2.3 Tonga Road Network

Tonga Road Network
There are 680 km of highways in Tonga, of which 184 km are paved.

Tonga has an extensive network of roads and one of the highest levels of road network density in the region. This network provides good access links to communities in terms of connectivity, but in some areas the condition has deteriorated significantly due to insufficient emphasis on maintenance.

GoT is addressing this problem through several roads rehabilitation and upgrading programs in association with its development partners. The National Roads Improvement Project will rehabilitate selected trunk roads throughout the country, and the Transport Sector Consolidation Project (TSCP) will trial a new approach to road maintenance that makes greater use of private sector involvement.

In addition to these broader programs, commitments are already in place for specific investments to rehabilitate the Vaipua Bridge (Vava’u) and Foa Causeway (Ha’apai). In the longer term, the GoT will continue this emphasis on road maintenance and rehabilitation.

There is a major bottleneck to evacuate people from Nuku’alofa’s lowlying Popua district to higher ground in the case of surge seas. GoT is considering options for a new road linking Nuku’alofa with the southern side of Fanga’uta Lagoon by bridge or causeway. This road would provide better access to the southern and eastern sides of Tongatapu and the airport, and provide an alternative evacuation/access route in case of natural disaster.

For information on Tonga Road Network contact details, please see the following link:

4.1 Tonga Government Contact List

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Road Security

There have been a number of driving fatalities in 2016 due to speeding, alcohol and drug driving.

Driving in Tonga can be hazardous, particularly at night, due to poor visibility, the quality of roads, the significant volume of pedestrian traffic and free-roaming animals.
The speed limit in most locations is 40 km per hour.

**Weighbridges and Axle Load Limits**

Beyond registration fees, there are only few regulations in place in Tonga. No axle load limits exist yet. This being said, it is one of the objectives of the new ministry of Infrastructure.

There are no weighbridges in Tonga.