



Clr Masoetsa look out at the work being done in Botshabelo.



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Engineering Services ED, Mr Luvuyo Ntoyi and GM: Roads and Stormwater Jeff Letsie

Mangaung Metro accelerating maintenance programme

The Mangaung metropolitan municipality has started an intense project to improve the level of service delivery in the city's three areas – Bloemfontein, Botshabelo and Thaba Nchu, through the Letsema project. Botshabelo and Thaba Nchu will be the focal points of the project.

The project, which was launched by the MMC for Infrastructure Services Councillor Lebohang Masoetsa on Wednesday, 13 February in Botshabelo, will tackle issues like potholes, illegal dumping, VIP and pit latrine toilets and street lights.

"The idea of Letsema is to focus attention in particular problem areas as part of the intervention to improve the level of service delivery in the city," Councillor Masoetsa said.

The launch, which was attended by senior officials including the MMC for Social Services Clr Maditaba Matsoetlane, Botshabelo Regional Manager Jack Matutle and Head of Engineering Services Luvuyo Ntoyi, set an example of what to expect over the month.

An illegal dumping site in Ward 27 was cleaned, VIP toilets vacuumed and gravel roads in the surrounding areas were graded.

The programme will be implemented in the entire municipal area focusing on the above critical services. The city prioritized Botshabelo as the starting point due to the challenges emanating from this area. It will run in the area until Wednesday, 6 March.

The second phase of this project will be in Thaba Nchu

from 07 March 2013 to 28 March 2013. The focus will be the same as Botshabelo. Sustainability of the project is already a priority for the city.

This intervention (project) will be executed on a bi-annual basis i.e. twice a year. Besides delivering services to the residents, this project would reduce costs for the community and the municipality in the long run.

"This programme would contribute in the revenue enhancement of the city in a sense that, for example, when you fix a burst pipe in time, you subsequently save water; when you deal with waste management and illegal dumping you contribute in the welfare of that community. By so doing, we are adding value to human life and reducing expenditure," Clr Masoetsa concluded.

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