

Authorities study safety fixes at Dolega-Boquete highway crossing

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Summary

After a fatal crash, actor Elmis Castillo met the ATTT and deputy Jhonathan Vega to review dangerous points on the Interamerican Highway at the turn-off to Dolega and Boquete. Measures under study include better left-turn signage, village-entry and speed signs, and possibly a traffic light or flashing yellow light.

Details (summary of the article)

Día a Día reports that Panamanian actor and producer Elmis Castillo got a response from authorities after campaigning for safety improvements at road crossings in Chiriquí, following the death of Sergio Lorenzo, the husband of his mother Marlenis Melgar, in a traffic accident. Castillo met officials of the Land Transit and Transport Authority (ATTT) together with Jhonathan Vega, deputy for circuit 4-5 covering Boquete, Dolega and Gualaca, and toured the sites he considers risky: the Interamerican Highway crossing toward Dolega and Boquete where the crash occurred, and another point in Dolega opposite Tres Estrellas. Options discussed include improving left-turn markings, installing vertical signs warning of a populated area, setting posted speed limits and adding caution warnings, as well as evaluating a traffic light or a flashing amber signal at the crossing. While a formal project is prepared, authorities are looking at measures that could be applied immediately and will consult transport operators and community members before drafting proposals. Castillo said he will follow up and hopes the effort saves lives. For Boquete residents this is the main junction used to reach the Interamerican Highway, so changes there would affect daily driving.

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