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CITY OF JOHANNESBURG PRIORITIZES PUBLIC SAFETY WITH R23 MILLION MAJOR STORMWATER CONVERSION PROJECT

The City of Johannesburg, through the Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA), in its ongoing commitment to public safety and urban infrastructure improvement, today announced a significant project allocated at just over R23 million towards the conversion of open drainage channels to closed systems along Rio Grande Street in Bramfischerville, Ward 49 (Region C). This crucial initiative, which aims to mitigate risks associated with open channels and enhance community safety, also forms part of JRA's stormwater master plan to expand the capacity of the City's stormwater network and alleviate flooding on roads and properties.

The City of Johannesburg's MMC for Transport Cllr. Kenny Kunene and JRA CEO Mr. Zweli Nyathi officially launched the project during a sod-turning event at the construction site, on the 4th of June 2025. The project is scheduled to be completed on the 27th of August 2025.

JRA CEO Mr. Zweli Nyathi explained, "Open stormwater channels, while serving their primary function of drainage, pose immediate risks to children, pedestrians and motorists during flooding. The new, enclosed 500m stormwater system will incorporate a combination of precast pipe culverts and rectangular portal culverts ranging from 600mm diameter pipes to 1050mm pipes and 1200mm x 900mm portal culverts to not only remove immediate physical risks through water flow management but also enhance the overall liveability and appearance of our urban spaces."

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The project is set to further benefit the local community through the employment of 20 participants from the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) and a Community Liaison Officer. A total of five Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) will be appointed.

The City of Johannesburg's MMC for Transport Cllr. Kenny Kunene welcomed the project. "Due to its unique topography, Region C experiences severe flooding during heavy rains. This project is a proactive step towards building a safer, more resilient Johannesburg for our communities and road users, most especially during the peak flooding season," said MMC Kunene.

The JRA will be working closely with the community of Bramfischerville throughout the implementation phases, to ensure minimal disruption and the community was thanked for their active participation and continued cooperation.

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The Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) is a municipal-owned entity responsible for the maintenance, repair and development of Johannesburg's road network and storm water infrastructure, including bridges and culverts, traffic signals and signage. The organisation is committed to providing quality roads that are accessible, safe, and liveable for our communities. Stay in touch with JRA via 0860 562 874/ hotline@jra.org.za /twitter @MyJra /Facebook: Johannesburg Roads Agency so that we may be of service.

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