

R186m road project almost complete

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A DEPARTMENT of Transport and Public Works project, to rehabilitate 7km of the N2 between Borchers Quarry Road and the R300 and to add a third lane in both directions, was 78% complete, the department said yesterday.

The R186m project began in January last year and is expected to be completed in September if everything goes according to plan.

By the end of April, the contractor had completed all the gravel and crushed stone works.

Phase 2 work was progressing well. This includes the rehabilitation of the existing middle and left lanes, the construction of the final riding surface, the installation of street lighting and road marking.

Once completed, this project is expected to benefit the 82 000 vehicles that travel on this section of the N2 every day.

The department's communication

officer, Byron la Hoe, said: "The upgrade will improve the carrying capacity of the road, especially for buses and taxis during peak periods. Ride quality, safety and visibility will all be improved.

"Many people have benefited directly from the short-term employment and skills training opportunities that the project has delivered. Contract expenditure to date is R16.5m for targeted enterprises.

"A total of 18 526 person-days of work have been created so far for people residing in the Cape Town municipal area. A total of 49 men and 12 women are working on the project."

The department was aware that roadworks created frustrations and assured road users that the construction team was doing everything in its power to facilitate the free flow of traffic.

"All possible steps will be taken to minimise delays especially during the upcoming winter period. Motorists are encouraged to be patient and exercise caution in the interest of road safety at all times."



BENEFIT: The R186m project to add a third lane to the N2 between Borchers Quarry Road and the R300 is 78% complete. PICTURE: FLICKR