

Incorporating 674 kilometres of provincial roads in the Free State into SANRAL's national road network is a crucial step towards enhancing South Africa's roads infrastructure.



# MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

As South Africa participates in the G20, a forum representing the world's largest economies, the country's infrastructure development remains a key priority for sustainable growth. The South African National Roads Agency SOC Limited (SANRAL) plays a pivotal role in aligning with global best practices ensuring that road networks not only drive domestic economic progress but also support regional trade and connectivity.

In this publication you can learn more about the G20 and why it is important not only for South Africa but for the continent as a whole.

SANRAL remains committed to its transformation agenda, ensuring that local small, medium, and micro enterprises (SMMEs) and communities near national roads benefit from its projects. Local SMMEs are encouraged to seize contracting and subcontracting opportunities, fostering inclusive growth and shared prosperity.

Read more about routine road maintenance (RRM) projects taking place in the province. The RRM projects do more than just repair roads they are a powerful engine for local economic growth. By creating jobs

and opportunities for small businesses in construction and related sectors, these projects inject vitality into provincial communities.

The strategic importance of this investment is clear in projects like the R130 million RRM initiative on the N6 and N8 near Caleb Motshabi and SANRAL's ongoing work in Mangaung, which together highlight the value of proactive, preventative infrastructure care.

Better roads pave the way for stronger economies, safer communities, and a more connected nation. As SANRAL continues its work, these investments represent a crucial step toward sustained, nationwide infrastructure renewal, one road at a time.

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SANRAL CEO



# MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCIAL HEAD

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The Free State, a critical transit hub between Gauteng and other provinces, has seen its roads deteriorate due to heavy traffic, weather damage, and insufficient maintenance. Poor road conditions not only inconvenience motorists but also increase transport costs for businesses, ultimately affecting economic growth.

SANRAL manages 3 058 km of the road network across the Free State province and SANRAL investments will revitalise key routes, improve safety and efficiency for commuters and freight transporters alike.

Roads recently handed over to SANRAL by the Free State government are now receiving critical upgrades, mitigating the need for costly future interventions. Such projects prove that proactive investment in infrastructure not only saves money but also lives.

Projects like routine road maintenance (RRM) taking place in the province also stimulate local economies by creating jobs and opportunities for small businesses in construction and related sectors.

In this publication you will read about SANRAL's urgent RRM project in Mangaung which highlights the importance of proactive infrastructure care. Reactive fixes are costly; regular upkeep prevents larger, more expensive repairs down the line. There is also the R130 million RRM project on the N6 and N8 near Caleb Motshabi township which highlights the value of preventative maintenance.

Better roads mean stronger economies, safer communities, and a more connected nation. As SANRAL continues its work, the hope is that these

investments mark the beginning of a sustained, nationwide effort to rebuild South Africa's infrastructure one road at a time.

Going forward SANRAL will continue to drive its transformation agenda for local small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs) and community members living alongside its national roads, to ensure that all key and affected stakeholders benefit from its projects. Local SMMEs are encouraged to participate in contracting and subcontracting opportunities on the projects.



# SANRAL to invest R500m in Free State road projects

The South African National Roads Agency SOC Limited's (SANRAL) injection of just over R500 million in road construction and maintenance will go a long way in bringing much-needed job opportunities for SMMEs and local community members in the Free State Province's towns of Jacobsdal, Koffiefontein, Jagersfontein and Trompsburg.

SANRAL will embark on an emergency routine road maintenance (RRM) project of the national road R48 intersection to Jacobsdal, the R704 national road from Trompsburg to Jagersfontein, the R704 national road from Jagersfontein to Trompsburg, as well as the R705 national road from Jacobsdal to the Free State and Northern Cape provinces border.

These roads were handed over to SANRAL by the Free State Provincial Government in November last year. The Government Gazette, published on 22 November 2024 (Gazette 51639), reported that a total of 674 Free State provincial roads would now be incorporated and fall under SANRAL's management.

Speaking at information sessions that SANRAL convened with local SMMEs and community members in Jacobsdal, Koffiefontein and Trompsburg recently, Siphiso Khoza, SANRAL's Project Manager, said the RRM project will provide much-needed job opportunities for local communities.

"Our aim at SANRAL is to ensure that previously marginalised communities, including women, young people, and people with disabilities, play a meaningful role and benefit from the construction industry."

"Key works that will be done on the project include pavement layer repairs, pothole repairs, crack sealing, edge break repairs, shoulder repairs, surface treatment, slope repair, cleaning of drainage structures, grass cutting and bush clearing, fence

and guardrail repairs, road marking, among others," said Khoza.

