

# Article 1 in a series on the East-West Arterial Extension to Frank Sound Road

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## Why Is The Proposed EWA Corridor So Important?

The need for the project is multi-faceted and includes creating a highly resilient transportation corridor to meet the increasing challenges of climate change/ sea level rise. The extension of the East-West Arterial (EWA) will also serve as an emergency route when coastal roads are compromised and preserve connectivity between population centres. The project will reduce travel times to and from George Town for East End, North Side and Bodden Town residents and will assist in the promotion and implementation of sustainable public transportation (dedicated bus lanes). It will serve as a major horizontal conveyance and treatment for future stormwater management systems. It will also enhance access to tourist destinations. The NRA recognizes the need for this project but is also aware of environmental concerns (e.g. protection of the Central Mangrove Wetland) and is committed to identifying and developing engineering solutions that will minimize unavoidable impacts. Since climate change and sea level rise are a very real concern, NRA recognizes the need for an alternative corridor to the current coastal road which is vulnerable to severe storms and coastal flooding.

Members of the public can email [nra@nra.ky](mailto:nra@nra.ky) with questions or comments regarding this project.



