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Press Release

JOBURG TO BENEFIT FROM INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENT IN CITY-WIDE ROAD NETWORK

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October, Transport Month – As part of the City’s continued commitment to investing in and improving the road network of the City of Johannesburg, the **Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA)** today announced the launch of a Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Programme as well as the continuation of the City-wide Roads Resurfacing Programme for 2014/15.

These Programmes form part of the JRA’s structured response to managing Joburg’s 13 428km road network, including associated storm water and road furniture, which has deteriorated over the years largely due to increased traffic, ageing and vandalism.

“The 2013 Visual Condition Index (VCI) of the City’s road network, confirmed that since the previous assessment in 2008, 27% of the overall road network had deteriorated to poor and very poor condition” stated **Skhumbuzo Macozoma, JRA Managing Director**, explaining “The deterioration is often reflected in road failures such as potholes, cracks and depressions, and consequently the JRA has introduced a structured approach to road management that prioritizes the preservation of existing infrastructure, ensuring it is maintained in good condition, and preventing any further deterioration to poor condition”.

The launch of the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Programme as well as the ongoing Roads Resurfacing Programme forms part of the JRA’s 10-year Roads Development Plan to achieve targeted road conditions across the City by 2023.

“The Roads Resurfacing Programme, launched last year by the Executive Mayor, Clr Parks Tau, has been successfully implemented, with the majority of the roads in good and fair condition attended to, ensuring fair road conditions are improved to good, and roads in good condition are maintained. This Programme

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focuses on repairing the top surface of the road and is an ongoing intervention which will continue for years to come”.

For the current financial year an amount of R190m has been allocated for the Resurfacing Programme across the City’s seven regions, whilst a total of R1.143bn has been budgeted over the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF).

The Road Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Programme focuses on improving road condition from poor and very poor to good and very good condition. Road rehabilitation repairs underlying road pavement layers and reconstruction replaces part, or all of the road layers, to strengthen the structural characteristics of the road. Due to the high cost of rehabilitation and reconstruction, output is relatively lower. An estimated total of 2,222km of the City’s road network requires rehabilitation or reconstruction.

For the current 2014/15 financial year, R80m has been allocated to this Programme. Over the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF), the City of Johannesburg has allocated R460m to the Programme for the rehabilitation and construction of 150km of road network.

“The JRA wishes to reassure residents that whilst this long-term plan to significantly improve the condition of the City’s road network is underway, attention is still being given to routine road infrastructure maintenance including the cleaning of storm water drains, skoffelling and sweeping, pothole repairs and traffic light maintenance. Citizens are encouraged to continue using the award-winning JRA Find and Fix App to report road related defects, so that together we can work towards ensuring our City’s roads are accessible, safe and liveable for our communities.”

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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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