

The intervention of a new stop sign on the R19 in Polokwane, Limpopo has made the road safer.

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DRIVING in traffic tends to frustrate motorists.

But taxi drivers always have a way around this. . .

IT INVOLVES BREAKING THE LAW AND PUTTING THE LIVES OF OTHER ROAD USERS IN DANGER!

But this reckless driving will soon be a thing of the past for taxi drivers who use Matlala Road, R19.

Thanks to the addition of a new stop sign on the road in Polokwane, Limpopo, taxi drivers have opted to avoid the R19.

This as they've started a new dusty road away from the R19, which they use during peak hours.

The department of public works, roads and infrastructure installed the stop sign with speed humps and rumble stripes over two weeks.

This after receiving complaints and requests from the community to install the stop sign.

Department spokesperson, Mamoshashe Mabothe said: "Many motorists struggled to join the road and it's on record that many people died on that intersection. Now it's safe for motorists and pedestrians."

Said motorist Jermina Seweya (32): "Now there's order. Those coming from

Mashashane have a chance to orderly drive into the main road."

Pedestrian Kenny Molele (37) said: "Pedestrians were being knocked down by motorists on the side of the road. The stop sign has made it safer."

Taxi driver John Maloma (45) said: "It can't be right that we spend so much time just to pass that stop sign. It's good for motorists but for us, its not. That's why we created a new road."