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(Member Representing Etsako Federal Constituency, Edo State.)

MOTION MOVED ON THE 4TH OF NOVEMBER 2026

The House:

Notes that the Agbede and Okpella sections of the Benin-Okene Federal Highway in Edo State have deteriorated to a deplorable condition, making movement along the affected portions increasingly difficult, hazardous and unpredictable for motorists, commercial drivers, commuters and other road users

Disturbed that the failed sections of the road, particularly around Agbede and Okpella, have subjected commuters to prolonged delays, with journeys that ordinarily should take a relatively short period of time now extending into several hours and days, thereby causing considerable physical exhaustion, loss of productive time, increased transportation costs and avoidable hardship for road users;

Concerned that the residents and communities living along the affected sections of the highway bear a disproportionate share of the consequences, as the constant movement of vehicles through failed portions, coupled with dust, noise and traffic bottlenecks, disrupts daily life, affects public health and many have been forced to abandon their homes and relocate to other parts of the community.

Aware that the Benin-Okene Federal Highway is a major transportation corridor linking the Southern and Northern regions of Nigeria, making its continued deterioration a matter of national economic and security concern;

Also, aware that the continued neglect of the failed sections of the highway could lead t loss of lives, displacement of residents, damage to property, and increased economic hardship for affected communities;

Convinced that the situation demands an emergency infrastructure intervention beyond routine maintenance, involving immediate remedial works to restore safe passage followed by comprehensive and durable rehabilitation of the failed sections.

Accordingly Resolves to:

(a) Urge the Federal Government to declare a State of Emergency on the Agbede Okpella sections of the Benin-Okene Federal Highway to facilitate immediate comprehensive intervention;

(b) Urge the Federal Ministry of Works to urgently mobilise the relevant contractors and provide the necessary funding and technical support for the immediate reconstruction and rehabilitation of the failed sections of the highway.

(c) Call on the Federal Ministry of Works to urgently provide safe and accessible alternative routes to enable residents of Okpella, particularly those whose homes and communities have been cut off by the failed highway, to access their homes and carry out their daily activities;

(d) Mandate the House Committee on Works to monitor compliance and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

I so move.