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PHASE 2 LILIAN NGOYI STREET PROJECT REACHES COMPLETION

The City of Johannesburg's Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) is pleased to confirm that Phase 2 of the Lilian Ngoyi Street Rehabilitation Project (between Ntemi Piliso Street and End Street) has reached practical completion, with the remaining work comprising snag items and the finalisation of road furniture installation.

The Lilian Ngoyi Street Rehabilitation Project was undertaken in two phases. **Phase 1** which was completed in August 2025 and reopened to traffic in September 2025, focused on extensive infrastructure rehabilitation following the 2023 gas explosion between Harrison and Kruis Streets. The comprehensive scope entailed major excavations, reconstruction of the underground tunnel fitted with gas, heat and smoke detection and ventilation systems. These measures enable monitoring gas build-up and venting of tunnels to protect against any future accidents and infrastructure due to methane gas build-up. The project also included the replacement of existing sewer, water, and stormwater infrastructure, installation of electrical infrastructure, and construction of a new road and wider sidewalks.

Phase 2 focused on the overall enhancement of the road and pavement layout to align with the newly upgraded road layout in which road lanes have been reduced from five to three. This phase involved additional stormwater upgrades, extension of sidewalks, establishment of vendor spaces, installation of bus stops, construction of ablution facilities, and provision of street furniture.

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The entire project also benefitted the local economy through the employment of more than 200 Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) participants and 27 Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs).

City of Johannesburg's Executive Mayor, Councillor Dada Morero stated that while the rehabilitation project sought to address severe road structural damage, it provided an opportunity to reimagine urban development. "Extensive traffic impact studies were undertaken to provide the best possible outcome for improved safety, accessibility and mobility along this road. The current road modifications support the City's transit mall concept and the Inner-City Transport Master Plan to integrate transport infrastructure and economic growth," said Cllr. Morero, adding, " We are proud to reopen Phase 2 of the upgraded Lilian Ngoyi Street today to residents, commuters and businesses".

City of Johannesburg's MMC for Transport, Councillor Kenny Kunene said "Lilian Ngoyi Street is one of the inner-city's major transport corridors accommodating on average 1800 to 2000 vehicles at peak hours, many of which are minibus taxis. The newly reconstructed Lilian Ngoyi Street is a crucial milestone for the City as it strives to provide a resilient transport network for all."

JRA CEO Mr. Zweli Nyathi commended the project's professional team for their exceptional management of the extensive project scope. "Throughout the construction period the project team encountered challenges including adverse weather conditions, ageing underground services, the relocation and replacement of water and sewer infrastructure, and sinkholes caused by underground erosion and leaking services. However, the necessary recovery plans were swiftly implemented to bring this project to completion," said Mr Nyathi.

Road users and pedestrians are urged to observe on-site signage and safety measures while snag items and road furniture installation are completed.

The City extends its gratitude to motorists, pedestrians, residents and businesses within Wards 59, 60 and Ward 123 for their continued patience throughout the project's duration.

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