

## **MAYOR THAMAGA CONDUCTS SOD-TURNING CEREMONIES FOR BOSEHLA, KWARUNG,LEBAKONG AND MOKHURUMELA REGRAVELLING AND STORMWATER CONTROL PROJECTS**

The Mayor of Blouberg Local Municipality, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga on 09 December 2021, officiated three sod turning ceremonies marking the commencement of the regravelling and stormwater control projects.

The projects will be implemented on internal streets and access roads at Kwarung-Bosehla, Lebakong and Mokhurumela respectively.

The Mayor indicated that, the municipality realised the challenges of roads in these areas as residents struggled with movements on their internal and access roads due to bad conditions.

"Learners and residents in general at Bosehla village struggle to access schools and other areas during rainy seasons and the same problem at Lebakong village wherein cars are unable to access cemeteries during rainy season whereby polebearers forced to carry coffins to the cemetery during funeral events. At Mokhurumela village the problem is similar, rain water floods people's homes, that is the reason why the municipality has set aside funds to address these challenges".

The municipality will implement regravelling and stormwater control projects in these areas coupled with installation of culverts to ensure roads accessibility and that stormwater is channelled to right directions.

The Mayor introduced contractors who will be implementing the regravelling and stormwater control projects - 4km internal streets and access road between Bosehla and Kwarung, 3km internal streets and access road at Lebakong village and another 3km of internal streets and access road at Mokhurumela.

Residents have welcomed the projects and expressed their appreciation to the municipality for listening and addressing their challenges.

"I'm very happy that, the municipality is here today to launch the project and introduce the contractor who will be working on our streets. These roads are bad, cars can't move but that won't be the case anymore after the project has been completed. Thanks to the municipality and Mayor Thamaga for bringing services to the people" said Lebakong resident, Masilo Mokgarihi.

As the 16 Days of Activism For No Violence Against Women and Children draws to an end, Mayor Thamaga could not conclude her address without a word on this thorny issue. Mayor Thamaga encouraged men to take care of women and children, protect them instead of abusing and killing them. She called on Blouberg men to unite and take a stand against Gender Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF). On the other hand, a call was made to women to break the silence on abuse and violence by reporting to the police.

The projects are scheduled for three months.

The Mayor was joined by Council Speaker, Cllr Blanco Boloka, Chief Whip, Cllr Johanna Rangata, members of the Executive Committee (EXCO), Cllr Robert Makobela, Cllr Agnes Raseruthe, Cllr Dan

Mosena, Cllr Prince Motswabe, Cllr Martin Tlouamma, Acting Municipal Manager, Mr Refilwe Ramothwala and ward councillors.



