

The contractors do not have an easy job. In addition to carrying out road works, they have to ensure that traffic safety measures are in place and the roads are properly reinstated. To ensure these are carried out, LTA inspects the work sites regularly. Contractors who fail to comply with the requirements will be issued demerit points and/or fines. Non-compliant contractors may be suspended from carrying out any type of road work for at least three months.

Why Are The Roads Bumpy After Road Works?

The excavated road will be reinstated temporarily to allow motorists to use it during peak hours. Thus when travelling over these temporary reinstated areas, you may feel some unevenness on the road surface. However, the contractors will resurface and even the roads within three weeks upon completion of works.

How Can You Play A Part?

For feedback on road works, please call the LTA Customer Service Line 1800-CALL LTA (1800-2255 582).

If you need assistance, please call our Customer Service Line: 1800 - CALL LTA (1800-2255 582) or visit the LTA website at <http://www.lta.gov.sg> or <http://www.onemotoring.com.sg> for more information.



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Behind-the-Scenes of Road Works

Introduction

Most people don't like road works as they often slow down traffic and generate more noise and dust. But road works are inevitable.

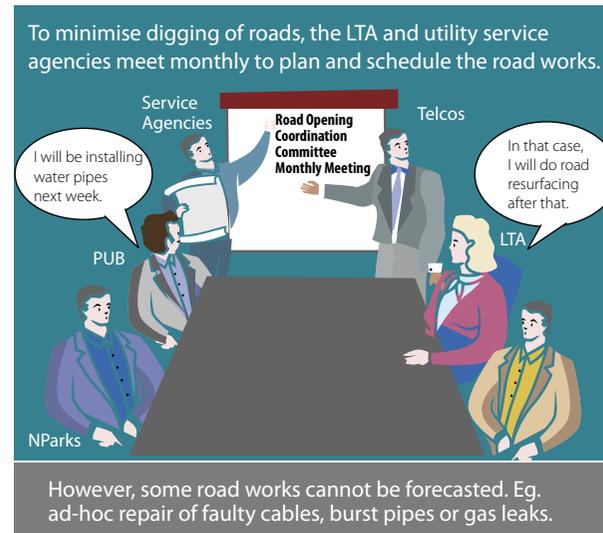
Why Are There So Many Road Works?



If you are to unearth the road surface, you will discover a huge network of utility cables and pipes underneath. These are essential channels to supply electricity, gas and water to homes and offices. Communications over the phone, fax and internet are also made possible via the cables laid underground.

Can't Road Works Be Coordinated?

Much effort is put into coordinating the road works to minimise disruptions to residents, motorists and pedestrians. For example, road works located near residential areas are carried out mostly in the day during non-peak hours, between 9.30am to 4.30pm. Whereas road works in the city are conducted mostly at night to prevent unnecessary traffic congestion in the day.



We are also concerned with the safety of motorists, pedestrians and workers when works are carried out at locations with high vehicular traffic/pedestrian activity. For instance, erected barriers on busy roads might limit motorists' views if road works are carried out in the day. The hot asphalt during road works may also pose a danger at places with high pedestrian activities. Thus some works have to be conducted at night.

When road works are carried out at night, works such as hacking and excavation are planned to be carried out earlier so that noise levels are kept low during the later hours of the night. Contractors will also use equipment such as sound-reduced generators and newer machineries to keep the noise level down.

Managing Traffic Flow

As there will be heavy traffic flow at areas where road works are being carried out, mitigating measures are put in place to ensure that there is no traffic congestion. Examples of such measures include:

- Closing only one lane for road works at any one time
- Prohibiting road works during peak hours (except for emergency works)
- Stopping road works when traffic builds up

Do You Know

LTA published the Code of Practice for 'Works on Public Streets' and 'Traffic Control at Work Zone' as a guide to contractors. These are available at <http://www.lta.gov.sg>.

Ensuring Safety Of All Road Users

Contractors are required to:

Provide alternative paths for pedestrians

Engage site supervisors trained in road safety and road works to oversee the work

