



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR 2021**

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**About DPW Department Head: James A. Ada-Secretary of Public Works**



**Department of Public Works area of responsibility:** *The Department of Public Works was created by Public Law 1-8 and is committed to provide efficient and reliable services by maintaining the public roadways, providing solid waste management, encouraging energy conservation, ensuring compliant construction and meeting the public works' needs of residents and guest of the CNMI.*

**Administrative Services Division** is responsible with the oversight of six (6) divisions within the Department of Public Works. It is responsible in maintaining and updating the department's policies and regulations, personnel management, procurement, public relationships, program development, budget analysis and preparation.

**Building Safety Code Division** to uphold Public Law No. 6-45 to ensure that all buildings are held to minimum safety standards of the International Building Code by enforcement and inspection. We provide and promote the health, safety and general welfare for the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in the built environment, through professional services in the plan review and inspection of all Commercial and Residential structures constructed and occupied in the Commonwealth. In addition, BSC performs partial responsibility in enforcing PL 8-7 for the CNMI Flood Management Insurance Program and PL 8-23, CNMI Developer's Tax.

**Energy Division** to help reduce Importation of Petroleum products into the Commonwealth through efficiency and utilization of local renewable energy sources.

**Solid Waste Management Division** is responsible for the proper operation and management of all municipal solid waste

disposal in the Commonwealth, ensuring the protection of health, safety and welfare of the general public as well as the preservation of the environment.

**Technical Services Division** is the core operation behind the Contracting Offices Authority to facilitate infrastructure development throughout the Commonwealth. The Division administers all mandate Legislative Budget Appropriation, Federal Highway Projects (FHWA) and other federal grant funding through using agencies and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Projects in conjunction with natural disasters in coordination with CIP Program Office. The Responsibility of the Technical Services Division extends beyond the funding administration. TSD's critical role applies from the inception of a project idea. The division is ultimately responsible to forecast and implement needed and critical projects to enhance the quality of life for the community. The Division oversees the planning stages of studies, designs, architectural, construction implementation and construction Management.

**Roads & Grounds Division** to provide quality service to the general public in maintaining primary roads, road shoulder beautification, swale and drainage system (island wide), traffic light intersection and the opening of right-of-way access roads to ensure the public a safe driving conditions.

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## Our Progress:



Picture on the Left, Public School System (PSS) Boot Camp Summer Internship Program with DPW to enhance career, educational knowledge and development. OSHA Training provided with Safety Gear. Picture on the right, Route 35 (Tun Herman Pan) Road Improvement Contract amount (\$1,097,694.00) Funded by FHWA.



Picture on the left, Route 36 Windward/Chalan Kalabera Road Improvement Project funded by FHWA. Contract amount (\$11,983,867.00). Picture on the right, Route 315 (QuarterMaster Road) and Route 33 (Beach Road) Intersection Improvement and Installation of Traffic Signal System. Contract amount (\$1,945,638.00) funded by FHWA.



Pictures below, Roads & Grounds Staff (DPW Adopt-A-Highway Clean up) from San Vicente Traffic Light to Micro Intersection.



Picture on the left is Disability Training for the Department of Public Works First Responders at Saipan World Resort. Presenters: NMPASI, Assistive Technology Program and University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD). Picture to the Right and below are DPW RAC Team responding to emergency calls to remove fallen tree blocking road access.

