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Subject: Citizen-Centric Report – Fiscal Year 2021

Dear Ms. Deleon Guerrero:

The Department of Public Works is hereby submitting its Citizen-Centric Report for Fiscal Year 2021.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Peter P. Camacho, Director of Administrative Services Division at the telephone number listed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JAMES A. ADA".

JAMES A. ADA  
Secretary of Public Works

cc: Director, Administrative Services Division



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR 2022**

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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 in ensuring 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 and 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 systems (island-wide), traffic light intersection and the opening of right-of-way access roads to ensure the public a safe driving conditions.

**LOCATION AND CONTACTS**

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Capitol Hill Asencion Dr. Bldg. 1337 P.O. Box 500340 Saipan, MP 96950 Energy Division: Telephone Numbers: (670)664-4480/1; Facsimile Number: (670)664-4483)

Lower Base & Marpi Transfer Station Saipan, MP 96950

Solid Waste Management Division and Material Recycling Facility: Telephone Numbers: (670)322-2745/60/61; Facsimile Number: (670)322-2762)

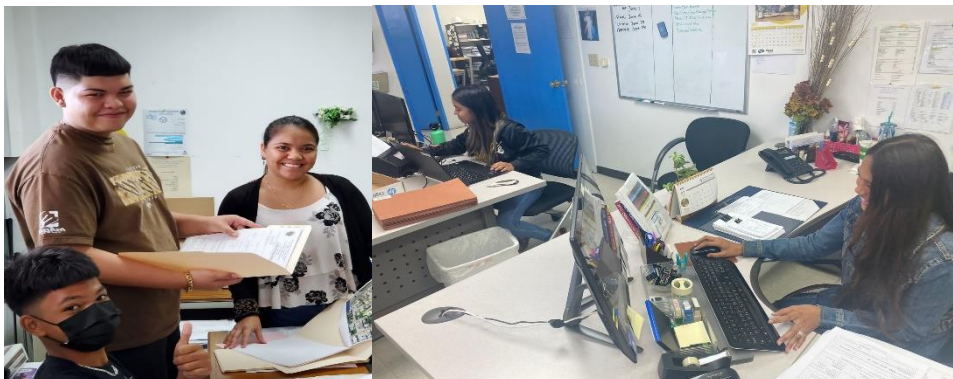
Roads & Grounds Division: Telephone Number: (670)322-9498; Facsimile Number: (670)322-5834)



