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Topic: Government to conduct a National Road Safety Survey.

St. John's Antigua...Thursday 11th February, 2020.

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda (GOAB) is conducting its first National Road Safety Survey to determine the compliance of road users of the national traffic law by road users with emphases on the use of seat belts and the use of mobile phones while driving.

The survey aims to collect data on community knowledge, attitudes and self-reported behaviors on our roads. The data collected from the survey will examine current issues affecting drivers, passengers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and at-risk groups develop initiatives to make roads in Antigua and Barbuda Safer.

FRED. Engineering Company, a consultant agency based in Italy is conducting the road safety survey will be published on the GOAB website: www.ab.gov.ag for two weeks from Monday 15th February 11, 2021 to Monday 1st March, 2020.

The survey is also avail on the PIMU and the Ministry of Works Facebook pages:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/133MBsptJJKSQDpAnez0uZF1X8fom30kNjuhIusABs50/edit>

Permanent Secretary within the Ministry of Works, Mr. Clarence Pilgrim views road safety as not only a social and traffic issue but also an economic one and calls for the full participation of road users.



Mr Pilgrim said that a tremendous national burden results from road crashes and thus there is direct social economic cost adding that a multi-sectorial approach is required to effectively tackle the problem and reduce the number of deaths due to road accidents.

The Project Implementation Management Unit (PIMU) the agency responsible to the rolling out of all the Road Rehabilitation Capital projects is encouraging road users to participate in this important survey.

It must be noted that survey information is confidential and survey responses will go directly to the consultant agency where it will be collected and grouped and analyzed. No individual participants will be identified.

The GOAB is asking drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and bicyclists aged 18 years and over residing in Antigua and Barbuda to complete the survey in order to get a full and accurate picture across all communities.

A Survey Report will be submitted to the Government and key findings will be posted online and provided to the media during the 6th Global Road Safety Week 17-23 May 2021. **END**