

Roadworks set to be wrapped up

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The roadworks on the R62 between Ashton and Montagu are well underway, despite many challenges and disruptions leading to delays.

This road that leads to Swellendam and Montagu through the Kogmanskloof has seen roadworks and newly built fixtures added to the road and other structures used for travel for the past few years with many asking the question: “But when will it be done?”

While the department of public works and infrastructure can’t set a definite date, the final phase of this construction is shaping up to begin soon according to the contractors, the Haw & Inglis Group.

To date, the project has experienced a total delay of 133 working days. This is due to various reasons, including the piling at the Ashton Bridge western abutment, the re-fabrication of anchor plates for the Ashton Bridge arch cables, the Covid-19 lockdown and associated incidents, and inclement weather.

Further significant delays are not expected.



The roadworks on the R62 between Ashton and Montagu, are set to be completed by December this year.

ROAD AND ACCESS CLOSURES

- The road construction in Ashton impedes access to properties adjoining Ashton Main Road. The contractor will communicate with affected residents and businesses as the work progresses.
- The western entrance to Van Riebeeck Street in Montagu remains closed. Access is still available via Church Street.

GENERAL TRAFFIC ACCOMMODATION

- The road construction in Ashton allows two-way traffic, but the lanes are narrow and sharp turns are required to access adjoining properties. The public is urged to drive slowly through the Ashton Main Road (R60).
- The stop-go system on the R62 in Cogmanskloof will remain in operation until June. The delay is usually less

than 10 minutes, but the average delay during peak holiday traffic can be up to 30 minutes.

INTERESTING FACTS

The new Ashton Arch Bridge was built in a temporary position and will be launched transversely into its permanent position. The current anticipated launch date is Saturday and Sunday 14 and 15 August, but the date will be revised and confirmed monthly.

The launching of the bridge will require the R60 through Ashton to be closed for up to 48 hours. The traffic arrangements and detours will be communicated via newspapers and radio broadcasts in due course. The sections of the R60 adjoining the bridge will be closed to both vehicle and pedestrian traffic during the launch.

The residents of properties in close proximity to the bridge will be contacted regarding the arrangements.

A pedestrian diversion route will be made available via a temporary crossing over the Cogmanskloof River.

Information booths on either side of the bridge restricted area will be equipped to deal with public queries and emergencies.