

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### JRA'S POTHoles REPAIR PLAN, 22 FEBRUARY TO 15 JUNE 2021

The JRA manages over 10 000 KM of road network. Most of these roads are older than 30 years, which is usually a design life span for Urban Roads. The condition of many of the roads across the network ranges from poor to very poor, and they require major rehabilitation and/or reconstruction. The lack of adequate drainage infrastructure in many parts of the City, particularly in townships, has compromised the performance of most of the roads. The undesirable state of the roads has also been worsened by the recent heavy rains.

In order to determine the state of our roads, the JRA periodically conducts Visual Conditions Assessments (VCAs). The VCAs are a basis for determining the maintenance and upgrade activities required in order to maintain Levels of Service of the roads. The recent VCA results show that the City has to invest substantially on long-term interventions in the form of roads resurfacing and reconstruction. Ageing of infrastructure and funding constraints for overall infrastructure upgrade over the years have made maintenance and repairs of existing infrastructure more complex for JRA.

Informed by the VCAs, the JRA has identified critical roads that require resurfacing and reconstruction and some of these road upgrades are already under implementation. Furthermore, the JRA continues to implement its road infrastructure maintenance, both on a reactive and proactive basis. The JRA has a full appreciation of the potholes service backlog. Therefore, the JRA has developed a region based potholes repair plan focusing on potholes and patches repair, reinstatements and cleaning of kerb inlets for the period 22 February to 15 June 2021 (see table below).

Week	Region	SMMEs Activities, Level 1&2	No. of teams	Internal teams Activities	No. of teams
22/02 - 06/03	D	Potholes/Patching and KI cleaning	16	Reinstatements	4
08/03 - 13/03	G	Potholes/Patching and KI cleaning	16	Reinstatements	6
15/03 - 27/03	C	Potholes/Patching and KI cleaning	16	Reinstatements	6
29/03 - 16/04	E	Potholes/Patching and KI cleaning	16	Reinstatements	6
17/04 - 30/04	B	Potholes/Patching and KI cleaning	16	Reinstatements	6
03/05 - 14/05	A	Potholes/Patching and KI cleaning	16	Reinstatements	4
17/05 - 01/06	D	Potholes/Patching and KI cleaning	16	Reinstatements	6
02/06 - 15/06	F	Potholes/Patching and KI cleaning	16	Reinstatements	6

During the period between 4 November 2020 and 20 January 2021, the JRA repaired more than **95 000** potholes. **67 000** of these were repaired between 04 November 2020 and 12 December 2020 and **27 000** were repaired during the month of January 2021.

Despite the slow start of the 22 February to 15 June 2021 potholes repair plan due to inclement weather, the JRA has managed to repair **7669** potholes during the first week of implementation: 22-27 February 2021.

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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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