

ROAD D3278 TO BE UPGRADED FROM GRAVEL TO TAR

The MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale conducted a sod-turning ceremony at Thalane Village in Ward 14 to mark the starts of the upgrading (gravel to tar) of Road D3278.

The 10-kilometer of road will link Blouberg Hospital and Buffelshoek Clinic.

The Chief Executive Officer of Roads Agency Limpopo(RAL), Mr Gabriel Maluleke indicated during briefing session that the road project will cost the department R96 million rands to construct. He further highlighted that, of the R96 million rands budget, 30% will be for the empowerment of Small,Medium and Macro Enterprises(SMMEs) and that the sub-contracting of the project must favour local entrepreneurs. The10% of the total budget will cater for job creation for locals. The construction is scheduled for 12 months.

Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga thanked the department for listening to the needs of the communities and be able to address them. Mayor Thamaga further indicated that, the upgrading of Road D3278 will reduce the backlog of roads that requires upgrading in the municipality.

MEC Rakgoale whom was also joined by Capricorn District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr Mamedupi Teffo made a call to communities to look after their infrastructure. She further urged communities to refrain from damaging infrastructure when engaging in protests actions as that hampers service delivery. The MEC indicated that, instead of continuing with the service delivery programme, the department had to fix the damaged infrastructure which takes on the budget meant for new projects.

