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Dr Pixley Ka Seme Local Municipality ear-marked for road upgrades

Local businesses have been encouraged to tender for the available projects.

Volksrust, 24 November 2020 – The South African National Roads Agency SOC Limited (SANRAL) will start new routine road maintenance and periodic maintenance projects in the Dr Pixley Ka Seme Local Municipality as soon as January 2021.

SANRAL works hand in hand with the different spheres of government, contractors and other stakeholders across South Africa to showcase existing and upcoming projects that will benefit communities that live around them. Speaking at SANRAL's flagship 'Taking SANRAL to the People' community engagement programme in Volksrust on Friday 20 November 2020, SANRAL's stakeholder coordinator Melba Geca said: "SANRAL is here to engage directly with local community members, particularly, local small, micro, and medium enterprises (SMMEs) on planned road upgrades and available tender opportunities. Our objective is to ensure that local SMM's benefit from SANRAL projects in the Dr Pixley Ka Seme Local Municipality."

The Routine Road Maintenance (RRM) Projects planned in Dr Pixley Ka Seme Municipality are scheduled to start in January 2021 and are estimated to take 36 months to complete. The scope of work on the RRM's will include general road maintenance such as potholes and road surface repairs, grass cutting, storm water drainage, fencing, and road signs. Roads that will undergo maintenance include:

- N11 from Volksrust to Msukaligwa municipal border
- R23 from Volksrust to Lekwa Municipal Border
- R35 from Amersfoort to Lekwa Municipal Border

Through its community development and RRM projects, SANRAL will identify, train and develop local labourers from small contractors to attain the relevant skills needed for the projects.

"Adequate road infrastructure is critical to the socio-economic status of local municipalities, as it impacts on the empowerment of emerging contractors, particularly its contribution to transformation within the construction industry. SANRAL is committed in enabling that local contractors are equipped with the necessary skills and given support required to complete planned projects." said Geca.

The Dr Pixley Ka Seme Local Municipality's Executive Mayor, Phalaborwa Vincent Malatsi, commended SANRAL for taking the time to engage directly with the local community on its planned projects.

“SANRAL is doing a sterling job in collaborating directly with the Dr Pixley Ka Seme Local Municipality and the community at large. It's important that the community understands the policies and procedures attached to doing business with SANRAL, as this will enable them to present their businesses better and access the opportunities SANRAL has made available in our region.” said Malatsi.

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