

# R156m road project 'progressing well'

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THE department of public works and transport (DTPW) yesterday said the R156m road project on the R305 was progressing well.

The department said the project kicked off in January last year and was expected to be completed early next year.

The project was to see the road rehabilitate and design improvements to the R305 between Stilbaai and the N2.

Spokesperson for the DTPW, Byron La Hoe, said: "A minor realignment of the road to eliminate the sharp bend known as Skerpkoppies is almost complete.

"Other work in progress includes the widening of surfaced shoulders and resealing and layer work in various places. Furthermore, the construction of a sidewalk or separate footway and safety improvements at various intersections are underway."

The department made it known that they were aware of motorists' frustrations but were not able to bypass the closures that created the delays.

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

"A half-width construction, closing one side of the road, is in progress in various places with stop/go controls to manage the flow of traffic. Motorists can expect between five and 15 minute delays at these controls.

"The department thanks motorists for their patience and urges them to exercise caution at all times.

"Motorists will soon be able to enjoy a safer and more pleasant travelling experience on the R305," La Hoe said.

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