

Upgrades for Ashton-Montagu road

A plan is in place to make up for lost time on a Department of Transport and Public Works (DTPW) contract to rehabilitate and upgrade various sections of the R60 and R62 between Ashton and Montagu through Cogmanskloof.

Work on this R583 million contract is expected to be complete early in 2019.

“At the Western end of Ashton, construction is complete on Main Road between Ashton Cellars and Middle Street,” said

communications officer Byron la Hoe.

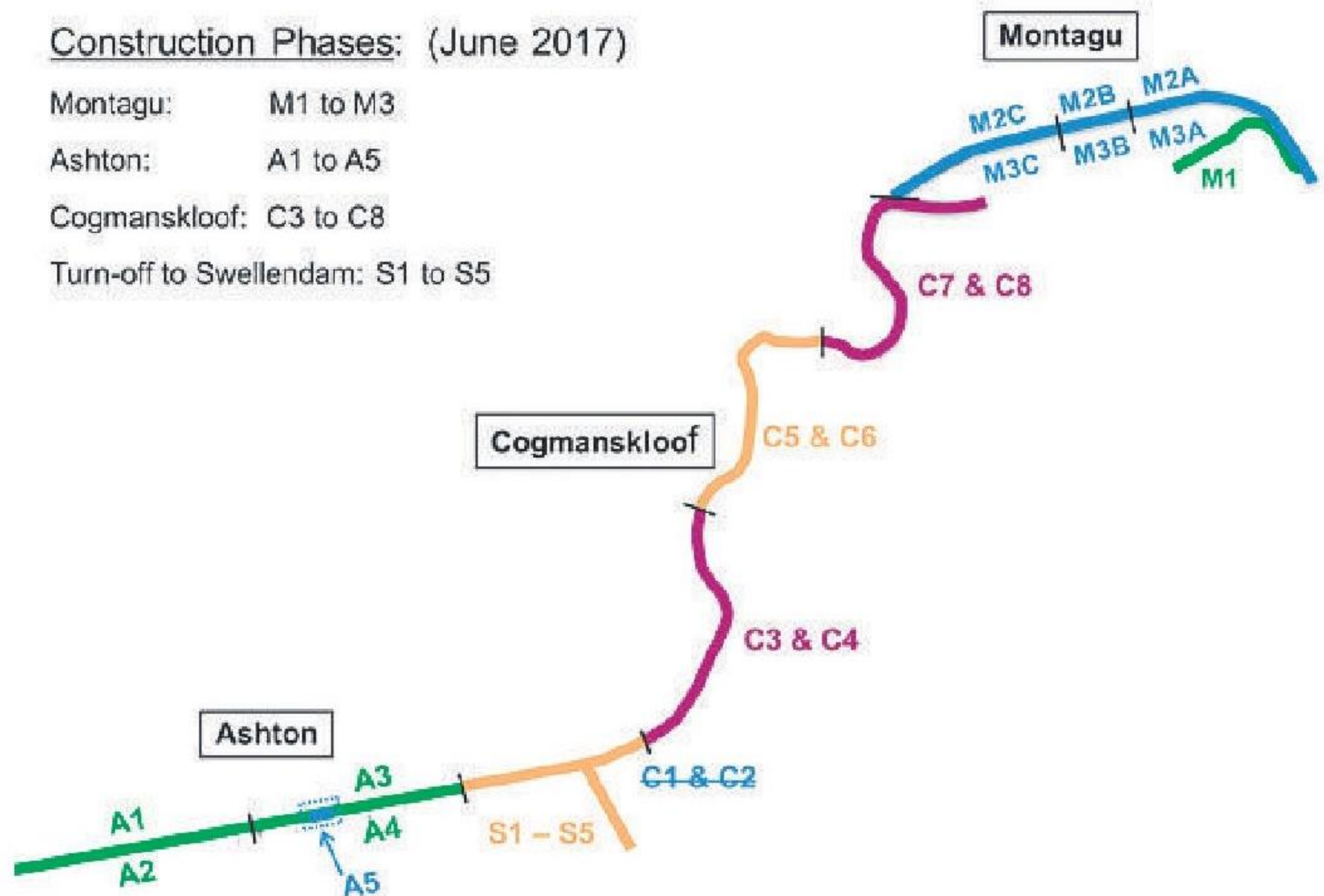
“Work is underway on the Northern lanes between Middle and Bruwer Streets. At the Eastern end, a portion of the South side lanes is complete, and work on the Northern lanes is under way. Two-way traffic is being maintained through Ashton.”

According to La Hoe phase C6 works started early this year in Cogmanskloof.

“Some rock blasting will be required in this phase, so please keep an eye on the blasting schedule,” he said. “When the road is open, stop-go controls manage one-way traffic along this section. Motorists should expect waiting times of up to 20 minutes.”

La Hoe says a stop-go control is in place in phase C7/C8 to facilitate the construction of stone walls. This section includes a portion of road into Montagu around Voortrekker Bridge to enable work on the bridge to be completed.

“Road construction in Montagu is



Road works between Ashton and Montagu are well on the way.

almost complete and two-way traffic has been restored along the length of Long Street,” he added. “The installation of kerbs and construction of sidewalks is under way. Some of the last work in Montagu will be laying the final asphalt layer along the central part of Long Street as well as restoring access to this road from several side streets. The construction of the western portion of Van Riebeeck Street will commence later this year.

“DTPW is aware that delays are frustrating, but some inconvenience during construction is inevitable. Motorists will soon be able to enjoy a safer and more pleasant travelling experience on this road.”

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