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Department of Public Works Roads and Transport to fast-track construction on the Koster-Lichtenburg Road...

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The Koster to Lichtenburg road in the North West Province has been under construction since 2008. While there have been numerous delays which the Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport(DPWRT) is concerned about, the DPWRT is doing all it can to speed up the process so that construction and its inconveniences can be a thing of the past.

Most recently, the DPWRT held meetings with the consultant and the contractor to agree on terms. The aim of this meeting was to determine a way forward especially with regard to the Stop 'n Go waiting time. The discussion also revolved around the quality of work has also been undertaken. The contractor has, in the meantime, been busy with the construction of widening shoulders on long sections of the road from Lichtenburg towards Koster.

MEC Mahlakeng Mahlakeng confirmed that he had also visited the site to urge the contractor to intensify the efforts in making sure that the road is completed by its deadline. Currently the contractual completion date of works is 20 March 2011. The contractor is busy with a plan to ensure that all the Stop 'n Go signals are removed and the site is safer for a two-way traffic across its length by 15 December 2010.

The contractor, professional team and the Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport are fully committed to a renewed effort to ensure that all works are completed to the required quality standards and at all times maintaining safety on site for contractors and road users.

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