



Pothole ridden D3840 road from Giyani to Phalaborwa.

# Three major Mopani roads to be refurbished

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The refurbishment of three major roads in various areas of the Mopani district are set to begin in earnest.

This after the MEC for Public Works, Road and Infrastructure, Dickson Masemola introduced the contractors to the communities where the projects will be implemented.

First to be introduced was the contractor for the notorious D3840 road from Giyani to Phalaborwa.

The fatal accidents which occurred on the road are attributed to its gaping potholes which are littered all over the tar earning it notoriety status.

Other roads infrastructure to be rehabilitated are pothole-ridden the D11 at Ga-Mamaila and the infamous D3200 from Mohlabaneng to Mokwakwaila village in Greater Letaba.

Speaking during the introduction of the contractors on the D3840 at Ngove village, Masemola said the

road was prioritised due to its dire state.

He said the delay in the appointment was caused by the department’s decision to opt for public tender instead of short listing contractors from the panel.

“I have been working with the leaders of this community, interacting with Chief Ngove, the mayor of Giyani and the leadership of the district about the road. Those are the offices I have been working with. Those opportunists who are writing a lot of things on social media are trying their luck,” said Masemola.

He said the project will create work opportunities for the community, but added that the contractor must be given space to work.

Motorists who are using the road regularly heaved a sign of relief following the introduction of the contractor. “We have been complaining about the state of the road for a very long time. We are happy the department is finally

refurbishing the road,” said Thomas Mangwana, who travels the road every day.

Meanwhile, Masemola announced that Gidela Secondary School in Blinkwanter, Giyani will be upgraded into state-of-the-art facility. He made the announcement as he handed over a contractor for the R26 million project.

“When this R26 million is spent up to the last rand, Gidela School will be a centre of excellence. It will be a totally new environment. We are bringing this huge investment here not because we don’t know where to spend it, but because we want to create modern facilities. But the performance of the school must also improve,” said Masemola.

He was joined by MEC for Education Polly Boshielo, Mopani District Municipality speaker, Wireless Sedibeng, Greater Giyani Municipality mayor, Basani Shibambu and Thandi Zitha, the chairperson of infrastructure portfolio committee in Mopani.



Dickson Masemola and MEC for Education, Polly Boshielo during the sod turning for the state-of-the-art facility in Blinkwater.

MEC for Public Works, Road and Infrastructure, Dickson Masemola with government officials and community leaders during the handing over of a site to the contractor.