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## Media Release

### JRA MAKING INROADS WITH FLOOD DAMAGE

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For Immediate Release

**The Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA)** has made significant headway with the inspection and repairs of road infrastructure, traffic signals, bridges and culverts throughout the City's Regions (Region A to Region G). This is after much of the City's road infrastructure was damaged by the abnormally heavy rains experienced during February and March this year.

In addition to the bridge rehabilitation, as a result of the rains, the JRA team worked seven days a week completing some 70% of damage caused by the flooding and repairing 23504 potholes, 7981m<sup>2</sup> patching, Skoffeling 36044m<sup>2</sup> and clearing, unblocking and performing minor repairs on some 1819 stormwater drains, whilst ensuring that the City's 2114 traffic signals are working across the city regions.

The JRA committed R37million for bridge repairs after the rains, including culverts and gabions within the City of Joburg. Nine bridges within the City of Joburg were identified and prioritized for immediate repairs and progress is provided below.

- **Main Road culvert, Riverbend Agricultural Holdings**

The Contractor established site on 17 March 2014. A temporary single stop-and-go concrete roadway lane has been constructed with barriers. This was opened to the public on Tuesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014. Planning for the alternate route is in progress including hydrological survey and geotechnical investigation. These studies have been completed, awaiting report next week. The estimated construction period is 6 months.

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- **Felstead Road culvert, Northriding**

Diversion of traffic completed with clearly marked detour route. Consultation with residents and notification of road diversions has been done. The Contractor has established site on 17 March 2014. Surveys and demolition of existing structure have been completed. Excavation for the new structure is currently in progress. The estimated construction period is 3 months.

- **Cornelius Road culvert over Klein Jukskei River**

The Contractor established site on 17 March 2014. The temporary installation of lateral support to collapsed areas of the embankment has begun and in progress. Removal of debris on the riverbed has been completed. The scope includes the reconstruction of the culvert, stabilization of the embankment and upgrade of the scour protection. The estimated construction period is 4 months.

- **Niven Road culvert, Douglasdale**

The Contractor established site on 17 March 2014. Traffic accommodation measures are in place and exposed bridge edges made safe. One stop and go lane on the upstream side has been opened to allow for traffic flow and a pedestrian lane has been created. One lane will remain open throughout the course of construction. Demolition and reconstruction of the existing structure has begun on the downstream side. Construction will include realignment of the roadway. JRA has discovered power lines and is in talks with Eskom in this regard. It appears that a neighbouring property is encroaching into the road reserve. A survey is therefore required to establish the cadastral boundaries before designs can be finalized. This survey has been conducted and awaiting the report by end of next week. The estimated construction period is 4 months.

- **Riverside Road bridge, Ivory Park**

The Contractor established site on 17 March 2014. Lateral support to the collapsed area of the embankment completed. The estimated construction period is 4 months.

- **Coleraine Drive culvert, Sandton**

Way leaves are in place and site establishment is complete. Diversion of traffic completed with clearly marked detour route. Existing pipes and cable services have been exposed and JRA is awaiting Telkom's removal of the cables which is delaying the reconstruction of the bridge. A sewage line which is in the way has been identified and JRA is in talks with Joburg Water in this regard. Excavation has commenced and JRA has encountered a huge amount of mass concrete that is currently being demolished. Challenges with scour and ground strength been discovered. This will be completed this week. Old culverts have been removed except those which are under Telkom lines. Detailed studies (geotechnical and hydrological) being conducted and topographical survey has been completed.

- **Watercombe Street culvert, Farmall**

Concrete barriers have been installed as a temporary safety measure. The bridge is adequate and only repairs and maintenance to the structure and safety elements will be done. Construction work is planned to commence in mid-May 2014.

- **Third Street culvert, Chartwell**

The Contractor established site early in April 2014. The culvert will be rehabilitated and restored to its original condition. The scope includes stormwater protection and installation of barriers on the culvert edges for safety.

- **Ballyclare Drive bridge, Bryanston**

The repair work on the bridge is planned to commence mid-May 2014. The scope entails mainly the replacement of missing steel handrails, concrete barriers and repairs to existing steel handrails. The estimated construction period is 2 months.

The JRA is determined to improve the user experience on the Joburg's roads through modernising and deploying technology to keep traffic signals operating thereby increasing mobility and reducing accidents. As part of Jozi – a City at work! JRA projects sides can be identified easily with signage boards that send messages to citizens and road users about projects underway.

The JRA encourages residents to report all road and storm water related issues, including potholes to 0860 562 874/ [hotline@jra.org.za](mailto:hotline@jra.org.za) / twitter @MyJra./ and the new JRA Find&Fix 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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