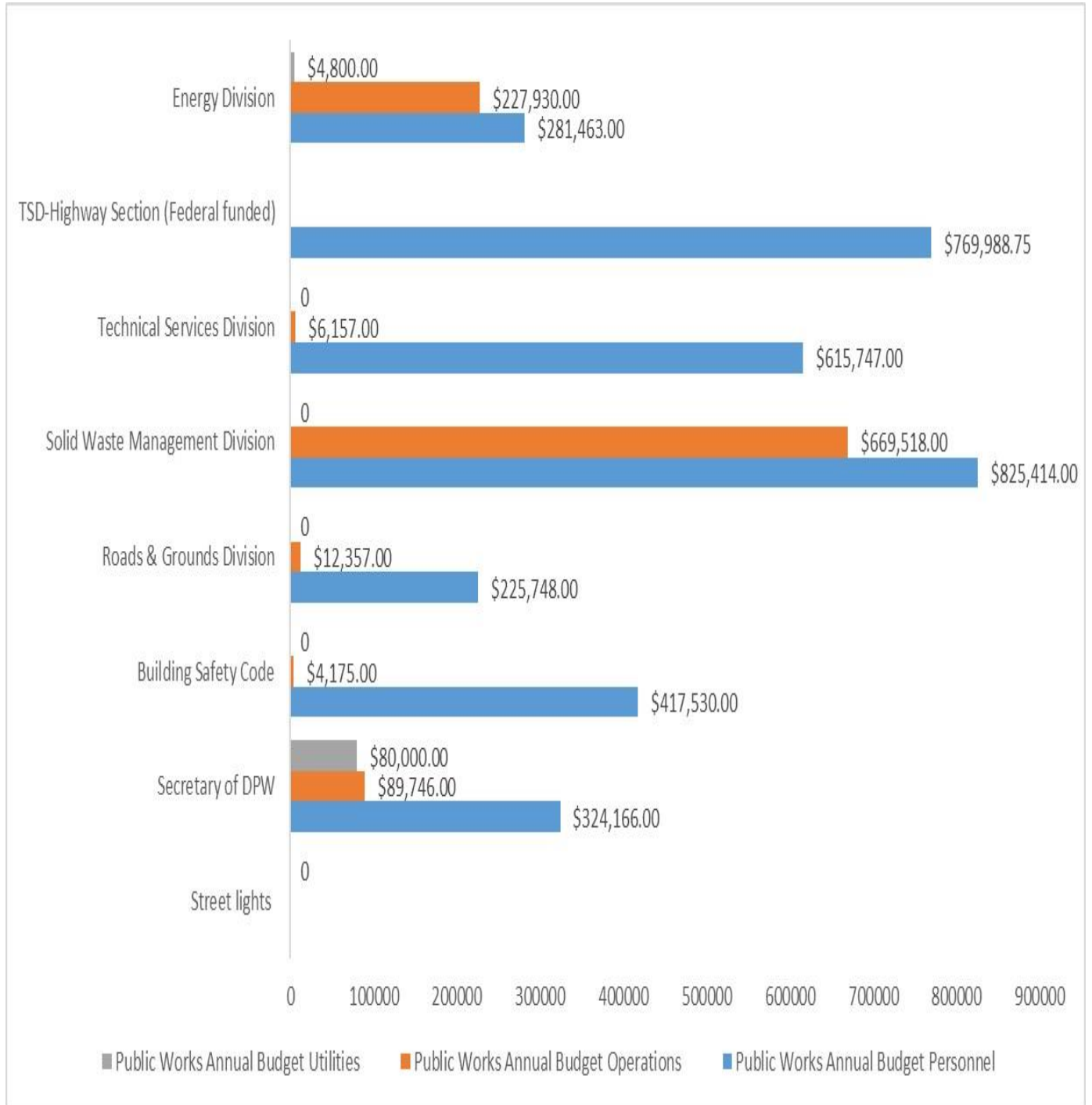


Hazardous Waste Material Clean up at our Lower Base Transfer Station work performed by APEC. Shown are before and after pictures.





# Public Works Annual Budget



## **Challenges and Outlook:**

The Department of Public Works continues to provide services that are critical to the health and wellbeing of the residence of the CNMI. We continue to construct, repair and maintain the infrastructure that are critical to ensure that the CNMI is an attractive investment location. Ensuring the CNMI maintains a quality of level of public service remains our foremost goal especially now as we rebuild and become more resilient. Listed below are examples of projects and activities the Department of Public Works is working on.

- Cell 2 Rehabilitation and Cell 3 Construction for the Marpi Landfill.
- Environmental Assessment for Kagman and As Gonno Convenient Center.
- Route 36 Phase I (Windward/Kalabera Road Improvement).
- Route 33 Phase I-IV (Beach Road Improvement).
- Route 30 Kopa Dioru (Traffic Signal Installation).
- Route 31 Tun Antonio Apa Road (Traffic Signal Upgrade).
- Working to procure Tire Shredder for SWMD.
- Working to procure Vacuum Truck or Vacuum Tanker for Roads & Grounds Division.