

## **Grey Street Project schedule amended**

A revised works schedule aims to have completed blocks one to four of Knysna Municipality's Grey Street Project before the December season kicks off. "Work on block five, from Nelson Street to Main Road, will only commence in the new year," said Acting Municipal Manager Dr Louis Scheepers. "This means that all of Grey Street will be open during our peak traffic season."

"Should the contractor not be able to guarantee that surfacing of the section between Rawson- and Nelson Streets will be completed by 1 December, work on this block will also only start in 2021 to ensure that one of our busiest streets remains open to traffic during one of our busiest seasons," Dr Scheepers explained.

The municipality had consulted with affected businesses and it was agreed that reconstruction of block three, would begin almost a month in advance. "This effectively buys us more time to complete scheduled works before the December break," Dr Scheepers explained. "This also allows for catching up on any time lost to inclement weather conditions or other unforeseen factors that may delay the project."

To facilitate the flow of traffic, portions of the road will be opened while works on the sidewalks and other areas continue. The project does not only concern the rebuilding of the road, but also that of the intersections, sidewalks and parking bays, the replacement of the old water pipeline and a general 'sprucing up' of Grey Street.

"We are pleased with the work conducted thus far, and are proud to deliver a brand new and improved Grey Street to our residents and visitors upon completion of this project," Dr Scheepers concluded. "Thank you to all road users for your patience. We appreciate your support and cooperation in dealing with the slight inconveniences caused by these temporary road closures. We all look forward to the returns this investment in our town will bring."

Any affected persons are invited to contact Blyne Miller on site to address and resolve concerns. The amended programme is available below.

The project forms part of the municipality's Central Business District Renewal Program. It is funded internally for the 2019/20 financial year, with a budget of R17 million. Construction started in February this year and the contract period for completion is July 2021.

<b>Grey Street Construction programme Rev. 1 Updated 5 August 2020</b>	
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Date</i>
<b>Block 1: Waterfront – Gordon (excl. Gordon intersection)</b>	
Road closure	Commenced
Road opened	14/08/2020
<b>Block 2: Gordon – Trotter (incl. Gordon intersection and Trotter intersection)</b>	
Road closure	Commenced
Road opened	16 September 2020
<b>Block 3: Trotter – Rawson (excl. Trotter and Rawson intersection)</b>	
Road closure	12 August 2020
Road opened	13 October 2020
<b>Block 4: Rawson – Nelson (incl. Nelson intersection / excl. Rawson intersection)</b>	
Road closure *	31 August 2020
Road opened *	16 November 2020
<b>Block 5: Nelson – Main</b>	
Road closure	to be determined
Road opened	to be determined
* actual time to be confirmed subject to progress on Blocks 2 & 3	
<b>NOTE: No new construction work to start in December 2020</b>	

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