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**Safe, smooth travelling needed on Lahore-Gujranwala GT Road.  
Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui**

In line with the vision of the Prime Minister of Pakistan Mr. Imran Khan, and on the instructions of Federal Minister for Communications and Postal Services Mr. Murad Saeed, Federal Secretary for Communications Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui paid a detailed visit to Lahore-Gujranwala section of Karachi-Lahore-Peshawar National Highway (N-5) He took stock of improvement works being carried out to ensure safe and sound travelling and discipline the traffic there. NHA's General Manager Punjab gave a detail briefing.

Expressing views, Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui said, Lahore-Gujranwala G.T Road may rightly be termed one of the busiest section of N-5 as it links up two major industrial and trade cities of Lahore and Gujranwala. Keeping in view its importance, it is imperative to undertake all the possible measures for making journey safe and sound on this segment of N-5. He said two sign boards have been installed on each U-Turn between Lahore-Gujranwala section to avoid risk of accidents. Further all the sign boards have been cleared for clear visibility to ensure safety of commuters. He said, service roads exist at urban areas of Shahdara, Ravi Rayan, Muridke and Kamoke. Condition of service road at Shahdara and Muridke require maintenance for which necessary documentary work is being completed. Continuing he said, road rutting has also been removed from various locations between Lahore-Gujranwala section through routine maintenance contract. He said, lane marking will soon be started, while fog lights have been installed at Kala ShahKaku and Gujranwala Toll Plazas. Lahore-Gujranwala is thickly populated having mostly urban areas, hence traffic jam is observed in peak hours. In the matter National Highways and Motorway Police is asked to regulate the traffic especially during peak hours at urban locations.

Secretary Communications Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui also visited Lahore-Islamabad Motorway M-2 and reviewed prices of the edibles at Service Areas. He said, in order to facilitate the commuters and to maintain cleanliness at service area as per International standards, the concessionaire has been directed to adopt necessary measures and deploy sufficient manpower to ensure cleanliness and safety/security of all premises located in each service area including hotel, shops. Mosques workshops etc round the clock.