completion of the four-laning project from Votualevu Roundabout to Wailoaloa Road Roundabout in Nadi.

Ongoing Initiatives

- Improving the standard of the existing road network through:
 - Maintenance Programme: covers the maintenance of the overall road network (\$80.0 million).
 - Emergency Repairs – Storm Damages/Emergency Response Contingency: covers restoration and rehabilitation work carried out during and after natural disasters (\$21.7 million).
 - TC Winston Rehabilitation of Roads, Bridges and Jetties: caters for the ongoing rehabilitation and reconstruction works for the damages sustained during TC Winston (\$13.9 million).
 - Renewals and Replacements Programme: covers the renewal and replacement of existing road assets that have deteriorated (\$84.0 million).
 - Upgrading and Replacement of Bridges – Bridge Renewals: covers the renewal and replacement of existing bridges and crossings (\$30.6 million).

- Jetty Maintenance and Renewals: covers the renewal and replacement of existing jetty assets (\$11.1 million).
- Transport Infrastructure Investment Sector Project: rehabilitates roads, bridges and rural jetties to achieve climate-resilient transport infrastructure, more efficient project management support and effective institutional management. The project is financed through an Asian Development Bank and World Bank loan of US\$100 million and US\$50 million, respectively, spread out over a period of four years, or more if necessary (\$85.2 million).
- Improving the safety of pedestrians and travellers in rural and urban areas, including alleviating congestion, through:
 - Fiji Decade of Action for Road Safety: improves traffic services through sign and traffic-light installations in urban and peri-urban areas (\$2.9 million).
 - Capital Community Programme: covers the construction of footpaths and bus shelters, and improves signage in peri-urban and urban areas (\$12.0 million).
 - Streetlight Improvement Programme: covers street lighting installations in rural, peri-urban and urban areas (\$18.0 million).
 - Capital Congestion and Capacity Improvements: aims to address congestion by increasing the capacity of existing road networks (\$5.5 million).
 - NASRUP¹ Suva 3 (Nakasi to Nausori Bridge Roundabout): covers the ongoing construction of the four-lane road (\$13.2 million).
 - NASRUP Nadi 2 (Votualevu Roundabout to Wailoaloa Road Roundabout): funds the completion of the four-lane section along Namaka Road (\$55 million).

¹ Nadi-Suva Road Upgrading Programme

- Expanding and improving the rural road network access through:
 - Upgrading of Rural Roads: involves the upgrading, periodic maintenance and construction of new roads and crossings in the rural and maritime areas (\$60.0 million).
 - Capital Access Programme: covers the tar-sealing of roads in front of schools, health centres and community roads and centres (\$5.8 million).