

Wilderness, George road works near end

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A DEPARTMENT of transport and public works (DTPW) project to reseal, rehabilitate and perform structural maintenance on 20km of road in George and Wilderness was nearing completion, the city announced this week.

This R52m project was expected to have been completed in June next year, if everything goes according to plan. In George, work was under way from the intersection of the R404 and the R102 near George Airport to the intersection of the R102 and York Street.

The rehabilitation over the Gwaing River bridge as well as repairing defects and application of texture slurry was finished.

In Wilderness, work was under way from the roundabout intersection of Waterside Road and George Road. Repairs to defects and the application of texture slurry were complete, and the clearing of vegetation is 90% complete. The resealing of Whites Road and the rehabilitation of Hoogte Road recently commenced and was progressing well. During construction, only local residents will be permitted to access these roads.

The department was committed to providing Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) work opportunities and to developing small businesses. As of end of next March, about 9000 persons' days of work had been created, and about R2m has been spent on targeted enterprises.

The DTPW was aware delays were frustrating but some delays during construction were inevitable. The high-quality road infrastructure that it provided was an important component of a safe transport system, and an enabler of economic and social development.

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