

Minister inspects Western Cape transport infrastructure projects

The Minister of Transport, Joe Maswanganyi, together with the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) responsible for transport and public works in the Western Cape province, Donald Grant, recently undertook a site inspection to monitor progress on a R487m road infrastructure upgrade and development project on the N1 between Platteklouf Road and the Old Oak Interchange.



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Approximately 120,000 vehicles travel along this stretch during the morning inbound and afternoon outbound peaks with the addition of an extra lane on both sides of the freeway expected to significantly reduce congestion and travel time.

Project to be completed April 2019

If everything goes according to plan, the project will be complete in April 2019.

The work, being implemented in phases, includes the upgrades of additional lanes on both sides of the freeway, new auxiliary lanes, extensions of the existing concrete median barrier, intersection improvements along the affected stretch, the demolition and reconstruction of the Old Oak West Bridge and repairs to other bridges.

Work on installing the Freeway Management System (FMS), in the meanwhile, has been completed, while completion of the

entire project is targeted for April 2019.

The project is creating a number of short-term job and skills development opportunities. To date, R9,7m has been spent on targeted labour while 12,500 person-days of work have been created for people from the City of Cape Town Municipal area.

Windemere Rail Network Control Centre

The Minister and MEC also visited the Windemere Rail Network Control Centre to monitor progress regarding closeness to completion of the project.

The Windemere Rail Network Control Centre will assist, among others in addressing challenges such as poor levels of train reliability and predictability, railway infrastructure and technology that has reached the end of its design lifespan, high costs of maintenance, failure to contribute to an efficient transport system, the inability to support economic activity and limited access to socio-economic opportunities for the society in general.

The Minister's visit forms part of the Department's October Transport Month Campaign (OTM) for 2017 under the theme: "Together we move South Africa Forward".



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