



TRAFFIC ADVISORY

SANRAL N2/N3 EB Cloete upgrades and road closures

Durban, 14 August 2024 – The South African National Roads Agency SOC Limited (SANRAL) has announced the full closures of the N3 between St James Avenue/Harry Gwala Road Interchange and the EB Cloete Interchange for the demolition of the Rockdale Road Bridge over the N3.

The dates for the closures are as follows:

- **Rockdale Road Bridge over the N3 will be closed from 17 August 2024 to the end of July 2025.**
- **N3, west-bound full closure from 18:00 on Saturday 24 August, to 04:00 on Monday, 26 August 2024.**
- **N3, east-bound lane closure from 18:00, on Saturday, 24 August, to 04:00 on Monday, 26 August 2024.**

“This major road network is and has been under severe stress for a number of years, as traffic volumes have exceeded the original design capacity of the EB Cloete Interchange and its feeder roads. The Rockdale Road Bridge was built in the late 1960s and cannot accommodate the extra lanes on the N3 below it,” said Jason Lowe, SANRAL’s Eastern Region Project Manager.

These closures are to allow for the demolition of the current Rockdale Road Bridge and to enable the construction of a new Rockdale Road Bridge over the N3 as part of SANRAL’s major upgrade of the N3 east- and west-bound and the EB Cloete Interchange.

As required for the safety of both road users and the construction team, full traffic accommodation plans are in place.

Trucks and heavy vehicles are advised to try and delay trips over this period and/or find suitable staging areas over this timeframe to avoid major congestion. Public transport operators are asked to ensure their drivers are aware of route closures and alternatives affecting their commuter routes.

Light vehicle traffic, as well as emergency services and traffic management are advised to make use of alternative routes.

A detailed alternative route guide is included below can be found on this link:

https://www.nra.co.za/project-n2n3-upgrades?region_id=eastern

All road users are advised to plan their journeys ahead of time and where possible leave for their destinations earlier than usual.

N3, east-bound road will be fully closed from 18:00 on Saturday, 24 August 2024, to 04:00 Monday, 26 August 2024.

N3 East Bound Closures (Pinetown to Durban):

- N3 east-bound fully closed at St James Avenue/Harry Gwala Road Interchange – motorists can only off-ramp to Westville/Pavilion Shopping Centre.
- St James Avenue loop ramp is fully closed coming from the Pavilion going to Durban.
- St James Avenue left slip is fully closed coming from Westville going to Durban.

N3, west-bound road will be fully closed from 18:00 on Saturday, 24 August 2024, to 04:00 Monday, 26 August 2024.

N3 West Bound Closures (Durban to Pinetown):

- N3 west-bound fully closed at EB Cloete Interchange (AKA Spaghetti Junction) – motorists can only proceed to the N2 North or South.
- N2 north-bound off-ramp fully closed at Spaghetti Junction coming from Amanzimtoti going to Pinetown.
- N2 south-bound off-ramp fully closed at Spaghetti Junction coming from Umhlanga Rocks going to Pinetown.

Residents of Westville and Chesterville are to be advised of the following:

Rockdale Road Bridge over the N3 will be closed from 17 August 2024 to the end of July 2025.

- Alternate access will be available via Bristol Road Bridge.

“SANRAL appeals to road users to note and comply with the advance warning signs and speed restrictions when travelling past the construction work zones. To prioritise the safety of both the construction workers and road users, the speed limit along the route will be reduced during construction,” said Lowe.

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