



DIRECTORATE  
OFFICE OF THE  
CITY MANAGER

PO Box 3704, Bloemfontein, 9300  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Bram Fischer Building, De Villiers Street, Bloemfontein  
Tel: +27(0)51 405 8621, Fax: +27(0)51 405 8108

Your Ref: Clr Snyman -Van Deeverter  
Room 201, Bram Fischer Building

Our Ref: 12/1/9/4/2  
Date: 25 November 2022

Clr E Snyman-Van Deenter  
Freedom Front Plus Councillor  
Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality

## **RESPONSE TO RULE 38 QUESTION.UPGRADING OF INTERSECTIONS**

I refer to your letter dated 01 July 2022, with regard to the above-mentioned matter refers.

### **Question 1:**

**Why is there no progress with the project while accidents are a daily occurrence due to lack of street signs and road markings?**

Response:

The progress of this project was affected by the capital budget constraints of the city. USDG allocation has been depreciating and as a result; the city has been undertaking reprioritization exercises to manage the stringent capital budget. In these exercises, projects that were on construction were prioritized to have them complete.

### **Question 2:**

**Are any steps taken to resolve the budget restraints as indicated in the report?**

Response:

The project is catered for in the capital MTREF. The steps indicated in the report are a recommendation of what should be considered by council to enable continuation of this project.

### **Question 3:**

**Was this project included in the previous budget?**

Response:

The project was part of the previous budget; however, the reprioritization exercises did thereafter, affect its progress.

**Question 4:**

**If so, was the money spent on the project? Please provide us with details on the expenses.**

Response:

An amount of R 247 298,54 was paid to the consultant directed towards designs.

**Question 5:**

**Are there any plans to continue with this project in the next financial year?**

Response:

The project is catered for in the current MTREF.

**Question 6:**

**Have any intersections been identified for this project?**

Response:

Yes, the intersection of Lengau testing station.

**Question 7:**

**If so, Which intersections**

Response:

To be specific to the project, it is Lengaung testing station intersection.

For other intersections, the city is undertaking assessments of all intersections to have a specific backlog of signalised intersections, a strategy to address these and associated costs will be communicated upon completion of assessments and associated costs estimations.

The city has not been conducting business from a perspective of holistic asset management system; however, the city is making progress to mature the practices to that level.

**Question 8:**

**Why is the design stage taking more than a year to be completed?**

Response:

Projects stages have costs associated to them. If the budget does not permit or it is not sufficient to realize documentation, procurement and construction phases, the stages cannot be undertaken. This will leave design as the only target met. But when the budget was permitting, construction phase could have been realized.

Design stage did not take a year to achieve. The project could not advance to other stages due to budget constraints.

Yours faithfully



Tebogo Motlashuping  
**Acting City Manager**

Date...19/12/2022