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JRA TEAMS ON HIGH ALERT AS POTHoles EMERGE ON CITY'S ROADS

The **Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA)** is urging road users to exercise extreme caution as the ongoing rainy weather has led to a surge in potholes on the city's roads. Depot Teams and Standby Teams have been deployed to prioritize main arterial routes and dangerous potholes that pose a significant safety risk to road users.

"We are fully aware of the significant increase in potholes that have emerged across the city due to the recent heavy rains. Our teams are working tirelessly to address these issues as quickly and efficiently as possible," said **JRA Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Zweli Nyathi**. "We urge all citizens to report potholes through the appropriate channels so that we can prioritize repairs and improve road conditions. We strongly urge motorists to reduce speed and exercise extreme caution to avoid accidents."

MMC for Transport, Councillor Kenny Kunene added; "Like all residents of Johannesburg, I too have felt the impact of the potholes caused by the heavy rains. I understand the frustration and inconvenience they bring to motorists, and I want to assure the public that we are actively working to address the situation. Our teams are on the ground, prioritizing repairs to restore our roads and ensure safer travel for everyone."

Safety Precautions for Motorists

To ensure your safety and the safety of other road users, motorists are advised to:

- **Reduce speed** to minimize damage to your vehicle should you drive into a pothole.
- **Avoid puddles** as they may be rainwater-filled potholes.
- **Keep a safe following distance** to react to potholes in front of you.
- **Refrain from swerving abruptly** as this can lead to losing control of your vehicle.
- **Avoid hard breaking** as this can destabilize your vehicle.

Reporting Potholes

Residents can report potholes on the road to the following mediums:

- JRA X handle: @MyJRA
- JRA Hotline: hotline@jra.org.za
- JRA Facebook handle: Johannesburg Roads Agency
- JRA Customer Contact Number: 0860 562 874

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JRA Appreciates the patience and cooperation of all road users during this time and encourages everyone to work together to ensure the safety of motorists and other road users.

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The Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) is a municipal-owned entity responsible for the maintenance, repair and development of Johannesburg's road network and storm water infrastructure, including bridges and culverts, traffic signals and signage. The organisation is committed to providing quality roads that are accessible, safe, and liveable for our communities. Stay in touch with JRA via 0860 562 874/ hotline@jra.org.za /twitter @MyJra /Facebook: Johannesburg Roads Agency so that we may be of service.

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