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REPAIRS TO STORMWATER CULVERT ON CROWNWOOD ROAD

Emergency rehabilitation work at a cost of R4-million is being undertaken by the **Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA)** at Crownwood road in Ormonde, due to the collapse of a storm water culvert following flood damage in February 2016, rendering the road unsafe for use.

"Crownwood Road is an important route used daily by pedestrians, motorists, commuters, and commercial vehicles - linking Crownwood, the M2 West extension into Main Reef Road and Ormonde." explains **Acting JRA Managing Director, Mr Mpho Kau**, "Road users are advised that the road will remain closed until the end of May 2016, and to use alternative routes such as M1 South, Main Reef road and Booysens Reserve road."

A temporary crossing has been erected to accommodate pedestrian traffic, whilst local businesses are serviced with temporary bypasses to travel in and out of the area.

The project is complicated by a complex network of active and fragile existing services which all intersect the affected culvert. These services have had to be temporarily supported and include;

- Two 350mm Egoli gas pipes;
- Three Low voltage cables; and
- Two High Voltage cables.

These services could not be relocated to accommodate the construction work and work has to be carried out around them. All the service owners of the affected services have been to site to ensure the safety of their assets as well as that of the construction crew on site.

"The contractor was appointed before Easter and immediately commenced emergency repairs, working throughout the Easter break to adhere to the strict project deadlines to ensure the road can be reopened end of May thereby minimizing the disruption to road users." confirmed Mr Kau.

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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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