

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAYS ACT TO EMPOWER THE MINISTER OF WORKS TO DIRECT, AUTHORIZE AND INSTRUCT EVERY AGENCY, MINISTRY, PARASTATAL AND DEPARTMENT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INVOLVED IN THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF FEDERAL ROADS, TO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES ON THE SHOULDERS/SIDES OF ALL FEDERAL ROADS ACROSS THE FEDERATION AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Sesi Oluseun Whingham

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

- 1 **1.** The Federal Highway Act (herein referred to as the "Principal Act") is hereby amended as set out in this Bill. Amendment of the Principal Act
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- 3 **2.** Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new Insertion of a new section 3 of the Act
- 4 subsection as follows:
- 5 Power to construct public convenience along all federal roads:
- 6 3(1) "Notwithstanding the provision of the foregoing sections, the
- 7 Minister of Works shall have powers to direct, authorize and instruct every
- 8 Agency, Ministry, Parastatal and Department of the Federal Government
- 9 involved in the designing and construction of Federal Roads, to include the
- 10 construction of public toilets on the sides of all Federal Roads across the
- 11 Federation."
- 12 3(2) "The Minister shall direct the Local Government Councils
- 13 within the area where such public toilets are constructed to take
- 14 responsibility for the maintenance of the public toilets."
- 15 **3.** The Bill may be cited as the Federal Highways Act Citation
- 16 (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Federal Highways Act to empower the Minister of Works to direct, authorize and instruct every Agency, Ministry, Parastatal and Department of the Federal Government involved in the design and construction of Federal Roads, to include the construction of public utilities on the shoulders/sides of all Federal Roads across the Federation.