

# Patched-up street no match for trucks

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LYDENBURG - Not long after residents were delighted that Voortrekker Street was being repaired, the tar has once again cracked and lifted on the newly patched sections.

For more than a week repairs on potholes were taking place, indented road surfaces and torn away tar. For months the state of this road was a huge concern for motorists. But the glee was short-lived as trucks again damaged the road.

Despite this Thaba Chweu Local Municipality (TCLM) said they are in the process of appointing a professional service provider to continue with the planning and design of Voortrekker Street.

TCLM confirmed that they have made a decision to rehabilitate the road infrastructure and approached the Department of Public Works for assistance. According to the communications manager at the municipality Themba Sibiyi, they do not have enough capacity to do all the internal streets within the towns.

“We are grateful for the help. We are also currently embarking on a process of appointing a professional service provider to do the planning and designs of Voortrekker Street. We are looking at beginning with the work in the next financial year.”

Sibiyi said a panel of consultants has been appointed for a period of 36 months to minimise delays of supply chain management processes and the implementation of the projects.

However, residents still feel that this will not make a difference as once any repairs are done, the trucks simply damage the reconditioned piece of road.

By the time of going to press no comment was received from TCLM.



The new repairs are only two weeks old and have again started to lift and crack