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OPENING OF DIEPSLOOT PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

The Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg (CoJ), Councillor Herman Mashaba together with the Member of Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Transport, Councillor Nonhlanhla Makhuba officially opened the newly constructed Diepsloot pedestrian bridge on the 7th August 2019. The pedestrian bridge construction commenced in May 2018 and the possible completion date is Mid-August 2019.

The bridge is situated in Diepsloot West, Ward 95, connecting Extension 1 and 2 in Region A. It is aimed at linking the two extensions, providing safe access across the Jukskei river and safe passage during heavy rains and flooding. It serves to provide easy access to community amenities such as schools, shops and health facilities.

“As the JRA, the construction of the pedestrian bridge motivates us because the wellbeing of communities is our priority. The main objective for this construction is to improve the safety of community members particularly children who cross the wetlands every day on their way to and from school, **said the JRA’s Acting Managing Director, Mr. Siya Nodu.** A need for better and improved quality of life, safe and healthy environment in our communities, led to the construction of the Diepsloot pedestrian bridge”, **added Mr. Nodu.**

Bridging historical poverty and unemployment gap is one of the City of Johannesburg’s priorities. Through the construction of this bridge jobs were created and skills developed. There have been 24 local labourers employed and 4 SMME Contractors appointed on this project.

There has been minimum impact on the wetland during construction. A wetland rehabilitation plan to reinstate vegetation in areas affected during construction is in place; this will make sure that the activities do not kill the wetland while providing easy access to services.

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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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