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## STATEMENT

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### **MEC Diale-Tlabela intervenes on K69 (Solomon Mahlangu Drive) following delays in project delivery**

Gauteng MEC for Transport and Logistics Ms Kedibone Diale-Tlabela has issued a stern warning to a contractor responsible for the construction of K69 (Solomon Mahlangu Drive) following several delays in the delivery of the important artery that connects Mamelodi with the rest of the City of Tshwane.

Construction of the project resumed in 2019 and was expected to be completed in 2022. However due to poor contractor performance, encroachment of the road reserve, community stoppages the completion of the road has been moved to this year.

“The Department will start conducting background checks on companies we appoint to run our roads infrastructure construction projects. We have a responsibility to pay the contractor on time, but they must also stick to their end of the contract and perform as agreed,” said MEC Diale-Tlabela.

MEC visited the project as part of oversight site inspection with the Roads and Transport Portfolio Committee. The department also engaged with stakeholders who are affected by the delayed delivery of the project. It has committed that the project will be completed during the 2023/24 financial year.

“Our visit to this project is part of responding to the marching orders we were given by the Premier to fast track the delivery of infrastructure in townships, informal settlements, and hostels. We cannot afford for such important infrastructure to affect the economic growth of our townships,” added the MEC.

The department has established a Rapid Response Unit that is charged with inspecting the quality of the transport infrastructure across the 5638 km's provincial network which the Department is responsible for.

Furthermore, MEC Diale-Tlabela has established a project intervention team comprising of officials from Design, Construction and Maintenance units to closely monitor the delivery of the project.

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