

Arona roads

On the road again

▲ **The atrocious state of the roads** in the district of Arona has once again come up for discussion.

The mayor, José Alberto González Reverón and Arona's councillor for roads, Antonio Miguel García Marichal recently met with the island council's counterpart, Vicenta Díaz Sáez to analyse a study which had been undertaken regarding the district's roads and their safety at the request of the island council. It is hoped that the proposals can be included in the island council's plans once their budget has been set for the next few years.

Both the mayor and the councillor described the condition of the district's roads at this meeting, making their discrepancies and needs very clear. Arona has experienced a massive increase in population, and this is reflected by the sheer volume of traffic and the collapse of existing infrastructures which are negatively affecting the quality of life and the safety of its resi-



Much more work needs to be done to improve the roads throughout the Arona borough

dents. They also referred to the large numbers of people travelling on a daily basis from other districts to work, mainly in the tourist sector which is the principal source of income for Arona and the whole of Tenerife, not to mention the

quantity of vehicles which regularly travel to the port in Los Cristianos heading for the other islands.

Following extensive field studies, Reverón and Marichal presented their proposals which, if implemented, should

solve the problems of traffic queues, road safety, the image which is being projected of one of the most significant tourist destinations on the island, and of course improve the quality of life for Arona's residents who are affected

the most. The island council agrees with 80 per cent of the Arona council's proposals for works which are considered necessary and in some cases absolutely essential. They include improvements to gutters to allow adequate

rainwater drainage, and to both vertical and horizontal road signs, reducing the depth of roadside dips, the introduction of more raised pedestrian crossings, adding security measures to crash barriers to avoid serious injury to motorbike riders, road resurfacing, improvements to bus stops to bring them into line with the traditional design used in the mid-altitude areas, clearing and planting out of the roadsides, verifying that the existing rainwater drainage systems are unobstructed and reinforcing areas which suffer from rockfalls, amongst other items. With this in mind, the local government estimates that the priorities are the TF-66 Valle San Lorenzo-Las Galletas, the TF-28 Playa de las Américas-La Camella, the TF-51 La Camella-Arona, the TF-657 La Camella-Cabo Blanco, the TF-655 Guaza-Los Cristianos, the TF-652 Las Galletas-Guargacho and the TF-662 which is the auxiliary road between Guaza and Los Cristianos.

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