

and Public Assets, Ministry of Finance, the Local Government, the Sierra Leone Institution of Engineers and others.

### **Does SLRA's mandate cover the management of traffic signs?**

Yes, the Road Traffic Act, 1964 and Ferries Act give SLRA the mandate to erect, place or maintain traffic signs on, under, over or near any road or ferry for the guidance of drivers of vehicles and other users of such roads or ferries and may remove or alter such signs.

### **How does the Authority control vehicular traffic?**

The actual control of regular traffic is done by the Sierra Leone Road Safety Authority (SLRSA) and the Sierra Leone Police. However, SLRA can erect or place a notice at a visible point on or near any bridge or ferry to confirm the worthiness of a bridge or ferry to carry certain weight and also, stop the movement of certain weight on or over a bridge or ferry.

### **Does SLRA have the mandate to close roads?**

Yes, SLRA or any person authorized by it, may, at any time, limit or temporarily ban the use of any road or crossing point by a vehicle or class of vehicles if there is a likelihood of serious damage to the road or crossing point or danger to the public. The limitation or ban can be done by placing a notice at a visible point on or near the road or ferry. This can be done in collaboration with SLRSA, the traffic division of the SLP and other stakeholders.

### **What happens to a person that violates the restriction or ban?**

The SLRA does not have the power of enforcement in the event of violations. The Authority can seek the assistance of the police to bring violators to account for their actions.

### **Can vehicle owners or drivers be liable for damaging a bridge?**

Yes, if a bridge or ferry is damaged by any vehicle passing over it and coming into contact with any portion other than the surface of the road, the owner of the vehicle or any person driving it can jointly or singularly be liable to the Authority for the damage so caused.



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# **SIERRA LEONE ROADS AUTHORITY**



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### **Why was the SLRA established?**

The SLRA was established for the management, control, development and maintenance of the national road network to provide safe, reliable and sustainable means of transport.

### **How does SLRA carry out its functions?**

The Director General manages the day-to-day affairs of the Authority. He is assisted by a Deputy Director General. The Authority is made up of twelve departments and one unit. The departments are headed by Directors, assisted by deputies, whilst the Unit is headed by a Coordinator. The directors, together with their deputies and coordinator, form the SLRA management team. The management team is supported by a team of engineers with various disciplines, and non-engineering support staffs in the administration, procurement, finance, Information and communication and internal controls departments.

Also, the Authority can delegate its responsibilities to contractors and qualified consultants.

### **Can SLRA partner with other agencies?**

Yes, the Authority can duly partner with other government ministries, departments and agencies and other public authorities in the discharge of its functions.

### **Can the Authority delegate its functions?**

Yes, the Authority may, with the approval of the Minister, delegate its functions to local authority and any competent person or institution.

### **Can any person or institution exercise the functions of the Authority without approval?**

No local authority or other body of persons shall exercise any power relating to the control, maintenance or protection of any road or ferry except where such power has been delegated by law or with the approval of the Authority.

### **How to become a road contractor or consultant to SLRA?**

Interested persons or groups that want to become road contractors and consultants to SLRA must complete a request form from the Authority and provide a Business Registration Certificate, National Social Security & Insurance Trust Certificate, National Revenue Authority Tax Clearance and the Ministry of Works, Housing & Infrastructure Registration Certificate.

### **How to renew road contractors and consultants registrations?**

Registration as contractor or consultant for SLRA is valid for 12 months, based on performance and output. If a performing contractor wants to renew his/her registration, the contractor or consultant should complete a renewal form and provide the same certificates as required for new registration.

### **What are the requirements for the selection of roads or crossing points for construction?**

The provision of affordable, safe and sustainable road network and the associated transport services are critical for the economic and social wellbeing of the general citizenry. The requirements for the selection of road for construction or rehabilitation include, but not limited to access to markets, reductions in transport and farm input costs, increased agricultural productivity, improved food security, access to social services like schools, hospitals/clinics, touristic sites, community banks and resource centers.

### **Which categories of roads are priority to the Authority for routine maintenance?**

The entire National Road Network is a priority to SLRA. The Maintenance Department does routine and periodic maintenance as and when necessary. However, the general maintenance of the road network has been limited to the basic activities of

brushing, surface and drainage clearing, premix patching of major trunk roads and city roads and emergency works. To also prevent cut-off on roads, drainage structures such as side drains, culverts and bridge construction works can be done.

### **What are the sources of funding for SLRA?**

The main source of funding for the Authority is the Road Fund. The Authority also receives funding from government for development projects. Donor funding forms the bulk of the financing towards trunk roads and a few city roads. Donor funding can be in full or partial. The funding may be in the form of a loan, grant or a combination of both. Donor funding may also be singly funded by one donor or co-funded by two or more donors. Finally, SLRA has over the years endeavored to attract private funding of road projects. In any case, the GoSL is always a part contributor in the form of counterpart funding.

### **Can SLRA acquire land and property?**

Yes, all Rights-of-Way for road purposes belong to the Authority. Also, the Authority may acquire land by a private agreement or any other lawful manner, with the approval of the Minister, for the purpose of its functions.

### **What is the Right-of-way?**

The Right-of-Way is a demarcated portion of land that spans 30 metres from the centre line to either side of the road for major highways, 20 metres for urban township roads, 6 – 10 metres for rural roads. This portion of land is normally reserved for future expansion of the road and the installation of utility services including water pipes and electricity cables.

### **Is the Authority accountable to any person or body?**

Yes, the SLRA is governed by a Board of Directors headed by a Chairman with other members from stakeholder institutions such as the Ministry of Works