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Dear Councillor E Snyman-Van-Deventer

RESPONSE TO RULE 38 QUESTION: UPGRADING OF INTERSECTIONS.

Your letters dated 03/02/222 March 2022, 4 May 2022 and 1 July 2022 regarding the matter above refers.

Question 1:

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

Response: In the 2021/22 financial year the Municipality made progress in as far as the detailed design project phase was completed. The construction phase was not implemented due to insufficient funds. The directorate is currently awaiting procurement of service providers, to proceed to the next phase.

Secondly, SmeC Consulting Engineers was appointed to do operational assessment on 187 MMM intersections and make recommendations to upgrade intersections.

Question 2:

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

Response: The upgrading project is budgeted for in the current 2022/23 financial year. The project is still budgeted for in the 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years, anticipating to complete all planned intersection upgrades by 2025/26 financial year.

Question 3:

Was this project included in the previous budget?

Response: Yes, the project was included in both the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years.



DIRECTORATE
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 CITY MANAGER

Yours faithfully
Ngaka Dumalisile
Acting City Manager
Date 28/06/2023

Why is the design stage taking more than a year to be completed?
Response: The delay specifically with project T1538 was because of non-performance by both service providers who were appointed. The first contractor, namely EE Consultant, started with the Preliminary Phase to complete the project, but only managed to perform up to phase 4, when the contract expired.
The second contractor, namely Batsatise Consulting Engineers, were then appointed in February 2021, for two years, but also experienced challenges with Telkom underground infrastructure. The contractor also did not complete the project, for the two-year duration of the appointment.

Question 8.

Response: Refer to response in question 6 above.

If so, which intersection?

Question 7.

Have any intersections been identified for this project?
Response: Yes. They are as follows:
T1538 A upgrading intersection st George st & Pres Brand
T1539: General upgrading of Lengau Traffic department intersection (Oliver Tambo street)
T1523: Victoria and Kolbe intersection.

Question 6.

Are there any plans to continue with this project in the next financial year?
Response: Yes, the project is included in the 2023/24 financial year. It is projected that the project will reach the completion phase in the 2025/26 financial year.

Question 5:

If so, was the money spent on the project? Please provide us with details on the expenses.
Response: Yes, expenditure was done until detailed design stage amounting to R1 060 497.44

Question 4:

1. Why is there no progress with the project while accidents are a daily occurrence due to eg lack of street signs and road markings?
2. Are any steps taken to resolve the budget restraints as indicated in the report?
3. Was this project included in the previous budget?
4. If so, was the money spent on the project? Please provide us with details on the expenses.
5. Are there any plans to continue with this project in the next financial year?

In the SDBIP Mid-Year Report 2021/2022 which served before Council on 31 January 2022, a project on the upgrading of traffic intersections was included (please see p30 of the mentioned report). In view of the lack of progress on this project ie only “designs” were indicated as actual performance while the IDP and SDBIP targets was identified as “construction phase” and “upgrading of traffic intersections”, the Freedom Front Plus asks the following Rule 38 questions:

RULE 38 QUESTION ON UPGRADING OF INTERSECTIONS

Dear mr Motlashuping

Lockman (Speaker)

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Acting City Manager

Mr T Motlashuping

BY E-MAIL

2 March 2022/4 May 2022/1 July 2022



Clr E Snyman-Van Deventer



Sincerely

- 8. Why is the design stage taking more than a year to be completed?
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