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Vehicles on the the Entebbe Expressway, which was one of the most expensive infrastructure projects in Uganda. The report called for transparency on such projects

## UNRA, ENERGY ACCUSED OF HIDING INFORMATION

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**A** study on infrastructure projects in Uganda has faulted the Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA), accusing it of denying the public

access to information on infrastructure projects. In its third assurance report, *Cost — an Infrastructure Transparency Initiative*, pointed out that there is lack of timely access to project and contract data as may be required by the public for transparency and accountability purposes. Also cited in the non-disclosure are the energy, health, education and

water and environment ministries. “The Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) and energy ministry declined to disclose project information despite various engagements,” the report, launched recently by Gen. Katumba Wamala, the works and transport minister, read. However, Allan Ssempebwa, the UNRA media relations officer, said

they have an open communication channel which allows members of the public access to information regarding different projects. “We operate open channels of communication as UNRA, before, during and after undertaking the project. Even right now we are still engaging people especially the project affected persons,” Ssempebwa said. He however commended the CoST-

Uganda for the observer initiative on government infrastructure projects, saying UNRA would improve where gaps have been identified in the report. The report focused on 13 projects from five top procuring entities on the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA) list.

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