



Repair job on NLEX segment completed. Availing itself of modern road-building technology and working round the clock, the Manila North Tollways Corporation (MNTC) announced yesterday the completion on schedule of the maintenance works on one of the projects lined up for pavement enhancement designed to ease up further travel along the 84-kilometer North Luzon Expressway (NLEX).

MNTC senior vice president Luigi Bautista revealed that maintenance works on a two-kilometer southbound section from San Matias Bridge in San Simon, Pampanga and Pau Bridge in Pulilan, Bulacan were finished on target deadline over the week-end. It will soon be opened fully to vehicular traffic on Tuesday upon attaining the proper concrete strength at the Pau Bridge.

MNTC utilized what was technically called "high early strength concrete," which requires only three days for curing—unlike traditional concrete mix which has to be cured for at least 28 days, according to Bautista. The pavement is then covered with asphalt overlay as a finishing

touch.

This technology was used to "get the job done fast, and to shorten the period of inconvenience to motorists," said Bautista.

Counterflow arrangement would be implemented at the affected portions until they are fully reopened to vehicular traffic on Tuesday.

Bautista noted that, despite the maintenance and enhancement works on the tollway, traffic slow down would be minimized through the proper management of the traffic involving the use of concrete barriers, plastic cones, construction and advisory signages and lighting devices, in addition to counterflow arrangements.