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MEDIA RELEASE

JRA DEPLOYS STANDBY TEAMS AMID SEVERE FLOODING

The **City of Johannesburg** through the **Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA)** has placed its regional standby teams on high alert and deployed rapid-response crews across the City following severe thunderstorms and heavy downpours today, 17 November 2026. Significant localised flooding has been reported across Region C, Region D (Greater Soweto), Region E, and Region G where rising water levels have affected multiple roads, public transport infrastructure, and residential properties.

JRA regional operations teams are actively monitoring high-risk flooding hotspots, clearing debris from kerb inlets and stormwater drains, and assessing road and bridge safety. In areas experiencing severe river overflow, teams will continue closely monitoring the situation until water levels and flow subside and it is safe to access the affected sites and attend to the aftermath.

Motorists and pedestrians are urged to avoid the following severely affected areas:

Region C:

- **Bramfischerville:** Widespread localised flooding affecting roadways and low-lying points in the area.

Region D (Greater Soweto):

- **Moroka:** Lali Street, as well as Vundla Drive between Lali and Gumede Streets.
- **Dobsonville:** Elias Motsoaledi (particularly houses between the corners of Pule Street and Luthuli Street), the intersection of Sithole and Dzana Streets, and Makhapane Street.
- **Chiawelo:** 1021 Lekoa Street and 770 Tsoaing Street.

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- **Public Transport Routes:** The Rea Vaya bus station on Mashinini Street.
- **Klipspruit**
- **Pimville;** Zone 1 and Zone 6
- **Nancefield road**

Region E:

- **Greater Alexandra**

Region G:

- **Slovo Park:** Cavendish Road and Stockwell Road have been overtopped due to river flooding, with the local culvert overwhelmed by the high volume of stormwater runoff.
- **Lenasia Ext 1:** Peacock street
- **Devland:** Ward 119

JRA's regional standby teams and citywide emergency crews remain on the ground. Residents are urged to immediately report flooded roads, damaged bridges, blocked stormwater drains, fallen trees obstructing roadways, or any other road infrastructure emergencies through the following channels:

- **City of Johannesburg Call Centre (24/7):** 0860 562 874
- **JRA Email Hotline:** hotline@jra.org.za
- **Life-Threatening Emergencies / Rescue (EMS / JMPD):** 10177 or 112 (from a cellphone) / 011 375 5911 (JMPD)
- **Social Media Updates:** @MyJRA on X (Twitter) and Johannesburg Roads Agency on Facebook
- **Regional Standby numbers attached.**

When logging a fault, residents are requested to provide the exact street name, suburb, nearest intersection, and a brief description of the hazard, and to retain their reference number for follow-up.

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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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