**Our Progress:**

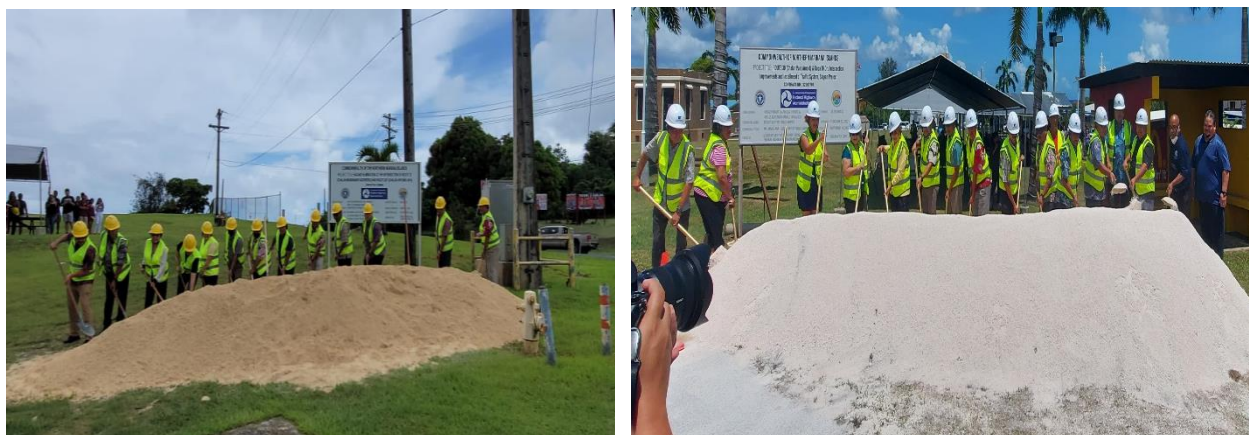
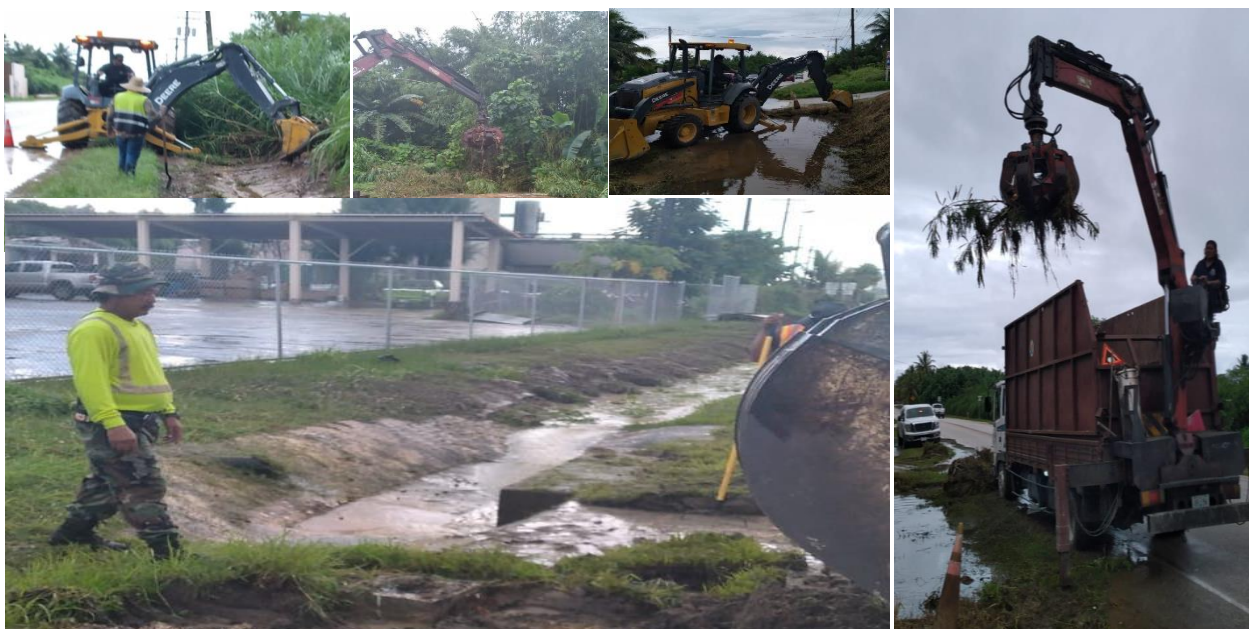


**Pictures above, Route 323 Industrial Drive road improvement (Seaport area) project Contract amount (\$1,305,988.00) funded by FHWA.**



**Picture on the Left, Governor's Summer Youth Employment Program with DPW to enhance educational knowledge and development. Fourteen (14) participants assigned to various divisions within DPW.**

