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### Contracts are Signed for Caracol and Coastal Road Paving

Courtesy: GOBP



Government has awarded another major multi-million dollar contract to Imer Hernandez; it is for the paving of the Coastal Road and for the rehabilitating of bridges. The value is over one hundred and thirty million dollars and works are expected to be completed in thirty-six months. Also this morning, another contract was signed for works on the Caracol Road; it was awarded to Belize Roadway Construction and A&N Construction Limited. Here is News Five's Isani Cayetano.

Isani Cayetano, Reporting

The paving of the Coastal Road, approximately thirty-six miles of highway is set to commence following the signing of a contract today in Belmopan. Through a loan from the Caribbean Development Bank and grant funding from the UK Caribbean Infrastructure Partnership Fund, that stretch of road which is often used as a short cut from Belize to Stann Creek districts will be paved. It will also see the rehabilitation and reconstruction of ten bridges across various creeks and rivers along the highway.

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## Caracol and Coastal Road to begin

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Contracts for two major road projects worth a total of \$185 million dollars were signed this morning by the Hon. Rene Montero, Minister of Works and various partners in development in the conference room at the Public Works Department in Belmopan.

The Government of Belize has secured financing for a loan/grant from the Caribbean Development Bank CDB and the United Kingdom Caribbean Infrastructure Partnership Fund UKCIF for the construction of the Coastal Highway Upgrading Project. Mrs. Claire Bruce, Deputy High Commissioner in Belize spoke this morning on Britain's contribution of £25.1 million to the Coastal Highway Upgrading Project, which will shorten the distance and

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## PROJECT ENGINEERS




Place	Belize
Country	Belize
Client	Ministry of Works and Transport, financed by the Caribbean Development Bank
Team	Politecnica Ingegneria e Architettura
Assignment	Preliminary, definitive, detailed design phases for architecture, structures, MEP, environmental impact assessment, infrastructural and idraulic project, surveys, works supervision
Dates of services	2018 - 2019

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**\$160 million to pave Coastal Road**


By Guardian Staff · February 28, 2020 2063 0

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Ground was broken in La Democracia, Belize District on Monday, February 24, 2020. This was to represent the official opening ceremony of the sixth Road Coastal Highway Upgrading Project. The Governments of Belize and the United Kingdom as well as the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) were responsible for this launch. Currently, the unpaved road traverses through mostly low-lying terrain and has poor drainage, making it impassable during certain times of the year. Given these, it is beneficial that the Government of Belize sought investments toward this project.


This 18-month project will see the development of fifty-eight kilometers, a little over 36 miles of climate-resilient highway. The construction works will generally follow the existing



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## Coastal, The Richest Road Ever

posted February 24, 2020



In 1986, a team of rugged forest officers from the Melinda Forest Station took 5 months in the deep bush to cut a line from Gales Point Manatee to La Democracia at mile 31 on the Western Highway. And that line that they cut, gave birth to the Coastal Highway.

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In the 30 plus years since, the Coastal has remained the most tempting, but ultimately frustrating shortcut between central and southern Belize. If you're going from Belize to Dangriga - it cuts about 28 miles off the trip. But, with the road as rough as it has been, you might get a puncture, or, worse, you might just slide off the washboard surface. And don't even think of going coastal in the rainy season!

But, now the most promising highway that never was will get an all weather, climate resilient upgrade, complete with 10- new bridges. But, at 130 million dollars for 36 miles, it's not cheap. We found out more at the groundbreaking for the paving project today:

### Jules Vasquez reporting

The Coastal Road - right now it's 36 miles of pain - but also the shortest distance between central and southern Belize.

And now it's finally going to be paved, the CDB's sixth road project in Belize, turning the soil thoroughly re-mapping Belize's highway infrastructure:

### Hon. Rene Montero, Minister of Works

"This is the last major road that is going to be paved, because we have all our major highways paved. So this is really a history in making - it's a momentous occasion."

At 130 million Belize dollars total - it is also the most costly single road paving project Belize has ever seen:



### Yvonne Hyde, CEO - Ministry of Econ. Dev.

"The total would be over a hundred million Belize dollars by far. So it's a very large project and it is the largest infrastructure project that government has undertaken with the assistance of DFID and the Caribbean Development Bank. This project is regarded as being transformational; in that it is going to open up the highway from the George Price Highway right down to the Hummingbird Highway. It is going to enhance access to the basic services in part of the communities along the road and it will also help to improve the quality of life of the 4 targeted communities which are Democracia, Hope Creek, Gales Point and Mullings River."

"I think of one thing when I say transformational; I think of the school children having had to walk along this very dusty road to their school and I see a situation where they are not going to have to contend with that again. In terms of health, there is not going to be the dust that there has been up to now."

### Hon. Beverly Williams, Area Rep - Belize Rural Central

"Currently, there is no formal transportation system. No formal transportation that moves in and out of

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The Governments of Belize and the United Kingdom and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) today launched the Coastal Highway Upgrading in La Democracia, Belize.

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