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The long-awaited upgrade of the Morebeng to Sekgosese road network has officially begun, with Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba handing over the project to contractor Mathothoka Trading CC on Monday, 18 August.

Accompanied by Public Works MEC Ernest Rachoene, Ramathuba announced that roads D15, D3150, and D3232 in the Greater Letaba Municipality will be upgraded from gravel to tar, including 3.5km of road works, slurry sealing on D3150, and construction of two bridges.

The upgrade promises to

improve access for communities that have endured difficult travel conditions for decades. Ramathuba, who intervened after a stalled project visit to Sekgosese on July 9, thanked residents for their patience.

"This project must not be disturbed. Stopping it will not be in your interest," she said, vowing accountability for any interference. GLM Mayor Dagma Mamanyoha and traditional leaders, including Kgoshikgadi Raphahlelo, Kgoshi Pheeha, Kgoshi Phooko, and Kgoshi Mamaila, welcomed the development. Raphahlelo described it as a turning point for residents long affected by poor road access. Resident Mokgadi Seema said the upgrade would transform daily life, improving access for taxis, ambulances, and school buses.

The project forms part of the #21NewRoads initiative, which aims to upgrade 21 rural roads across Limpopo to improve access, reduce travel times, and stimulate local economies.

Rachoene highlighted the creation of local jobs as a key benefit. Traditional leaders praised the swift government response, calling it an example of effective leadership. As work begins, the community is cautiously optimistic, hoping the project will be completed without delays. "This road will open doors for us," said Seema. "Now it is up to all of us to ensure its success."



**Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba at the contractor handover.**