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Badfontein Road (R36).

# Road repairs back on schedule

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BADFONTEIN - Some landowners and road users have noticed that the refurbishment project on the R36 to Badfontein is on schedule again after some delays in September.

The road has a traffic load of at least 780 heavy chrome carriers and light vehicles per day, according to some of the local landowners.

Bongani Dhlamini, the spokesperson for the Mpumalanga Department of

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Public Works, Roads and Transport, said the contractor had suspended its work due to payment-related issues.

“The contractor wanted payment for materials not on site, and the department couldn't comply. It issues payment for each section after it has been inspected and approved,” said Dhlamini. According to him, there had been significant progress on the road.

All storm water pipes have been laid, and the contractor is building the shoulders.

Road users currently drive on temporary bypasses.

Dhlamini said the current estimated completion date is February 2024.