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Address by the DPWR Accounting Officer, Moss Kgantsi, to business stakeholders and established entities trading along Nelson Mandela Drive, Mahikeng.

- **Programme Director**
- **Distinguished Guests**
- **Official of the Department of Public Works and Roads**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen**

At least by now, you must be aware that the Department of Public Works and Roads, is rehabilitating Nelson Mandela Drive.

This project starts from Danville, through Mahikeng town, and ending at the point where Nelson Mandela Drive intersects with Aerodrome Crescent Street.

The appointed contractor – **Khosivuyo Logistics CC**- is on site as we speak, and most of you must have noticed some activity going on already on some sections of the road.

This is R47million worth project which we expect to be done by **13 September, 2023**.

You must have also noticed a billboard, from the intersection at the **International School of South Africa (Issa)** which depicts the end product of what we hope to deliver by September 13 this year.



That said, it very important to travel this journey together, as one of our key stakeholders in business.

All of us gathered here will appreciate a quality road that improves the look, and feel of Mahikeng town which is also a provincial capital.

A quality road that ensures secure movement of goods and services, and a rehabilitated road that stimulates economic activity and support and economic growth.

This project, the rehabilitation of Nelson Mandela Drive, therefore requires your unwavering support and patience in order to make it success story for this town and North West in general.

That support will ensure that the appointed contractor, who is part of this meeting, delivers quality and finishes this project on time and within the allocated budget.

Therefore, it our observation, that as soon as construction works move into top gear, there may be interruptions to the normal flow of traffic on the Nelson Mandela Drive.

Access to some of your business establishment, along the road, may be experience closures and detours.

Alternative routes may also have to be used, especially by your clients, and suppliers in order to access some of your businesses establishment along the Nelson Mandela Drive.

That may cause some irritation, especially if such is prolonged and affects business and individual clients.



We are mindful of that but can assure you, while this may irritate and cause some inconvenience, we would pull all stops to keep that to the minimum.

Regrettably, we cannot divert traffic into space. We just have to learn to live with the inconvenience temporarily with the full confidence however, that good investment has been made to improve the main street going through in our town.

This road project will and can only succeed if you, and all of us put shoulder to the wheel, by being supportive and very patient during the rehabilitation phase.

We will keep you updated on the progress we are making from now until this project is completed.

We will also not run away from you, if we begin to encounter challenges along the way.

But for now there is no room for challenges. We want a quality product which is value for money, come September 13, 2023

In conclusion Ladies and gentlemen

I now invite to the podium, colleagues in the Chief Directorate: Transport Infrastructure, to present a detailed plan of the road works that have already started, which we hope should pick-up speed in the coming weeks.

The presentation will also detail the time-lines as well as locations which require some kind of intervention to ensure we deliver quality.

Soon thereafter, it will be your turn to ask questions, clarity seeking questions, and also to make inputs.

This is your night, and main reason why I called you here tonight.



I thank you.

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