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RESPONSE TO RULE 38 QUESTION.CLEAR ROAD MARKINGS AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS

I refer to your letter dated 9 May 2022, with regard to the above-mentioned matter refers.

Question 1:

Why can't painting line markers on tar roads, and along with this clear road markings, not been done immediately?

Response:

The minimum budget allocation of funds for operation and maintenance is recommended to be around 8% of the value of the road's assets. If the situation is worse and hopeless; 2% of the asset worth may try to sustain it. Meaning for R 39 billion rands worth of roads and stormwater assets, the sub directorate of roads and stormwater should not be budget below R 799 million.

Current budget ranging at R 30 million says funds are not at this stage available or allocated to attend at all roads, only 3 % of the network can be attended to.

Additionally, the operations budget that is so stringent affects the sub directorate negatively to wards planning in anticipation of demand. The work is done in a responsive manner towards addressing competing backlogs. However, as supply chain purchases paint, the department does send internal staff to do road markings.

Question 2:

Why can't the robots \ traffic lights not been repaired immediately, so that residents know when to stop, and when to go? Why is there not one set of traffic lights that function fully in Mangaung

Response:

Licensing of cherry picker trucks had expired, thus making it impossible for the traffic lights team n to be able to attend to the traffic lights. However, the cherry pickers got licence renewed early November 2022. The department procured some of the required material and the signals will be attended to gradually.

Furthermore, the city is undertaking assessments of all intersections to have a specific backlog of signalized 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 satisfactory progress is being made to mature the practices to that level.

Yours faithfully



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Acting City Manager

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