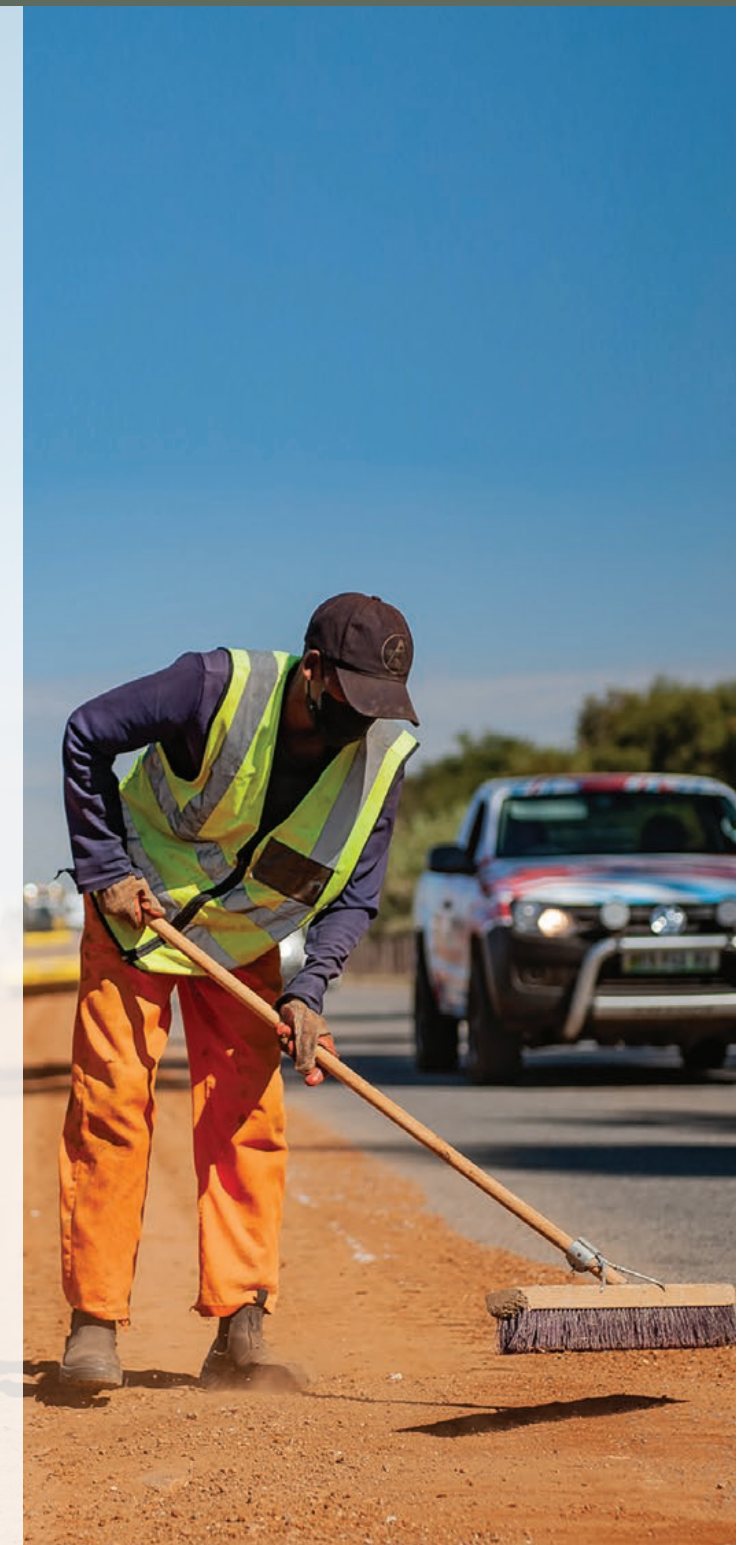
The project started in April this year, and it is expected to be completed in April next year.

In addition to providing job opportunities for local communities, Khoza said that the RRM project is crucial because the areas in which the roads traverse through are the lifeblood of the province's agricultural economy. "As SANRAL, we must ensure continuous upgrades and maintenance of these roads, which enables farmers and rural communities to transport their goods, services and produce to the markets on roads that are safe to use. The upgrades to these road corridors will provide a massive boost to the economy and will greatly increase the road capacity in the area," he said.

