

Open Sessions: Proposed Road Upgrades of the Schoemanskloof Route R539 and new interchange at Montrose, Mpumalanga



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Dear Interested & Affected Party,

By now you would have been made aware of the above proposed project.

In essence, the South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL) is proposing to upgrade the Schoemanskloof R539 Route with additional passing lanes and lengthening of some existing ones and introducing a road interchange at the existing T-junction of the National N4 Toll Route between eMgwenya (Waterval Boven) and Mbombela (Nelspruit) with the alternative R539 Route, Mpumalanga. As part of continual upgrading of this road corridor between Pretoria in the west and Maputo, Mozambique in the east; a need has arisen to introduce such improvements to:

- Improve traffic flow speeds, and
- Improve safety of motorists.

You have either recently registered as an Interested & Affected Party (I&AP) for this project or you were met or called by me whilst on site on 13 September or 15 November 2019. You would have seen the Background Information Document too – of not, it is herewith attached.

We hereby wish to notify you of two **Open Sessions** offered where anybody is welcome to ask questions (details of where the project is, what is proposed, whether an entrance of your property might be affected, construction timeframes etc), share environmental concerns and gain more understanding about the project. You are also welcome to register as I&APs during these sessions if you have not already done so. We will also be having the appointed Engineers (SMEC) responsible for the designs of the upgrades present at these sessions where key maps will be on display and technical questions can be related to them.

The details of these two Open Sessions are as follows:

Venue: **Schoemanskloof Boeresaal / Farmers Hall**, adjacent on western side of the Viva Fuel Service Station on the Schoemanskloof Route R539, Mpumalanga

Dates & times: **Friday, 29 November 2019 between 14h00 – 18h00**
Saturday, 30 November 2019 between 8h00 – 10h00

To clarify: these times are open slots i.e. you can come and discuss the project with us as the Environmental Assessment Practitioners and Engineers for the project at any time within the slots indicated – for as long or short in duration as you wish.

Please do not hesitate contacting me directly should anything need to be clarified or if you have any questions about these two sessions.

Regards,

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