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MAFIKENG MAIL – MAHIKENG: Local motorists and businesses here will have to braze themselves for a long wait (at least until next year) before the busy Nelson Mandela Drive upgrading project could be completed.

This is according to a source who pleaded for anonymity and is close to the project which was expected to be completed at the end of this month (June) or by the end of September 2023.

Motorists and business owners in Mahikeng have recently expressed great concern at the snail's pace that the upgrading programme was moving at arguing that their businesses were suffering great losses while motorists complained that the heavy traffic volumes on the road were causing them a lot of inconvenience.

Upgrading work on the road again came to a total halt almost four weeks ago igniting yet another bout of compliant from the affected communities in the city who said they would escalated their concerns to the department of roads and public works responsible for the upgrading work estimated at well over R47 million.

The flagship road revamp commenced early this year with the department contracting Khosivuyo Logistics CC to

In an interview, the official said the project was suspended because the actual drawings of the project was being corrected as the original storm water pipeline laying process was not included in the original plan which the contractor realised only during the continuation of the project.

“These pipes musty be included in the original plan to avoid wasteful expenditure. The contractor wants to do a proper job so that all road users are satisfied with the upgrading of the road.

“We believe that the department and the engineers must solve all these challenges”, the official added.

Spokesperson for the department, Matshube Mfoloe confirmed that Khosi Vuyo Logistics CC was the contractor on site as for the special maintenance of Nelson Mandela Drive appointed for contract amount of R47 million.

“The project is expected to be completed by September 13, 2023 as stipulated in the contract.

“The contractor is currently on site

run the 4km road project from Danville township to Aerodrome near Dada Motors.

This week, officials from both the department and the contractor were scheduled to meet in an urgent meeting to discuss the reasons for the delay of the project.

However, Mahikng Mail was told when we arrived at the site office in Danville on Tuesday that the meeting had been rescheduled to next week.

doing work but has fallen far behind schedule in terms of physical performance and that has been attributed to cash flow challenges and understated quantities.

