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Plans Underway to Construct R20 million Klipspruit Pedestrian Bridge

Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) has approved the development of a R20 million pedestrian bridge over railway tracks in Klipspruit, one of the oldest townships west of Johannesburg. The development is motivated by the high volume of pedestrian movement over railway tracks leading to Chiawelo Railway Station.

The construction aims to address the unsafe and illegal crossing of residents over the railway line due to the absence of alternative crossing or underground tunnel. The 12-month project is expected to launch in June 2018. A public consultation process has been undertaken to ensure all interested and affected parties have been engaged on the bridge development.

Member of the Mayoral Committee, Cllr Nonhlanhla Makhuba said: "It is in the interest of public safety that JRA has embarked on interventions to improve Klipspruit community's access by constructing a pedestrian bridge. The pedestrian bridge will be located at the corner of Fuschia and Foxglove Roads. As part of JRA's alignment to Universal Access Design and Compliance, a special condition has been included as part of the construction to accommodate persons with special needs, visual and temporary or permanent physical impairments."

The design also takes into consideration the access height required against the steep landscape and the construction of a subway ramp for the overpass has therefore been proposed. The bridge will be constructed using reinforced concrete and the construction will include the employ of local labourers and SMME's as part of the Expanded Public Works Programme.

An environmental impact assessment has been undertaken by the JRA. Approval by the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development as well as Department of Water and Sanitation has been granted for construction to proceed. The bridge design has been approved, and a wayleave application from PRASA and Water Use License Application has been granted.

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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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