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UPDATE: PHASE TWO OF LILIAN NGOYI STREET PROJECT TO REACH COMPLETION IN OCTOBER 2026

The City of Johannesburg's Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) confirms that full-scale rehabilitation work has resumed on Phase 2 of the Lilian Ngoyi Street Rehabilitation Project following the resolution of recent operational cash-flow constraints. With payments now finalised and the contractor having regained momentum on site, the project has reached 72% completion.

To ensure the delivery of a fully upgraded, high-capacity arterial road and underground services network that meets stringent engineering and safety standards, the JRA has revised the target date for practical completion and the reopening of the road from the end of August 2026 to 31 October 2026. This is the earliest anticipated completion date and is contingent on the timely payment of service providers going forward.

The appointed contractor is currently on site undertaking critical upgrades to the road surface, stormwater infrastructure and sidewalk extensions on Lilian Ngoyi Street (between Ntemi Piliso and End Streets) as part of the second and final phase of the project involving the overall enhancement of the 1.8-kilometre stretch of Lillian Ngoyi Street.

This will align the road layout with the newly reconstructed 450-metre section (between Harrison and Wanderers Streets), which reopened to traffic in September 2025, following the July 2023 gas explosion.

The detailed scope currently underway includes:

- Paving of the road and sidewalk;
- Kerbing, base correction for intersections;
- Excavation and installation of underground stormwater pipes;
- Construction of stormwater manholes and kerb inlets; and
- Installation of electrical lighting.

JRA CEO, Mr. Zweli Nyathi said, “Major works are anticipated to be completed ahead of the October rains and thereafter the construction and installation of bus stops, street furniture and landscaping work will be finalised. JRA assures road users, residents, businesses and other stakeholders of its efforts to ensure that the project remains on track without further delays beyond October 2026.”

The project is implemented in a phased approach to ensure minimal disruption to traffic and business activity, with localised closures on Lilian Ngoyi Street and partial road closures on adjacent roads effective **until the end of October 2026**, as part of our acceleration plan to complete the outstanding works.

The affected sections include the following:

- Wanderers Street to Von Wielligh Street
- Von Wielligh Street to Delvers Street
- Delvers Street to Troye Street
- Troye Street to Polly Street
- Polly Street to Claim Street
- Claim Street to Nugget Street
- Nugget Street to End Street

The above sections will be closed progressively to facilitate the completion of the outstanding works. As each section is completed, it will be reopened to traffic accordingly. All intersections will remain operational during the sectional closures.

The City of Johannesburg's Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Transport, Cllr. Kenny Kunene added, "The City is committed to resolving cashflow challenges to ensure service delivery continuity for all, enabling entities such as the JRA to successfully carry out the necessary road infrastructure projects which are vital for public mobility and economic activities."

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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