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Major upgrades on Solomon Mahlangu Drive resume

The Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport has officially resumed with the multimillion rand rehabilitation and upgrading project of Road K69 (Solomon Mahlangu drive - Phase 1) in Mamelodi.

The R300 million project – fully funded by the Department - was officially launched by MEC for Public Transport and Roads Infrastructure, Jacob Mamabolo, on Wednesday, 28 August 2019.

Addressing the community members, MEC explained that the project will involve the dualisation of the existing carriageway to increase its capacity, improve safety and accessibility for existing and future developments along the K69.

The project is expected to be completed in August 2021.

"Once completed, this project will have a great impact on the economy of Mamelodi. It will make the movement of people and goods much easier and will drastically reduce congestion," said Mamabolo.

Road K69 has been experiencing high volumes of traffic resulting in congestion during peak morning and afternoon traffic.

The project is expected to reduce congestion and travel times between Mamelodi and the N4.

Road K69 stretches almost 12 kilometres in the north easterly direction from Lynwood to Mamelodi, linking Lynwood Road to K54 in Mamelodi.

The first phase of the project will cover approximately nine (09) kilometres, stretching from Road R104 (Bronkhorstspuit Road) to K54 in Mamelodi.

"The road infrastructure is the life blood for any economy. If we are serious about the township economy, investments such as this are a necessity," Mamabolo added.

He said the project will amongst other things provide an improved dual carriageway of road with reduced traffic congestion and accidents.

"During construction local businesses will benefit 30% of the contract value, the community will benefit in skills transfer and training programmes," the MEC added.

The scope of works include, amongst others, construction of a bridge over Pienaars River, upgrading of intersections along the route, upgrading of stormwater management infrastructure as well as cleaning the road reserve and grass cutting.

The project will also see the construction of bus or taxi bays at selected intersections in support of public transport and passenger convenience.

MEC Mamabolo added that "this demonstrates Gauteng Provincial Government's commitment to providing a world-class road network serving as a key stimulator to economic growth, creating job opportunities whilst promoting social cohesion".

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