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Re: **Emergency lane/shoulder on expressways/highways**

Dear Sir,

We understand that design standards of highway authorities in all developed countries require the provision of emergency shoulders on expressways/freeways to ensure the safety and convenience of vehicles and drivers.

NHA (Motto: *"Developing Safe Transportation for the 21st Century"* Mission Statement: *"To secure delivery of an efficient, reliable, safe and environment-friendly National Highway network with the view to improve quality of life in Pakistan"*) must also have similar safety standards.

Therefore, it is not understood why IJM Berhad of Malaysia's hazardous proposal is being entertained to construct a 24-km 'Karachi Elevated Expressway' without emergency shoulders.

The Malaysian Highway Authority (information downloadable from http://en.allexperts.com/e/m/ma/malaysian_expressway_system.htm) mandates that *"All expressways must have at least 4 lanes (2 in each direction) separated by a median divider. Both sides must have an emergency lane."*

Please clarify and take appropriate action to safeguard the public interest.

Sincerely,

Mrs Amber Ali bhai
General Secretary
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cc Governor of Sindh
Chief Minister of Sindh
Secretary Communications, Islamabad
Chief Secretary, GoS
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Secretary for Environment, Karachi

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