

HARD AT WORK:

Johannesburg Roads Agency workers.



Improvements in the city

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JOHANNESBURG Roads Agency and City Power have been hard at work executing several huge capital projects.

The area covered by Region A, the northern part of the city, is a vital pillar of the economy of Johannesburg. It comprises three nodes including Midrand, Fourways and the Kya Sands areas.

A total of 143 streetlights were installed in Kya Sands and 10 streetlights in Paulshof, as well as along Uranium Road in Witkoppen.

City Power conducts weekly inspections of substations while mini-substations are inspected every six months. Spotting exercises to check whether street lights are on during the day are done on a regular basis.

“Effective service delivery and well-planned infrastructure development are essential to keeping this economic pillar going,” City of Johannesburg Executive Mayor, Parks Tau said.

“At our regular public sessions with the community, we listen carefully to the issues they raise and then do our best to implement them, concentrating on basic issues such as roads, stormwater pipes and streetlights, among others.”

Johannesburg Roads Agency has resurfaced the following streets and roads within the following regions:

- ❑ Kya Sands: Precision, Agnes, Oosterland, Conduit, Industrial and Government roads
- ❑ Barbeque Downs: Main Road

- ❑ Diepsloot: JB Marks, Nkululeko and Itireleng streets, among others.

A whopping R45 million would be spent to convert open drains to subsurface drainage in Diepsloot during the next two years, while the budget for the same project in Ivory Park is also R45 million.

In addition, R41 million has been allocated to road reconstruction projects in the region to improve the general state of the roads in highly populated areas as well as gravel roads in agricultural areas.

Some of the approved projects include:

- ❑ Erosion protection in the Fourways area
- ❑ Pedestrian bridges planned for Ivory Park and Diepsloot (R1-million each)
- ❑ Gravel roads reconstruction programme in agricultural holdings, which was launched last year and is currently 43 percent complete was allocated R5-million.

Another project tackled by Johannesburg Roads Agency included the rehabilitation of a bridge on Main Street, Riverbend in Ward 96, while faded road markings were repainted in the Lonehill, Farmall, Witkoppen, Witpoort and Halfway House areas. Streets in Diepsloot Ext 7 and 9 have been upgraded, including Penduka, Boswa, Tjhesa, Joy, Livhuwani and Baleka streets.

All traffic lights along William Nicol Road were reinstated after construction on the route was complete.

Abigail Ndlovu, regional director of Region A, believes that to ensure that business and residents stay in the area, constant attention needs to be paid to the maintenance of infrastructure.