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The JRA aims to have 200 main roads pothole free

The Johannesburg Roads Agency is participating in the City of Johannesburg's 90 days service delivery program in which it will accelerate service delivery to address road infrastructure challenges with key interventions.

The agency has identified 200 main roads and 200 critical intersections, recurring storm-water hot-spots and gravel roads in townships and informal settlements which it will be focusing on as part of its three-month intensive service delivery program. The 90 days program starts from July to September and is intended to expedite service delivery. This program is addition to the normal road maintenance which happens everyday.

The JRA will attend to the following on the 200 main roads identified:

- Roads maintenance
- Stormwater
- Traffic lights
- Footways Programme
- Gravel Roads Programme

During this period, the JRA aims to have at least 17 000 potholes closed and 50 km of road resurfaced or reconstructed as part of its 90 days service delivery intervention program.

About R20 million has been put aside for this program to ensure that the 200 identified main roads are pothole free. This program will also see some of the badly damaged roads receiving a facelift in the form of resurfacing and where necessary reconstructed. In addition, some of the roads in areas like Naledi, Zondi, Jabavu, Sandhurst and Alexandra will benefit from the road rehabilitation programme. These are the roads which have been badly damaged and will receive attention.

Another R20 million has also been allocated to repair recurring storm-water drainage which had been identified as hotspots in areas such as Marlboro Drive in Wendywood, Dobsonville rank, Morris Street in Woodmead, Oaklands road in Orchards, Kya Sands road, Wyomig Avenue in Berario, Ouklip Road in Helderkruijn, Ruwenzori Street in Florida Hills, Richmond/ Malboro Drive in Graighall Park, Hampton Court Road in Gallo Manor, 23 Soetdoring Street and Bentley Park.

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Often the storm-water drainage system is blocked and it poses a serious danger to pedestrians, motorists and the community as a whole. This is why it is important to ensure that it is clean all the time and to educate the community not to throw rubble into the drainage system for it to function well.

About 120 traffic lights will either be modernized with the installation of the uninterrupted power supply, remote monitoring functionality and the power-saving LED lights.

In the informal settlements where the roads are often not accessible especially during raining season, the JRA will introduce the gravel roads stabilisation programme. At least 10km of gravel roads are due for upgrade and the townships such as Rabie Ridge, Braamfischerville, Klipspruit, Hospital Hill and Sweetwaters will benefit from this gravel roads stabilisation programme.

To ensure that the pedestrians are always safe on the roads and that storm-water drainage system is better managed especially in the townships, the JRA will be constructing footways and kerb inlets in Soweto (Orlando East, Diepkloof, Meadowlands, Jabavu and Naledi) and Alexandra townships.

The JRA is responsible for about 10 000 kilometers of tarred roads and over 2000 signalised intersections.

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