



Work finally begins on the ‘Nelson Mandela Highway’...

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The long wait is finally over as the road construction company, M Civils Makali Civilcon Joint Venture (JV) have started work for a major face-lift of the Mahikeng to Lichtenburg road.

The company was handed over the site by the Department of Public Works and Roads in November 2016 to begin the multi-million rand rehabilitation project that is planned to be implemented in three phases.

The more than R127m first phase, will be on the notorious and pothole infested section in the vicinity of Rooigrond prison.

Dubbed the “Nelson Mandela Highway” the new-look 28.5km road project was officially unveiled to the public on “Mandela Day” in 2016 by the Premier of the province, Supra Mahumapelo in Mahikeng.

The envisaged new-look Nelson Mandela Highway is technically an extension of the Nelson Mandela Street from Mahikeng inner city towards Lichtenburg:

From Danville township until Rooigrond Prison area, a new carriage way is on the cards to enable two vehicles to travel in one direction in separate lanes both ways, which suggest the road will be broadened to also accommodate increased traffic volumes leaving or entering Mahikeng town.

A traffic circle is part of the mix for the free-flow of traffic from the direction of Mahikeng Provincial Hospital.

The traffic circle itself is envisaged to have captivating themes like a fountain and decorations that talk to Mahikeng as a city of goodwill in order to enhance its status as seat of the provincial government.

Rehabilitation and upgrades to the “Nelson Mandela Highway” have also necessitated plans for the improvement of other feeder roads around Mahikeng by the department.

These include the road from Setlopo, through Mantsa to Mareetsane (41km) the road from Lokaleng (Mmabatho Unit 2) to Tlapeng (29km), Nooitgedacht to Kaalpan Road (16km) half of which will be regavelled.

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