Economic Alternatives to the CROSS RIVER-SUPER HIGHWAY
Map showing the

- Road links from Cross Rivers to Benue
- Intersection of the Super highway with the Rain forest

Key:
- ....... Existing roads
- ........ Proposed Super Highway
- Green: Forest area with community settlements
- Greenish: Main Rain forest
HOW FEASIBLE IS THIS PROJECT?

Proposed Projected Cost

N200bn

It is an ambitious and expensive project costed at N800bn in Nov. 2015. The cost has since been reduced to N200bn even though the length increased by 10km.

WHERE IS THE SEA-PORT?

The super highway requires a seaport to take goods from Calabar. No funder has even signed up to the construction of the SEAPORT.

WHO WILL PAY BACK FOR THE SUPER HIGHWAY?

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<th>N1,000/Car</th>
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<td>SUPER HIGHWAY TOLL GATE</td>
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100 years Even at this high estimated toll fees, it will take over a 100 yrs to pay back the cost of construction.

STOP WORK

This project suffered a step work order from the Federal Government for proceeding without an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

23 CONDITIONS

The Federal Ministry of Environment has since issued an unprecedented "provisional EIA" with 23 conditions the State Government must meet to proceed with work.

Versions of the EIA released by the state government failed to meet the most basic standards for an EIA at 3 public hearings.

Building a deep seaport in Calabar is expensive with continuous dredging.
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ALTERNATIVES TO THE SUPER HIGHWAY

Super Highway

Recommended Alternatives

What’s the need for a new HIGHWAY?

The State has 3 roads that link Benue State. Why not fix the existing Federal Highway or push the FG to do so itself?

Cross river state rejected upgrade of existing Calabar- Ogoja- Benue that could have served the same function with the proposed super highway. We question the N1.8 trillion that CRSG alleged will be the cost of upgrading the existing Calabar- Ogoja- Benue road.

Cost of Highway in Nigeria

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<th>Route</th>
<th>Length</th>
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<td>Calabar - Ogoja - Benue</td>
<td>340km</td>
<td>N1.8tn</td>
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<td>Cameroon – Ikom - Enugu</td>
<td>433km</td>
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<td>Ogoja – Ikom*</td>
<td>200km</td>
<td>2.5bn</td>
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<td>Calabar - Ikot Ekpene</td>
<td>88.5km</td>
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* The road is at a concluding stage and the specified amount is as captured in the 2017 budget.

Though the state government claims dualizing the existing road will cost N1.8tn, Research shows that it may cost less than N200bn including compensations.
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Can the Cross Rivers State Government (CRSG) provide answers?

How does a longer road become so much cheaper?

How can there be only 825 people affected and why is the projected compensation N700m less than N1 m per head.

In Compliance with condition number 8 from FMEnv. Is there any detailed resettlement and compensation plan?

$115m

Cross Rivers state has the 4th largest external debt amongst the 36 states in Nigeria, put at $115m.

This is partly due to poorly implemented projects such as Tinapa and loss of oil revenue.

Raising external debt for a project without deep analysis will undermine future state revenues needed to create an enabling living and business environment for present and future generations?

The federal government has already appropriated funds to fix the existing highway in the 2017 budget.

The Cross River state government can work with the Federal ministry of works and NDDC to upgrade the existing Highway.
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This amount is not even sufficient to pay the people estimated to be displaced by the super highway assuming there are about 20 homes per KM. Increase the road networks in the rural areas, Government will need about N8.5bn in compensation.

Why will the State Government budget so little to compensate those affected by the road?

N700m

- 825 Persons to be displaced
- 139 Houses to be relocated
- 50 Farms to be relocated

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Meanwhile, in the 2016 budget, over N600m is budgeted by CRSG for intra-state road construction.

...with the super highway, CRSG will splash 40 billion a year for 5 years on one road and 600 million on all rural roads, making the economic argument for the highway boosting rural farming redundant...
Cross River Govt claims cost of existing Calabar - Ogoja upgrade is N1.8 Trillion. Is this possible?

1.8tn

This is higher than the entire capital allocation as proposed in the 2017 budget for 13 key agencies

1.6tn

TOP FG CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS

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Tinapa Knowledge City

An IT park that takes advantage of kilometers of already existing fibre optic cable and will elevate the city to an IT hub. The south-south geopolitical zone of the country.

Given that Cross Rivers State can attract investment worth N200bn here are some more viable projects that can be done with the said investment.

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N700m

Agric processing hubs spread across each local government powered by renewable energy.

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Empower 2000 SMES in the state with N5m Each.