

## Open Sessions: Proposed Road Upgrades of the Schoemanskloof Route R539 with inclusion of new Consolidated Accesses, Mpumalanga

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Dear Interested & Affected Party,

You are registered as an Interested & Affected Party (I&AP) for the required environmental authorisations processes for the proposed **SANRAL (Trac N4) Road Upgrades of the Schoemanskloof Route (R539), Mpumalanga**.

To refresh memory, 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 which followed another authorisation and comment opportunities process which you formed part of). 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.

Currently, there are 127 accesses off the Schoemanskloof Route – some very close to one another and many dangerous climb on- and off situations. For these reasons, it is also proposed that existing accesses be consolidated into improved, safer designed and marked consolidated accesses. The current very high level concept design brings the number of accesses down to 20.

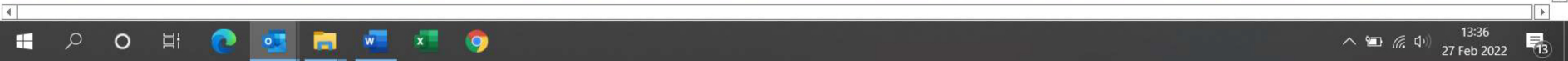
Because of these additional design improvements forming part of the overall upgrade project, we feel it imperative to offer two **Open Sessions** where anybody is welcome to come and determine whether their existing access routes to properties would be consolidated and how the high-level conceptual designs are proposed at this stage. Your constructive discussions & inputs would be taken into account for the environmental considerations, but perhaps more so the engineering designs by the appointed road engineers. We will also be having the appointed Engineers (SMEC) responsible for the designs of these consolidated accesses 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, 12 February 2021 between 14h00 – 18h00**  
**Saturday, 13 February 2021 between 8h00 – 12h00**

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.



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Regards,

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