

MEDIA STATEMENT

Comprehensive road upgrade set to ease Port of Durban congestion

[Durban, 7 August 2024] Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) is steadily moving ahead with interventions to improve access to facilities at the Port of Durban through a comprehensive road rehabilitation project aimed at reducing delays caused by dilapidated road infrastructure within port boundaries.

This 24-month project is aligned with the Transnet Recovery Plan and the ports authority's mandate to provide port infrastructure that ensures the port's efficient functioning, as the economic gateway to the South African economy.

Commenced in September 2023, the project teams have successfully completed 58% of the road works in the Maydon Wharf and Bayhead precincts. Toulon Road, Bayhead Road, Davey Road, Parker Road, McBride Road, Fletcher Road, Wisely Road, Maydon Road and Johnstone Road have successfully undergone major refurbishments. These entailed the stormwater pipe jetting, cleaning kerbs and channels, milling off existing asphalt, paving, road marking and installation of road signages.

The repairing of roads is set to improve road safety and improve operational efficiencies with the elimination of incidents caused by slow traffic overflow in the four port precincts – Maydon Wharf, Container, Bayhead and Island View.

TNPA's acting Port Manager for the Port of Durban, Nkumbuzi Ben-Mazwi said, "The project team is working diligently to ensure that the project is completed on time as we understand that delays could result in further traffic congestion to the port. We urge drivers to be vigilant and patient when using the impacted roads as we endeavour to ease the intensified pressure on the roads which has led to the deterioration of our road infrastructure."

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About Transnet National Ports Authority

Transnet National Ports Authority is responsible for the safe, effective, and efficient economic functioning of the national port system, which it manages in a landlord capacity. It provides port infrastructure and marine services at the eight commercial seaports in South Africa – Richards Bay, Durban, Saldanha, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, East London, Mossel Bay and Ngqura. It operates within a legislative and regulatory environment and is governed by the National Ports Act (Act No. 12 of 2005).

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