

Minister De Lille says the N3 road upgrade project is already bringing significant economic benefits

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The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure Minister Patricia De Lille says over 20 local sub-contractors have been appointed and nearly 500 jobs created so far in the N3 road upgrade infrastructure project in KwaZulu-Natal. She says more jobs are coming, over the life cycle of the project.

The Minister and the Head of Infrastructure and Investment in the Presidency Dr Kgosientsho Ramokgopa embarked on an oversight visit to one of the construction sites of the N3 road infrastructure project this morning, 19 August 2021 - to assess progress. The N3 project is being implemented by the South African National Roads Agency and the Department of Transport.

The project will see much needed road expansion and upgrades to the N3 between Cato Ridge and Dardanelles as well as between Dardanelles and Lynnfield. The upgrade will improve the current 4 lane to 8 lane dual carriageway over a distance of 6.4k. This will reduce turn-around times for freight-carrying vehicles as well as shorten the travel time between Durban and Johannesburg.

The upgrade will not only provide economic benefits but it will also increase safety.