

SPEECH BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR CLR MPHO PARKS TAU AT THE LAUNCH OF THE ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME, ROSEBANK – JOHANNESBURG

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Ladies and gentlemen

In April 2013, my colleagues and I met with you and you raised your concerns about various issues, amongst others the development of this area and surrounding areas, the road infrastructure, traffic lights and traffic congestion.

We are back again during the Transport Month which offers us an opportunity to provide feedback and to unveil our plans contained in our three year Strategy – the JRA Strategy 2017.

This Strategy is part of a comprehensive programme that will deal with other challenges such as providing good quality road infrastructure; conducting traffic regulation through traffic signals,

potholes, road signs and other road furniture; and ensuring the rapid and safe drainage of stormwater.

We have heeded your concerns and to date work has already begun, with our teams on site resurfacing the roads in and around the City.

We have confidence in the JRA team which is competent, capable and committed to make this Programme a success as we move beyond the potholes to roads resurfacing and roads rehabilitation.

Ladies and gentlemen, let me take this opportunity to acknowledge your commitment in working with the City. We value your partnership and recognise the work that you are already doing at some of the roads such as Oxford Road.

Today's unveiling focuses more on the resurfacing of roads, the first phase will result in the upgrading of more than 450 km of roads across all seven regions of the City and the total target budget for this financial year (July 2013 to June 2014) is R100 million.

Ladies and Gentlemen, when we were here in April, you also raised the issue of Ace Parking in Parkhurst and surrounding areas.

Programme Director, we have set aside time to visit the surrounding areas in this neighborhood sometime this month to

come and talk about the Ace Parking and to also touch on the work that is already being done on “Complete Streets” project.

The Complete Streets project will provide us with an opportunity to address some of the challenges relating to roads usage. The objective of this project is to balance road usage by by making provision for pedestrian, traffic and cycle lanes on the major arteries – including the highway network.

Ladies and Gentlemen, to succeed, we need to continue to work together in partnership. A quality road network is at the core of Johannesburg’s transformation and future economic and residential growth which will be concentrated along the major transport arteries or “Corridors of Freedom”.

Thank you