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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **JRA ASSESSING STORM DAMAGE TO CITY'S ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE**

The **Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA)** today started cleaning up operations and damage assessments of the road and related infrastructure caused by yesterday's heavy storm across the City.

**MMC for Transport Cllr Nonhlanhla Makhuba** confirmed: "We are aware of several low lying bridges overtopping, sinkholes that have developed requiring road closures, some road surfaces that are lifting and also bridge abutment structures that have been eroded, traffic signal outages, in addition to the flooding of properties and houses by the storm water."

Cleaning up operations have begun with the teams focussing on hotspot areas where homes and properties are worst affected and also where roads and bridges have become inaccessible and traffic mobility is obstructed.

As part of JRA's proactive measures to minimise urban and residential flooding, routine maintenance of stormwater drainage system has been carried out leading up to the rainy season. Jet vac machines have been used to remove rubble, refuse and soil run-offs" confirmed MMC Makhuba, "City-wide, silted storm water systems are being unblocked, and some collapsed walls will need to be reconstructed. Nine bridges are receiving maintenance attention ranging from issues such as silting and debris blockages, to erosion of bridge abutments."

Three JRA construction projects were also impacted by the heavy downpours resulting in two homes being flooded in Tshepisoong where a Gravel roads upgrade project is underway and where water reticulations systems have not yet been completed. A number of homes were also flooded

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in Braamfisherville at a Gravel roads upgrade project. At a Complete Streets project in Wynberg, one of the Magistrates Courts was flooded and project managers are assessing whether the flooding was construction related.

Motorists are urged to obey road signs, traffic signals and especially road closures due to flooded bridges or unsafe driving conditions. In the event of a flash flood, or where residents are at risk, it is advisable to immediately evacuate the area and seek a place of safety. Residents and road users are encouraged to report all road and storm related emergencies to 0860 562 874/[hotline@jra.org.za](mailto:hotline@jra.org.za) / twitter @MyJra or JRA Find&Fix mobile app.

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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.

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