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North West government to strengthen road infrastructure delivery and maintenance

Marikana: The North West Department of Public Works and Roads has made substantial investment in road infrastructure across the province, Premier Supra Mahumapelo said during the State of the Province Address (SOPA) at Marikana on Friday.

Premier Mahumapelo who was speaking at the official opening of the North West Provincial Legislature, said approximately 167km of new upgrades have been covered in the current financial year.

Announcing plans to upgrade roads across the province, Premier Mahumapelo said “We will upgrade, from gravel to tar 34km of road D313 from Morokweng to Tseoge, 31km of road D3492 from Morokweng to Bona-bona, 36km of road D327 from Ganyesa to Vargas (border Northern Cape), 5km of road Z566 and D514 in Bojating village, 23km of road D413 from Setlopo to Meetmekaar, 20km of road D548 from Mantsho to Bierkraal, and an 18km of road D201 from Kgomotso to Mmamutla”.

Premier Mahumapelo added that re-sealing and rehabilitation of roads totalling 157km were done at Schweizer-Renecke to Wolmaranstad (71km), Itsoseng to Goedgevonden (48 km), Matooster to Ruighoek (31km), R101 passing through the Carousel (7km).

“Regarding the upgrade of gravel roads to surfaced standard, the Department has planned for a total of 60km in the 2018/19 financial year.

Mahumapelo said that key projects to be undertaken in the new financial year include phase 2 of the Road D201: Pampierstad to Matlapaneng (17km), Road D402 through the villages of Manamolela, Diretsane, Deelpan to Kopela (13km), Road P66/1 (Kgomo Kgomo to P65/1) and Road D614 / Z614 (P65/1 to Lebotlwaane to Tlholwe) and Road Z619 from Tlholwe to Ga - Habedi and D639 from Moretele to Ga-Habedi (6km).

Mahumapelo told the Provincial Legislature that a new highway from Mahikeng to Rooigrond will upon completion, be named after the late icon Nelson Mandela.

“In respect of bridge construction, the department has set aside an amount of R25 million for the construction of the bridge (level crossing) over the Dr Moroka street in Rustenburg. The repairs of bridges in the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District will proceed and it is planned that one repair project will be completed in the next financial year,” said Mahumapelo.

Premier Mahumapelo told the Provincial Legislature sitting that the DPWR has been directed to establish a provincial infrastructure delivery unit by taking up all built industry professionals and resources from various departments to operate under one roof.

“This will enhance the government capacity to deliver infrastructure development and maintenance services. The intervention will also include capacity development through a training programme in partnership with relevant Sector Education Training Authorities and professional bodies,” said Mahumapelo.

He further said that unemployed graduates who need practical experience for professional registration in the built industry, will be assisted and then recruited to join the unit.

As part of the Setsokotsane 10x10 campaign, Mahumapelo cited that the Itirele Road Maintenance Programme, which is the job creation programme of the department, has to date created 5114 work opportunities and is expected to have created 7 025 work opportunities by the end of the current financial year.

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