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The Limpopo MEC for Public Works Roads and Infrastructure, Nkakareng Rakgoale, visited Maruleng on Wednesday, November 29, to monitor the progress of the road construction projects.

The department said in a media statement that the Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) currently has 139 projects in the province that are in the construction phase with the value of R4.5 billion.

In addition, RAL has over 90 projects that are currently in different stages of design.

It says the MEC's service delivery monitoring drive was aimed at checking progress made by RAL and the department's roads infrastructure unit in making the province's road network drivable. "This is also part of the ongoing

Operation Thiba Mekoti Ditseleng, where the department managed to patch 624 480 square metres of potholes in the province since the operation was launched in August 2022," the statement read.

The MEC visited the D21 road between Gafani-Ofcalaco in Sekororo in Maruleng and later checked progress on the D3880 road, Lenyenye to Mosoroni, in the Greater Tzaneen. She was joined by councillors of the two local municipalities and the Mopani District Municipality.

Lizer Mathabatha, media liaison officer told the Herald that the MEC wanted to see if the construction materials used are up to standard.

"If contractors were using less concrete and more soil, it would require the department to return and repair the roads again as heavy rain will wash it away," she said.