Working together with the Department of Labour and South African Revenue Service (SARS), SANRAL also used the information session as an opportunity to share information about how local SMMEs can be tax compliant, and how they can also be trained and equipped to enhance their business acumen and tendering skills.

"We want to encourage active dialogue with yourselves as the project progresses. This is important because we want to ensure the smooth running of these projects, with maximum benefits for all those that are affected. Working together through the Project Liaison Committee (PLC), we will continue to ensure that information is shared among yourself and that there is ongoing transparency on matters relating to subcontracting, project execution and employment of local community members," said Thandeka Ngema, Acting Stakeholder Relations Coordinator for the Free State Province.

Over the next two years, SANRAL will also embark on other road maintenance projects in the Free State such as the maintenance of the N1 national road from Fonteinjie to Wurasoord, and the N8 national road between Alexanderfontein.





## A DEFINING MOMENT FOR SOUTH AFRICA AND AFRICA

South Africa will hold the G20 Presidency, from 1 December 2024 to November 2025 marking a pivotal moment for the country and the African continent. This leadership role comes just five years before the deadline of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, offering South Africa a unique platform to shape global policies on economic growth, climate action, and social development.

### What is the G20?

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### Why does the G20 Matter?

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Throughout its G20 Presidency, the country will welcome thousands of delegates from nearly 30 countries, as well as representatives from over 20 regional and international organisations. This presents a unique opportunity to showcase South Africa's vibrant culture, investment potential, and world-class capabilities on the global stage.



The South African National Roads Agency SOC Limited (SANRAL) continues to demonstrate its unwavering commitment to Nelson Mandela's vision of social justice, empowerment, and community development. Partnering with organisations and local communities to bring tangible, meaningful change, SANRAL strives to reflect Mandela's belief that small acts of kindness can spark positive transformations.

The gratitude and excitement from the learners and staff reminded us that even small acts can sow big seeds of change. Let's continue Madiba's legacy by nurturing the minds and lands that will shape tomorrow.

This year, as always, SANRAL remains dedicated to the values of empowerment, unity and service; values that align closely with Mandela's mission to create a more just and equitable society. SANRAL's contributions not only improve infrastructure but also uplift the lives of those in need, demonstrating its ongoing commitment to enhancing communities across South Africa. In celebration of his legacy, the SANRAL Free State province had the honour of donating to Bovaal Agricultural School with the aim of cultivating young minds and empowering future agricultural leaders.

The handover took place at Bovaal Agricultural School and the donation to the school included power tools, slasher, gym equipment, laptops and pull-down screens. The donation will not only enable the students to grow crops but to also grow into future agricultural leaders.

The principal of the school, Hendrik Kleynhans said "We are truly thankful to SANRAL for choosing to donate to Bovaal Agricultural School. The donation will go a long way in improving the standard of education of our school and touch the lives of the farming community. We truly appreciate it".



## The theme for South Africa's G20 Presidency

The theme for the G20 Presidency is Solidarity, Equality, Sustainability. It guides the priorities of the Working Groups in both the Sherpa and Finance Tracks and also informs the High-Level Deliverables of South Africa's G20 Presidency.



### SOLIDARITY

Solidarity signifies a unified effort and mutual support among member nations. It is the recognition that in an interconnected world, the challenges faced by one nation can have ripple effects globally. This principle emphasises cooperation, empathy, and collective action, ensuring that no country is left behind, especially in times of crisis.



### EQUALITY

Equality refers to ensuring fair treatment, opportunities, and advancement for all individuals and nations, irrespective of their economic status, gender, race, geographic location, or other characteristics. It underscores the need to address systemic disparities and promote social justice on a global scale.



### SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability is about meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It integrates economic growth, social inclusion, and environmental protection, ensuring long-term health and stability of all people and our planet. As major global actors, G20 nations play a pivotal role in driving sustainable development.



## SANRAL to begin urgent road maintenance in Mangaung

The South African National Roads Agency SOC Limited (SANRAL) will embark on an urgent R130 million routine road maintenance (RRM) project on sections of the N6 and N8 national roads that pass-through Caleb Motshabi township in Mangaung, Free State Province.

This part of the national road network was handed over to SANRAL by the Free State Provincial Government in November last year.

Speaking at an information session that SANRAL convened for local SMMEs and community members in Mangaung recently, SANRAL's Project Manager Edgar Dube said the urgent RRM project was necessary to bring these sections of the road into a "drivable standard," making it safer for motorists.

