

R205m road rehab project under way

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A PROJECT worth R205m started to rehabilitate the R317 between Robertson and Bonnievale, the department of transport and public works said yesterday.

The multimillion-rand project is expected to be completed by mid-2018.

“This road linking the two towns is a single carriageway surfaced road with narrow shoulders constructed more than 40 years ago. As traffic has increased over time the road has reached its operational capacity,” the department said.

“A total of 13km will be rehabilitated and safety will be improved by widening the road and the Cogmanskloof Bridge. Other work will include the rebuilding and replacement of culverts, the reconstruction of 5km of road through the centre of Bonnievale and the installation of sewer and water services.”

In some places, stop and go controls will be necessary. At the Cogmanskloof bridge and other places traffic lights will be installed. Flagmen and women are expected to control traffic at other intersections under construction.

“The department is committed to creating short-term Expanded Public Works Programme employment and skills training opportunities. A total of R25m will be spent on targeted enterprises and 30 000 person-days of work will be created for people from the Cape Winelands municipal area.

“The department values the importance of high-quality road infrastructure as an important component of an effective transport system. This infrastructure also makes a substantial contribution to productivity and safety.”