



Major resource boost make meaning impact on Setsokotsane too...

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The Department of Public Works and Roads has taken delivery of four top of the range tipper trucks to add to the existing fleet of government- owned road construction plant and to keep to the minimum reliance on hiring some plant to do routine maintenance of gravel roads.

The brand new tipper trucks with a combined purchase price of approximately R5. 8million are currently in the Ngaka Modiri Molema Districts in Mahikeng for registration to be finalised before being deployment by the department's road maintenance team to sites identified for spot re-gravelling.

The delivery of the trucks could not have come an appropriate time for the department in view of immediate challenges in rural main and access roads requiring re-gravelling in certain sections of the roads.

Each tipper truck has a capacity of 10 cubic metres according to the department Chief Mechanical Engineer, Puvi Poovendran.

During the roll out of Setsokotsane, the expectation is that the department should mobilise, among others road construction plant to either blade the gravel roads as per request of communities.

The department which is an infrastructure delivery arms of government, has during Setsokotsane assisted various municipalities with tipper trucks to help remove bulk refuse as part of corporative governance.

The delivery of the new truck brings to 12 the number of same bought in the past year. Eight are currently allocated to the dispatched to the four districts , Dr Kenneth Kaunda; Bojanala, Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati and Ngaka Modiri Molema.

At least 20 artisans from the above mentioned districts have begun a four-day basic maintenance course arranged by the manufacturers of the tipper trucks, Toyota/Hino in Marlboro Johannesburg.

According to Poovendran, this move will empower the artisans to be able to operate and maintain the trucks optimally once the respective maintenance plans of the vehicle has lapsed.

*Meanwhile, the department has also in the past two financial year bought eight top of the range motor graders with a combined purchased price of R18million to address the challenges of gravel roads especially in the rural areas.

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