



CITY OF JOHANNESBURG
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JRA Closes-In On Gravel Roads Upgrade Targets

As part of **Johannesburg Roads Agency's (JRA)** Gravel Roads Upgrade Programme, 22.39km of gravel roads have been upgraded city-wide. In terms of the company performance, JRA is close to achieving the 27km 2017/2018 target, nine months into the year.

Over recent decades Johannesburg's has experienced an increase in residential suburbs and **unformalised** townships. This has given rise to the need to for improved and expanded transportation system and human settlements infrastructure. As part of the City's long-term plan, JRA aims to upgrade all gravel roads to surfaced roads within formalized townships, which are predominantly a result of the legacy of apartheid. Gravel roads make up 1168.53km of the city's 13 599km road network. As per the 2017 roads condition study, 72% of gravel roads are in a poor or very poor condition and require reshaping and re-graveling. A total of 2852km of surfaced roads require resurfacing and 3968km of very poor and poor roads require reconstruction.

The city is presently faced with an R11.8 billion backlog required for the surfacing and gravel roads upgrades. A total of R7.1 billion is required for surfaced roads and R4.7 billion for the upgrading of gravel roads to tar. However, due to the limited budget available in the current financial year, only R247 million is available for the resurfacing and reconstruction and R295 million for gravel road upgrades. An additional R62.8 million has been secured from the adjustment budget for gravel road upgrades. This has been predominantly allocated towards gravel roads in Doornkop/Thulani, Braamfischerville, Tshepisong, Drieziek, Poortjie, Slovoville, and Kaalfontein."

In line with the City of Johannesburg's growth and development strategy and Integrated Transport Network Plan, JRA aims to deliver on quality roads that are accessible, safe and liveable for communities. In keeping with the City's Sustainable Human Settlements Urbanisation Plan, a total of 22.39km of gravel roads were upgraded to surfaced roads since the beginning of the 2017/2018 financial year.

As part of the city's a pro-poor approach, the listed lower income communities have benefited from JRA's Gravel Roads Upgrade Programme:

Township	Length of Gravel Road Upgraded to Surfaced Road	Streets Upgraded
Kaalfontein	3.26 km	13th Street 14th Street Bow Fin Fish Street (15th Road) Flounder Fish Street (12th Road) Fox Face Fish (3rd Street) Blenny Fish Street (8th Road) Pearlscale Fish (9th Road) Wrasse Fish Street (10th Road) Lion Fish Street (5th Street)) File Fish Street (6th Street) Grouper Street (8th Street) Flatcone Fish Street Hog Fin Fish Street
Mayibuye	0.83km	Mpangele Street Mqwangi Street Ukhozi Street
Doornkop/Thulani	2.34km	Ward 129: 129 Street Ward 129: 119 Street Ward 50: 70 Street Ward 50: 69 Street Ward 50: 68 Street Ward 50: 66 Street Ward 50: 63 Street
Slovoville	0.25km	Road 7 and 13

Tshepisong	1.57km	Dulce September Mahopela Street Solomon Mahlangu
Drieziek	4.31km	D13 D14 D15 D18 D20 D21 D24 D101
Poortjie	4.5km	Balasane North Hani Mphofu Majola Ndlovu Madida Street Shelenge Street Xhosa/Sotho/Zulu Street Mbheri Street Mabandla Street
Diepsloot	3.42km	Mapetla Street Hlalefang Street Badiri Street Nzhelele Street Soul Buddy Street Julius Nyerere Street Bhekezakho Street Lacoste Street John Malatji Street Tambani Street Solomon Mahlangu
Lawley	1.36km	Ngungunyani Ramodike
Protea South	0.55km	Wanderers
Total:	22.39km	

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