"Key works that will be done on the roads include surface repairs, base repairs, erection and cleaning of guardrails, cleaning of culverts, grass cutting, erection and repair of fences, and other general maintenance work. The project will take over a year to be completed," said Dube.

Local SMMEs and community members will benefit through job opportunities that will be offered on this project. Through this project, SANRAL will ensure that previously marginalised communities – including women, young people, military veterans and people with disabilities – play a meaningful role and benefit from it.

"Working together with the Project Liaison Committee (PLC) through the municipality, we will continue to ensure that information is shared among local communities and also ensure that there is ongoing transparency on matters relating to subcontracting, project execution and employment of opportunities," said Thandeka Ngema, SANRAL's Acting Stakeholder Relations Coordinator for the Free State Province.

Ngema also added that the PLC structure still needs to be established on the project, and a Public Liaison Officer (PLO) will also be appointed to ensure transparency and free flow of communication with the community.

"About 30% of the contract value will go to local contractors, particularly those on grades one to four.

Although our focus will be on grades one to four for this project, we have not neglected contractors from grade five to nine. SANRAL has now completed its consultation process on the Contractor Development Programme, and the programme will be rolled out to assist contractors from grade five and above. This is indeed part of our ongoing endeavours to transform the construction industry and for local SMMEs to benefit from our projects," added Ngema.

Just over 1 200 kilometres of the province's roads were transferred to SANRAL between October 2023 and November 2024. These roads will be fully managed by SANRAL's management in the Free State. SANRAL is also in the process of opening a provincial office in Mangaung. This is in line with the roads agency's decision to move the organisation from a regional-office based model to a provincial-office based one. The opening of the Mangaung office will also allow SANRAL to enhance its stakeholder engagement endeavours with the Free State Provincial Government, municipalities and the various communities that are affected by its projects.



Major roads maintenance project extended to Mangaung.



SANRAL's Edgar Dube says the urgent RRM project will bring the road to a drivable standard.



## Major N8 rehabilitation project boosts local economy

The South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL) is making significant strides in its rehabilitation of an 18-kilometre stretch of the N8 national route between Thaba Nchu and Tweespruit, delivering both infrastructure improvements and tangible economic benefits to the Xhariep District. With R257 million invested in the project, the initiative is transforming the critical transport corridor while creating opportunities for local communities.

Since construction began, the project has generated 108 jobs for local residents, providing much-needed employment in the region. Beyond direct employment, the project has injected R27.9 million into the local economy through contracts with 36 SMMEs and subcontractors, surpassing SANRAL's 30% SMME participation target with R77.1 million committed to small businesses.

Skills development forms a core component of the project's social impact. To date, 77 youth and women have received training in construction-related fields, while eight young professionals are gaining hands-on experience through SANRAL's internship programme. The training initiative has specifically benefited 50 men (including 28 youth) and 27 women (including 16 young women), with another skills development phase conducted in July 2025.

Construction progress remains on track, with 66% of physical work completed against 60% of the project timeline elapsed. The team has achieved 70% of programmed milestones, keeping the project on schedule for its 2025 completion date. A separate R30.5 million Community Development project is currently in the tender phase, promising additional benefits for local residents.

Upon completion, the upgraded N8 route is expected to significantly improve regional connectivity, particularly for agricultural transport, while reducing vehicle operating costs and enhancing road safety through modern engineering standards. The project stands as a testament to SANRAL's commitment to infrastructure development that delivers both immediate and lasting value to South African communities.

As construction continues, the N8 rehabilitation project serves as a model for how strategic infrastructure investment can simultaneously address transportation needs and stimulate local economic growth, creating a legacy that will endure long after the final layer of asphalt is laid.



**Impact in numbers**

A comprehensive training program has upskilled:

- 22 Black male workers
- 28 Black male youth
- 11 Black female workers
- 16 Black female youth

**Project progress**

- 66% of physical work completed
- 70% of programmed progress achieved
- 60% of project timeline elapsed



# FAQs

## G20 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



On 1 December 2024 South Africa assumed the Presidency of the G20 group of countries marking a pivotal moment for the country and the African continent. The G20 members account for around 85% of global GDP and 75% of international trade. Decisions taken by the G20 have a direct impact on the lives of all members of the global community.

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### What are South Africa's priorities as G20 President in 2025?

South Africa will seek to harness global will and capabilities to confront global challenges of climate change, underdevelopment, inequality, poverty, hunger and unemployment.

Priorities that South Africa's Presidency of the G20 intend to address are guided by the overarching theme of "Solidarity, Equality and Sustainability".

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