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PROGRESS UPDATE ON PHASE TWO OF LILIAN NGOYI STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT

The City of Johannesburg's Johannesburg Roads Agency's (JRA) is pleased to confirm that the rehabilitation project on Lilian Ngoyi Street is making steady progress despite recent inclement weather conditions impacting the project schedule. The project is currently in its second and final phase, delivering critical upgrades to the road surface, stormwater infrastructure, and sidewalk extensions between Ntemi Piliso and End Streets.

Phase two focuses on the overall enhancement of the remaining 1.8-kilometre stretch of Lillian Ngoyi Street. This aligns the road layout with the successfully constructed 450-metre section (between Harrison and Wanderers Streets), that was rebuilt following the 2023 gas explosion. Additional major improvements to the project scope include the establishment of vendor spaces, installation of bus stops, construction of ablution facilities, and provision of street furniture which are key features in improving access and mobility in line with the **City of Johannesburg's Inner City Transport Master Plan**.

JRA CEO Mr. Zweli Nyathi said, "While this phase focuses mainly on upgrading the road layout, the scope of work has extended and will include the replacement of aged and damaged Joburg Water infrastructure to prevent future leakages and to enhance the infrastructure's functionality. Furthermore, to ensure local businesses continuity and minimal disruption to daily trade and traffic, we are strictly enforcing a phased approach with localized, sectional road closures, rather than a blanket shutdown during Lilian Ngoyi Street refurbishments."

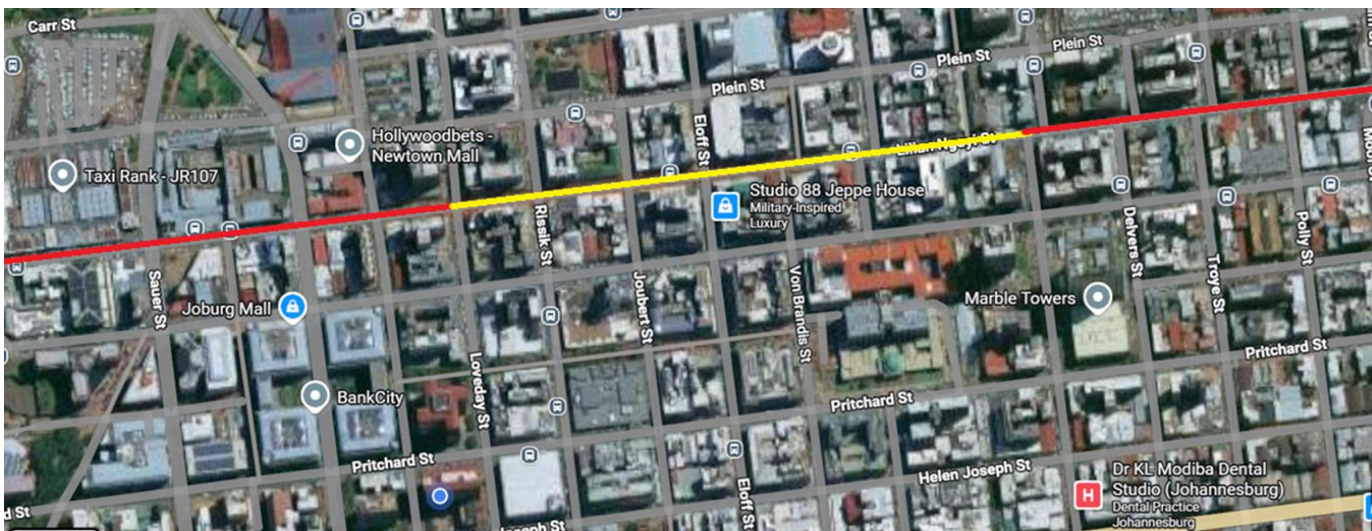
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To facilitate the fast installation of new stormwater pipes, a 160 mm collection line, streetlight cabling, stormwater inlets, and manholes, sectional closures are currently active on Lilian Ngoyi Street between the following adjacent roads:

- From Ntemi Piliso Street to Pixley Seme Street.
- From Pixley Seme Street to Simmonds Street
- From Simmonds Street to Harrison Street.
- From Harrison Street to Loveday Street.

Active construction teams are also on-site from Wanderers Street to Von Wielligh Street, and between Nugget Street and End Street. Current operations include traffic accommodation management, setting out new stormwater connection lines, excavations, and high-pressure jet clearing operations to ensure long-term infrastructure structural integrity.



Traffic Management and Detour Plan:

- **Eastern to Western Direction** – Sectional closures are in place on Lilian Ngoyi Street from Loveday Street to Miriam Makeba Street (in Newtown). Drivers are advised to use alternative routes including Rissik Street, Loveday Street and Rahima Moosa Street.

- **Western to Eastern Direction** – Sectional closures are implemented on Lilian Ngoyi Street from Kruis Street to End Street. Clear signage and JMPD are deployed during peak hours to ease congestion.

The City of Johannesburg’s Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Transport, Cllr. Kenny Kunene emphasized the long-term benefits of the project: “Lilian Ngoyi Street is a vital link connecting two of the inner-city’s largest taxi ranks, experiencing massive daily pedestrian volumes. By redesigning the road layout, and reducing vehicular lanes from five to three, we are widening the sidewalks to prioritize pedestrian safety and create a world-class corridor that businesses can thrive in. This is not just a repair project; it is a complete modernization of our inner city.”

To maintain transparency and build public trust, the JRA, alongside the City’s Citizen Relationship and Urban Management (CRUM) in Region F, hosts regular stakeholder engagements. These sessions provide residents, businesses, property owners, and the transport sector with direct access to project managers and project updates to resolve local road-related service issues that may arise.

JRA extends its gratitude to motorists, residents and local business owners for their continued patience and cooperation as we finalize this critical connection route.

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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](https://twitter.com/MyJra) /Facebook: Johannesburg Roads Agency so that we may be of service.

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