

Addis Ababa-Adama road project progressing as per schedule



Addis Ababa, March 15 (WIC) – The Ethiopian Roads Authority (ERA) said the Addis Ababa-Adama road project being built at a cost of over 8 billion birr is progressing as per the schedule.

Authority Communication Directorate Director, Samson Wondimu, told WIC today the six-lane road project is now more than 31 percent complete.

The 80 km Addis Ababa-Adama expressway being constructed by the China Communications Construction Corporation (CCCC) will be finalized in 2014, he said.

Samson said the construction of the road was launched in April, 2010.

In addition to its socio-economic benefits, the road will have a significant contribution in alleviating the traffic jam and accidents being observed on the existing Adama-Addis Ababa road, he said.

Moreover, the construction of the road is contributing a lot towards creating job opportunities and promoting knowledge transfer, Samson indicated.

He said cost for the construction of the road is covered by the Ethiopian government and loan obtained from Exim bank of China.

According to Samson, there is a plan to construct similar expressway from Adama to Awash in the future.