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BURGERSFORT - The DA in Limpopo is the latest to raise concerns about the state of the D4140 Road, which links the R37 at Sehunyane to the Old Penge Road (D2537) at Mabotsha in Morulaneng. Only 20% of this problematic road is tarred, and large potholes remain a hazard. A further 21 km of the road from Malokela to Morulaneng is gravel.

In December 2024, community members from Sehunyane, Magobading, Phala Motloulela, Pidima, Maphoko, Makofane, Makubu, Kgopaneng and Morulaneng staged a protest at the Limpopo Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure offices in Moroke, demanding the completion of the road. According to residents, they have yet to receive any feedback from the Limpopo government after submitting their memorandum.

On September 17, the DA called on the MEC of the Limpopo Department of Public Works, Ernest Rachoene, to urgently prioritise the completion of the D4140. For many years, this vital stretch of road infrastructure has remained unfinished despite previous commitments, to the detriment of residents and road users.

An oversight inspection by DA councillor Isaac Makofane revealed that the D4140 has deteriorated significantly, leaving it in a dangerous and nearly-unusable state. Rocky terrain becomes slippery and hazardous during the rainy season, and dusty and disruptive during dry periods. Despite its potential to significantly alleviate traffic congestion on the R37, the road has seen no

meaningful progress.

“Residents have been repeatedly promised development, yet those promises have never materialised. Year after year, the Limpopo provincial government has failed to complete and tar the D4140,” said Makofane. “Numerous meetings have been held with stakeholders and community representatives, but these have yielded no tangible outcomes.”

He added that the DA finds this continued silence and inaction unacceptable and calls on Rachoene to provide a clear and immediate response regarding the status and future plans for the D4140 road, which should include a transparent report on budget allocations and expenditures, as well as a timeline for completion.

Queries regarding the road were forwarded to the Limpopo Department of Public Works. At the time of going to print, no response had been received.



The gravel road is a concern for local communities. **Photo: Supplied/Thabo Makofane.**