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DRT teams on ground attending to road infrastructure damages

Gauteng MEC for Public Transport and Roads Infrastructure, Jacob Mamabolo, has moved to assure motorists that the Department's emergency road maintenance teams are currently on the ground attending to various damages inflicted to the infrastructure.

This after the province endured heavy rainfalls that resulted in damages to the road infrastructure.

He added the Department has embarked on a maintenance and repair programme giving priority to those major routes affected mainly by poor road conditions (potholes) and debris removal. This forms part of the Department's #SmartMobility campaign, a dedicated extra-capacity to catch up with backlogs of COVID19 lockdowns that adversely affected road maintenance program.

The MEC is further urging motorists to exercise extreme caution and responsibility when driving in rainy conditions.

"Drivers need to recognize that such conditions present unique challenges including, but not limited to, reduced visibility; reduced traction as well as increased time to bring a vehicle to a complete stop" cautioned the MEC.

He further appealed to motorists to reduce speed, increase the following distances and turn on the headlights when driving in rainy conditions.

Gauteng residents and motorists are also urged to be on high alert, be aware of possible flash floods and avoid crossing flooded bridges and roads.

To report poor road conditions on provincial roads, motorists can contact the Department's nearest Regional Office:

1. **Benoni Regional Office** (City of Ekurhuleni) on (011) 748 2000/3;
2. **Vereeniging Regional Office** (Sedibeng District) on (016) 451 1047;
3. **Derdepoort Regional Office** (City of Tshwane) on (012) 808 3470 or 060 836 3246
4. **Bronkhorstspuit Regional Office** (City of Tshwane) on (013) 932 0171;
5. **Krugersdorp Regional Office** (JHB/WRDM) on (011) 660 5541/2/3.

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