

Grey Street will be open to traffic this summer

The Grey Street construction program, as updated on 21 October, will see the section between Gordon- and Rawson Streets completed by the end of November.

According to Acting Municipal Manager Dr Louis Scheepers, the contractor has indicated that this end date of 30 November is fixed. “Construction of the sub-base between Gordon- and Trotter Streets is ahead of schedule, but the in-situ stage between Trotter- and Rawson Streets is behind schedule,” he explained. “This is simply because this section, block three, is too wet at the moment. Mitigating measures will be taken to ensure adherence to this deadline.”

The municipality had previously confirmed that all of Grey Street would be open to road users during the peak traffic season. “The delay on block three is having a ripple effect on the rest of the works,” said Dr Scheepers. “This means that work on blocks four and five – the section between Rawson Street and Main Road, will only start in the new year.”

“We understand that the current closures of sections of this busy road may cause some frustration to road users,” he said. “I thank everyone concerned for their patience. While unnecessary delays will not be tolerated, a project of this kind needs to be done properly to ensure its longevity. It cannot be rushed.”

Any affected persons are invited to contact Blyne Miller on site to address and resolve concerns.

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

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