

# R30m to upgrade Joburg roads

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THE Johannesburg Roads Agency has embarked on a R30m upgrade of the M2 West Highway, Main Reef Road and linked extensions to ease congestion and improve access on this key arterial route.

Member of the mayoral committee for transport Nonhlanhla Makhuba held a sod turning ceremony on the M2 Highway yesterday.

“Main Reef Road and its extensions play a critical role in Johannesburg’s road network in that it links the M1, M2, M7, N1 and R24, which are some of the major highways forming the backbone of the city’s road network. This construction project forms part of the city’s future network upgrades plan,” she said.

The flagship project includes a combination of additional lanes and signal optimisation and is expected to be completed by December 15 this year.

The upgrades entail road widening between Treu Road, Park Drive and Crownwood Road and also includes a

dedicated new lane from Church Street up to the M1/M2 Motorway.

The project will also include traffic signal optimisation from Production Road, Dorado Avenue intersections up to Treu Road, Park Drive in Region F, Selby Extensions and Crown City Extensions.

“Johannesburg’s road network links to the provincial and national roads network. We have therefore undertaken a network study which re-evaluated key roads in the region, taking into account freight, public transport, improvements by authorities, the spatial development framework and other pertinent planning in the area,” JRA managing director Dr Sean Phillips said.

He said the study focused on potential upgrades to improve current levels of service along Main Reef Road, by addressing improvements to roads which are the highest contributors to congestion, the M2 West at the Main Reef Road intersection as well as on Main Reef Road between Treu and Production Roads.

## Traffic Advisory and Lane Closures

- » Construction work will be undertaken at night to minimise traffic disturbances
- » Lane closure will run from 7pm–5am daily.

“A major contributing factor to congestion along Main Reef Road is the intense development between Production Road and Miriam Makeba Street,” Phillips said.

He said in prioritising commuter safety, construction work will be carried out at night to fast-track planned upgrades with minimal impact on road users.

The project will also include traffic accommodation, relocation of services, stormwater, roadworks, road signs, markings and upgrades to traffic signals.

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