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Old Malmesbury Rd getting back on track

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GOOD progress is being made on the R104m Department of Transport and Public Works (DTPW) project to rehabilitate the Old Malmesbury Road between Abbotsdale and Kalbaskraal.

Construction works include rehabilitation of the road surface and repair work to bridges, culverts and side drains.

Work on the 16km stretch of road began in September 2015 and is scheduled for completion this September.

"It is said that about 2 900 vehicles use the road every week.

The rehabilitation of the road surface is being constructed in four phases, two of which have been completed between the Abbotsdale railway crossing and the R302 linking Malmesbury and Klipheuwel," the department said.

"Road marking on the completed surfaces will commence in the coming weeks.

Motorists must exercise caution when travelling on this road.

"The DTPW is aware that delays are frustrating, but some inconvenience during construction is inevitable.

Two closures are in place between Abbotsdale and Kalbaskraal and motorists can use the N7 as an alternative route.

"The department is committed to creating short-term expanded public works programme employment and skills training opportunities in its projects.

"A total of R9.3m has been spent on targeted contractor businesses and R2.9m on targeted local labour.

"A total of 14 500 days of work have been created for people from the Swartland municipal area. About R110 000 has been spent on training unskilled labour."

The high-quality road infrastructure that DTPW provides is an important component of a safe and effective transport system and an enabler of economic and social development in the Western Cape.

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