



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Department investigates alternative repair methods for R55 sinkhole

The Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport is currently investigating alternative repair methodologies to expedite repairs to the sinkhole on R55 (Quagga road - northbound) between Second and Third Avenue near Laudium, in Tshwane.

“A service provider to undertake repairs will be appointed after detailed geotechnical investigations have been completed and repair options agreed upon.”

“The Department has also embarked on a process of sourcing services of an experienced engineering company to carry out detailed geotechnical investigations,” the Department’s spokesperson Ms Melitah Madiba said.

Ms Madiba added that a team of Departmental engineers is monitoring developments around the sinkhole on a twenty-four hour basis.

“The safety of road users remains a priority for the Department. As such, the affected section of the road will remain closed until repairs have been completed,” she added.

Engineers have reported the road continues to subside while the remainder of the sinkhole is expected to collapse soon. However, there are still no signs indicating the southbound carriageway is at risk at the moment.

Detours are expected to be in effect for the foreseeable future.

The Department apologises for the inconvenience.

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