

Alarmed by the heavy loss of lives at the Ondo State section of the Ilesha/ Owo/ Benin expressway occasioned by fatal accidents, the Ondo State Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko on Monday disclose that the state would take over the construction of the road to put an end to the sad occurrences.

Dr Mimiko who paid an unscheduled visit to the scene where over 30 people have been lost in ghastly motor accidents in the last two weeks lamented the deplorable State of the road saying that despite the fact that the road is a Federal Government one, he could no longer watch innocent lives being wasted almost on a daily basis adding that he would order contractors to move to site immediately.

Dr Mimiko, who regretted the poor State of the Federal roads in many part of the country, which according to him has led to incessant auto accidents in the country, stated that his administration would not wait for the Federal Government before it embark on the renovation of federal roads in the state in order to put a stop to the incessant loss of lives and property.

The Governor however said that all necessary extension and renovation from the Federal Government Girls College to the Federal University of Technology (FUTA) North Gate area all along the Expressway in Akure would be urgently carried out.

His words “All these point to the calls we have been making. We called on Federal Government to do something on Federal roads; there is no question about the fact that there is no room for any maneuvering here on this road. Every part has been eroded. We have spoken to the Federal Roads Emergency Maintenance Agency (FERMA); we have spoken to Federal Government.

“But we have decided that we are going to take this up and the Federal Government will pay us fine and even if they don’t pay us, we cannot allow this wanton waste of lives and property to continue. We have made complaints and nothing has been done” said the Governor.

It will be recalled that two separate auto accident happened 100 meters away from each other along the road in less than two weeks leading to the loss of over thirty lives.