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Gauteng officially opens the rehabilitated R28 road

Gauteng MEC for Roads and Transport, Dr Ismail Vadi, today officially opened the rehabilitated multi-million R28 Road in Westonaria, south of Johannesburg.

The R299 million rehabilitation project is in line with Gauteng Provincial Government's commitment to improving and providing world-class road infrastructure that facilitates access to economic opportunities and improving the lives of residents for the better.

MEC Vadi said that the single carriageway provides a bypass for road traffic from the south of Johannesburg to the N12 and the North-West Province.

"This is an important route as it supports the agricultural and mining sectors of the economy. Due to increased road usage by heavy duty trucks, particularly from the mines and farming communities in the area, the R28 road had degraded over the years," Vadi said.

He indicated that the project scope included significant road works along 29 kilometres of the R28; reinstating road markings and signage; replacing damaged signs and guardrails as well as clearing the road reserve and drainage structures.

He further encouraged residents to partake in the public participation process on the proposed naming and renaming of 20 provincial roads currently underway.

The multi-million rand project was completed in approximately 30 months. It is expected to reduce travelling times and improve road safety for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

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