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DRC ROADS AGENCY PAYS THE JRA A SITE VISIT

On 4 March 2015 the Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) hosted its Democratic Republic of Congo counterparts, DRC Roads Agency. The purpose of the visit was mainly to foster relations between SA and DRC roads entities in the area of roads infrastructure and management, sharing best practices and also transferring knowledge on roads infrastructure development.

The DRC delegates showed interest in the areas of budgeting, tenders, roads resurfacing internal capacity, prioritisation of roads programmes, quality management and the role the JRA plays in the economy.

Thulani Makhubela, Head of Department: Planning, said the JRA's Corridors of Freedom and Jozi at Work programmes are aimed at redressing past infrastructural imbalances in the City of Johannesburg, creating sustainable jobs, empowering co-operatives in disadvantaged communities and promoting community-based service delivery.

"The JRA as an entity of the City of Johannesburg contributes to the strategic objectives of the City," said Makhubela. The strategic objectives contained in the JRA 2017 Strategy, explained Makhubela, feed into the City's GDS 2040 Strategy.

The JRA has its own internal capacity for the production of asphalt and roads resurfacing. About 60% of the resurfacing work is performed by an internal team. "The idea is to have as much internal capacity on resurfacing as possible. We will continue developing our internal capacity, as in so doing we'll also be contributing to the creation of sustainable jobs," Makhubela told his DRC counterparts.

He added that scientific data collected through roads assessment is used to determine not only which roads to prioritise, but also the "necessary treatment for the specific roads". The budget allocation for roads

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resurfacing increases each financial year, the DRC delegates heard. However, the increase in the resurfacing budget does not mean roads conditions are poor, but demonstrates a pro-active approach to roads maintenance.

The DRC Delegates also visited the JRA's asphalt depot and took a tour in the traffic signals control centre to gain insights into how Johannesburg's traffic lights are engineered, controlled and monitored.

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About the Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA)

The JRA is a City-owned agency responsible for the maintenance, repair and development of Johannesburg's road network and storm water infrastructure, including bridges and culverts, traffic lights and signage.

The organisation is committed to providing quality roads that are accessible, safe and liveable for our communities. ***The JRA encourages residents to report road and storm water issues to 0860 562 874/ hotline@jra.org.za / twitter @MyJra so that we may be of service.***

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