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M1 DOUBLE DECKER REHABILITATION TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION CAUSED BY FLASH FLOODING

The **Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA)** has commenced with rehabilitation and structural repair work on the M1 Double-Decker bridge which caused extensive traffic congestion this month on one of the city's major freeways following flash flooding.

Work on this R82M project commenced on 6 January 2016 on the M1 overpass bridges – the double decker sections – between Carr and Anderson streets in the city centre. Work includes rehabilitation and structural repairs, asphalt surfacing, expansion joints, drainage systems and new road signs.

“We anticipate that the impact of flash flooding on the Double Decker section will be significantly reduced on completion, as the rehabilitation includes drainage improvement and doubling-up of existing drainage infrastructure ensuring the bridge is able to effectively deal with large volumes of storm-water runoff” advises **Johannesburg Roads Agency, Acting Managing Director, Mpho Kau.**

The rehabilitation is part of the City's R365-million programme to rehabilitate ageing infrastructure and improve road safety on the M1 freeway. Other projects currently underway include the rehabilitation of both Federation and Oxford Bridges as well as the re-construction of the 2km of dual carriageway between Rockridge Road and Federation Road. In addition, the entire 3km of existing storm water drainage system will be replaced between Rockridge Bridge and Federation Road Bridge on the freeway, as well as on Oxford and Federation Roads below the freeway.

This is part of the R100-billion investment in infrastructure over the next decade as announced by the Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg and envisaged in the 2040 Growth and Development Strategy.

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“The safety of road-users is a priority for the JRA, and maintaining our road infrastructure is an important component of this. High quality roads contribute significantly to economic growth, and making citizens’ lives easier.” Says Kau

The extensive repair work to the M1 will take 18 months to complete. This will mean that Johannesburg motorists will have to budget more time for their travel along this key route. Motorists are encouraged to explore alternate routes and make use of available public transport services, where possible.

Details about progress with construction and road closures are available on the Johannesburg Roads Agency’s website – www.jra.org.za. Road and storm water issues can be reported to the Customer Call Centre on 0860 562 874 or hotline@jra.org.za or via the JRA’s award winning freely downloadable JRA Find&Fix app. Follow the activities on Facebook and Twitter @MyJra.



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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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