**Pictures below, Roads & Grounds Staff (Draining maintenance) during La Niña season.**



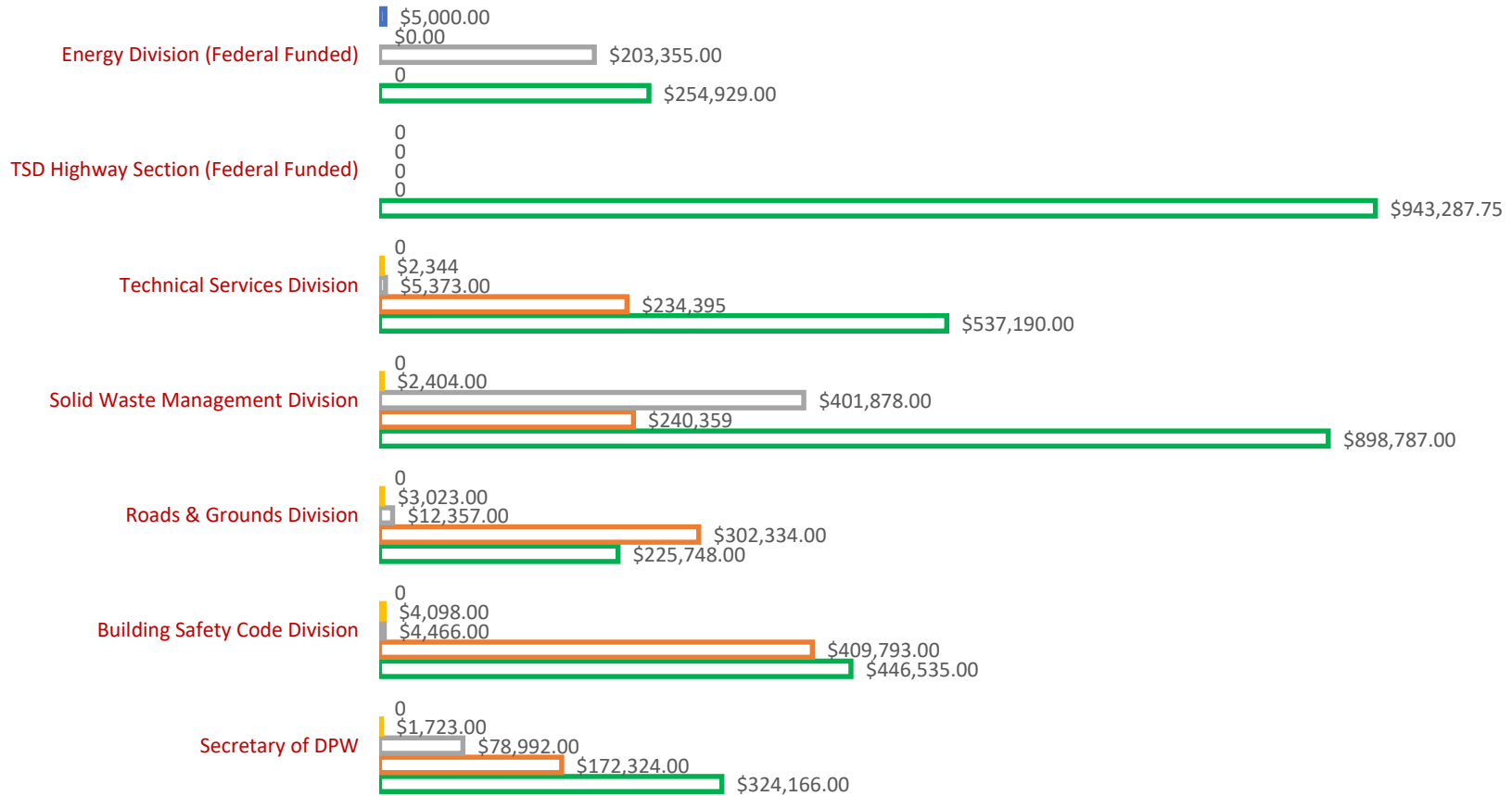
**Pictures above, Route31 (Chalan Monsignor Guerrero) & Route 307 (Chalan Antonio Apa) Hazard Elimination Project (Northern Marianas College) Project funded by FHWA. Contract amount (\$567,558.00) and Route 30 (Chalan Pale Arnold) & Kopa Di Oru Intersection Improvements and Installment of Traffic System Project funded by FHWA. Contract amount (\$2,210,000.00).**



**Picture above is our new Stormwater Sanitation Equipment/Trucks funded under the Maintenance Assistance Program grant (\$420,000.00) for use on all Stormwater drainage system under the authority of DPW/Roads & Grounds Division and our New Tire Shredder (\$279,025.00) also funded under the Maintenance Assistance Program to be utilized by our Solid Waste Management Division for the processing of used tires prior to off-island shipment to available markets.**

# Public Works Annual Budget

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## **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 that the CNMI maintains a quality 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.
- Shipping of used tires for Lower Base Transfer Station.
- Shipping of E-Waste for Lower Base Transfer Station
- On-going construction: Route 36, Phase I (Windward/Kalabera Road Improvement).
- On-going construction: Route 33, Phase I-IV (Beach Road Improvement).
- On-going construction: Route 30, Kopa Dioru (Traffic Signal Installation).
- On-going construction: Route 31, Tun Antonio Apa Road (Traffic Signal Upgrade).

*We want to hear from you! Please let us know by contacting us at Tel: (670) 235 9570.*