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JRA's Pierre Road Bridge Project (Ward 97) Awarded for Technical Excellence at the 2026 SAICE National Awards

The Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) is proud to announce that the newly rehabilitated Pierre Road Major Culvert and Bridge in Ruimsig Agricultural Holdings has been awarded the *Technical Excellence Community Based Project of the Year* at the 2026 National South African Institute of Civil Engineering (SAICE) Awards.

The awards took place on Thursday, the 3rd of September 2026 in Sandton to honour outstanding projects and leading people in the civil engineering sector. Award categories included *Technical Excellence (Civil, Structural, Building and Maintenance Rehabilitation, Community-Based Project of the Year, International Project of the Year, Investigative Report/Planning Study Project of the Year, and People Awards*. JRA was represented by CEO, Mr. Zweli Nyathi and Head of Infrastructure Development, Mr. Kwazelela Mcetywa.

JRA CEO, Mr Zweli Nyathi extended his appreciation to the project team, "This award recognizes the collective dedication, determination and hard work of our skilled engineers within JRA's Infrastructure Planning and Development Departments, the consulting engineer SMEC, and the appointed contractor Pule and Vic Construction and Projects. It is also a testament to JRA's commitment to provide safe, accessible and reliable road infrastructure on the City's roads."

The project on Pierre Road Culvert and Bridge (between Alec and Short Streets) entailed demolition of the old culvert structure and replacing it with a new, larger and efficient 14 metres long structure

to enhance hydraulic capacity, mitigate flooding risk and to restore the integrity of the culvert and bridge. Pierre Road was officially opened to traffic on the 31st of July 2026.

City of Johannesburg's Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Transport, Cllr. Kenny Kunene welcomed this significant achievement, saying "This is an important milestone for the City of Johannesburg and the communities of Ward 97 and surrounding wards as Pierre Road is a key arterial route and vital link for economic activity. We are especially proud to have won the award in the category that recognizes community impact of major infrastructure projects."

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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 livable for our communities.

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