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Main and Long Street traffic light to be replaced following technical failure

Knysna Municipal Manager Lulamile Mapholoba has announced that the traffic light at the intersection of Main- and Long Streets will be replaced. "An internal reprioritisation of funds has allowed us to appoint a contractor to replace the system within a week."

"The traffic light system at this intersection was the last of its kind still in use," Mapholoba explained. "The other traffic systems in the area had all already been upgraded. When this system failed, our technical team found that essential components were outdated and no longer available."

Service providers were invited to inspect the site and submit cost estimates, which were received during the week of 23 June. The recommended solution included the replacement of the entire control unit and twelve signal inserts.

"We initiated internal budget realignment processes to facilitate the urgent replacement of this system," he continued. "As this type of works is considered as a capital upgrade, it must be funded from the Capital Budget. The approved 2025/2026 Capital Budget unfortunately does not make provision for ad-hoc electrical infrastructure upgrades and, as such, internal reprioritisation of funds was necessary. The cost of the replacement is estimated at just under R200,000."

A report presented to a special meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee on 17 July raised concerns regarding tampering with the infrastructure. Mapholoba warned that any person found to have caused deliberate damage to the traffic infrastructure would be held fully liable for the cost of repairs.

"Please be patient during the interim period and continue to exercise caution when navigating the affected intersection," Mapholoba concluded.

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