

MEC INTERVENES ON DIRE ROAD SITUATION IN MAHWELERENG

MOKOPANE: The Mogalakwena Local Municipality was this morning graced by the visit of the Limpopo MEC for Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure Dr. Namane Dickson Masemola following a request by the Mayor His Worship Ngoako Thulane Taueatsoala to intervene on the dire road situation in Mahwelereng and in town (Mokopane).

MEC Masemola who was accompanied by Mayor Taueatsoala, the CEO of RAL Mr Maluleka, as well as a team of officials from the municipality, department and RAL inspected several roads which have since deteriorated in town and Mahwelereng.

As part of resolving the situation, two contractors have been handed over sites and are to begin construction work immediately to rehabilitate the road and ensure that the potholes are a thing of the past. Contractors and municipal officials will work day and night to ensure that the project is completed on Friday.

MEC Masemola said, "I brought along the RAL CEO Mr Maluleka, Senior Managers from the Department of Roads and Infrastructure as well as the Contractors for this special project and the team will work together with the municipality to advance the interest of our communities."

"We are in Mogalakwena Local Municipality to respond to a dire situation of our road conditions in this town and Mahwelereng Township to fix the potholes. This afternoon our equipment will be on site to start with our massive resealing and patching of potholes and major rehabilitation on the N11," added MEC Masemola.

The team will start with the critical areas along Dudu Madisha drive and proceed to other areas around town and Mokopane. Two companies have been identified to execute the project.

"We owe it to our communities to maintain the infrastructure, hence the response that we are bringing today and will monitor the progress made by our Contractors, and therefore urge our communities to work together with the stakeholders for the betterment of their livelihoods. We are making a heartfelt request to the public, road users and all stakeholders to cooperate and work with us in ensuring that this situation is swiftly resolved," concluded MEC Masemola.

In his response Mayor Taueatsoala said, "I would like to thank MEC Masemola and RAL for making this necessary urgent intervention for the residents of Mogalakwena because within two days in talks they were able to respond to our request. We are pleased that construction of this project will also revive the spirit of Dudu Madisha which is our main street connecting Mahwelereng and our town."

"We will further engage the department Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) to help us with the construction of drainage systems since we encounter floods on our roads during the rainy season which leads to our roads being washed away. We are confident that this will expand to the length and breadth of our municipality as we are working together," Mayor Taueatsoala signed off.