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AGREEMENT REACHED ON ALLANDALE ROAD MAINTENANCE

In a meeting convened by MEC for Public Transport and Roads Infrastructure, DNMZ Consulting (Department's appointed professional consultants) and Century Property Developments (private property developer) on the 13th and 14th March 2020, all parties agreed as follows:

- The traffic volumes on Allandale Road have grown over the years and that the road capacity has remained the same, with a negative impact on the current road, these include congestion and deterioration on the road surface. It is therefore necessary to urgently upgrade the road into a dual carriageway.
- The current state of deterioration of the road requires an urgent intervention through road maintenance, rehabilitation and that further delays on this will have a severe impact on the road users.
- In appreciation of the negative impact of road maintenance on traffic flow, especially road closure, the parties will introduce the following set of measures:
 - A temporary bypass will be constructed to allow road maintenance to be executed, to accommodate the flow of traffic and to avert closure of the road for the period of the maintenance works.
 - Century Property Development has made land available to support the construction of the bypass and a site camp at no cost to the taxpayer.
 - Century Property Development has also offered to undertake bulk earthworks at no cost to the taxpayer.
 - In the case of rock blasting, chemical blasting will be explored as the preferred option. Should conventional rock blasting be required, the road will be closed for short periods, outside peak hour. In this regard, proper and consistent communication will be undertaken by the parties.

- Considering the need for precautionary measures and risk mitigation for unforeseen circumstances, road closure for a considerable period of time still remains an option and prompt communication will be activated as stated above.
- Starting on Monday, 16th March 2020, the parties will immediately commence with the construction of the bypass whilst the road remains open to road users. We however wish to caution road users to fully cooperate with the process of road maintenance/rehabilitation.
- The contractor will work extra hours to complete the works expeditiously.

- The MEC has committed to fast-track the resolution of all matters that have caused delays to the upgrade of the road into a dual carriageway over the years - MEC will give parties feedback on progress made, by the 30th of April 2020.

CONCLUSION:

The parties have welcomed this approach as a good model for government and the private sector to come together and resolve problems, by bringing together resources, expertise and goodwill to resolve challenges of this nature.

We are confident that this will bring a sustainable and long-term solution to road users, the business community and all users of this important artery.

The parties have committed to consistent engagement and communication amongst themselves and other affected parties based on reliable, credible and accurate information for the period of road maintenance/rehabilitation and the long-term solution of upgrading the road into a dual carriageway.

ENDS!

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