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MEC Vadi launches multi-million road rehabilitation project in Sedibeng

Gauteng MEC for Roads and Transport, Dr Ismail Vadi, today officially launched the multi-million R42/Potch Road rehabilitation project in the Sedibeng District Municipality, south of Johannesburg.

The R172 million project, in the Southern Corridor, is fully-funded by the Department and involves heavy rehabilitation of the single carriageway.

Vadi said that the rehabilitation seeks to improve the structural and functional condition of the carriageway.

"It is expected that upon completion, the life pavement of the road will be extended by 20 years. This 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," Vadi said.

Road R42 serves as a major route linking Vereeniging, in Sedibeng District Municipality, and the North-West Province. It also serves as a collector and distributor for neighbouring towns around the Maize Triangle.

"The need for the rehabilitation was informed by the roads infrastructure visual assessment conducted by the Department which found the road to have degraded," said Vadi.

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

Upon completion, the upgraded road is envisioned to provide road users and surrounding communities with easier access to economic activities as well as improved public road safety.

The project is expected to be completed in July 2020 with more than 150 people expected to employed for the project.

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