



GOOD PROGRESS ON IMPROVEMENTS TO R510

2 July 2021, Pretoria – There has been good progress on the project to improve and strengthen the R510, section 2, since the contract was awarded in February, the South African National Roads Agency SOC Limited (SANRAL) has announced.

SANRAL awarded a public tender to Raubex Construction (Pty) Ltd on 15 February 2021, for the improvement and strengthening of the R510, section 2. The contract starts at 6.3km just before the Bierspruit Bridge and ends at 33.4km just before Thabazimbi. The total length of the project is 27.1km. **(See locality map below)**

Several initial milestones have been achieved since mobilisation began in February, paving the way for construction to begin at the end of July or beginning of August.

The improvement of this road consists of widening the existing road to 3.7m lanes in each direction, the construction of 3m paved shoulders and the addition of passing lanes on some sections on both sides of the road, including over the existing bridges, which will be widened. SANRAL is excited that this improvement will contribute significantly to reducing the number of accidents and improve mobility times for travellers. The site supervision of this project will be carried out by Royal Haskoning DHV Consulting Engineers.

This project will create several temporary jobs for people living close to the road in the Thabazimbi Local Council area. There will be opportunities for employment of sub-contractors for various packages by the contractor. Before construction could start, the contractor had to first mobilise. The mobilisation period was planned to run for three months. During the mobilisation period, the following milestones were achieved:

- Establishment of the Project Liaison Committee (PLC) in conjunction with the Thabazimbi Local Municipality (TLM).
- Induction of the PLC members.
- Appointment of the Project Liaison Officer (PLO) by open invitation from the TLM area.
- Work permit from the Department of Labour was issued on 7 June 2021.

For the construction to commence, the following must still be finalised in conjunction with the PLC:

- **Appointment of local labour** – The contractor will be engaging local labour, who reside close to the road.

This matter will be finalised through participation with the PLC and TLM.

- **Appointment of targeted enterprises (TE's)** – The contractor will shortly be issuing advertisements in local papers and other media platforms, inviting tenders for subcontractors from within the Thabazimbi Local Council area for the first four work packages:
 - Security
 - Chemical toilets
 - Construction plant and
 - Supply of diesel
 - Other subcontracting work packages will be advertised at different stages, and locals are encouraged to look for such in the local media platforms.

It is anticipated that the tender processes and appointments above will be agreed with the PLC and finalised towards the end of July 2021. On appointment of the first four work packages, construction work can commence.

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Project Locality

