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M2 MOTORWAY RE-OPENING

The Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg, Cllr Herman Mashaba and the Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Transport, Cllr Nonhlanhla Makhuba, will be performing a ribbon cutting ceremony for the re-opening of the M2 Motorway on the 31st October 2019. Traffic will officially be accommodated on the Motorway on the 4th November 2019.

The Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) closed the M2 Motorway between Crown Interchange and Maritzburg Streets on the 28th February 2019 for rehabilitation. The closure was necessitated by the continuous monitoring and the bridge visual conditions assessment which indicated that the structural integrity of the concrete elements was severely reduced. Parts of the support structure have moved and that affected the structural stability of the bridge. The safety of the Selby and Karsene bridges couldn't be guaranteed for continuous use by motorists and thus the decision for a full closure of the M2 between Crown Interchange and Maritzburg street.

The scope of work at Selby Bridge entailed demolishing and reconstruction of four failed concrete columns and columns heads, installation of new water proofed bridge joints and water proofing of the existing bridge deck. Selby Bridge failed columns and column heads was due to ingress of water into the concrete structures. This has led to formation of cracks within the columns and column heads.

At Kaserne the scope entailed demolishing and repair of the bridge deck and corbels and installation of new water proofed bridge joints. Karsene Bridge had

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failed support system to the deck resulting in the bridge deck having undesirable movements (vertical and horizontal). The bridge joints have also failed and needed rehabilitation.

“This re-opening will be a relief to road users as many had to endure heavy traffic volumes daily. The safety of motorists and all road users still remain our priority, hence the major rehabilitation work on the M2 Motorway,” said **the JRA Acting Managing Director Mr. Siyabonga Nodu**.

The key highlight of this project is the number of jobs created and skills transferred. There have been 57 local community members employed and 7 SMME Contractors appointed on this project.

There are eight (8) more bridge structures along the M2 that require repair and rehabilitation works but at a small scale when compared to the current works. The JRA doesn't envisage that these repairs will require full closure of the M2 again.

The JRA would like to thank all motorists and road users who were inconvenienced by the closure, for their patience during the rehabilitation period.

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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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