

New hospital almost finished

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THE department of transport and public works has announced that the much needed R34m Stellenbosch Hospital is well on its way to completion.

The announcement came after the completion of the emergency centre last week. The final phase will see the construction of a new triage area and outpatient department. The multimillion-rand project was assigned to the department by the Western Cape department of health.

“The facility will offer a 24-hour emergency service, a triage waiting area, an ambulance canopy, an outpatient department, staff areas and stores,” spokesperson Byron la Hoe said.

“The entrance, parking areas, sidewalks and external public spaces of the hospital will be upgraded and a covered walkway will be extended so that it reaches the main hospital entrance.”

The department also highlighted the fact that the project resulted in job creation and the investment in skills development and training for many local people in the vicinity.

“The project makes use of labour-intensive methods that provide a limited number of short-term work opportunities and skills training for local people.

“A total of R2.4m has been spent on targeted enterprises so far and R763 222 on local labour from the Stellenbosch municipal area,” La Hoe said.

“In addition, 12 local people are benefiting from skills training opportunities such as basic firefighting, scaffolding, and occupational health and safety.”

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