The Department of Transport and Public Works (DTPW) implements infrastructure development as a core component of its vision to transform the provincial economy and to stimulate economic growth and job creation. Infrastructure investment remains a pivotal enabler of socio-economic development.

In this edition, we feature our contributions to providing top-quality health, education and government-owned general infrastructure to residents of the province. Our facilities enable patients to access quality health services in their communities, learners and teachers to grow in secure learning spaces, and government departments to render services from accessible buildings.

We will continue to invest heavily in such infrastructure projects to uplift Western Cape communities and provide much-needed access to government services.

Roadblocks are set to increase during the Easter holiday season.

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Please send us your feedback and suggestions.
Parents in Dunoon are thankful that the doors of a brand new primary school opened in January 2017. This R58 million project reached completion in May 2016.

There was an initial delay in handing over the school to the client (Western Cape Education Department) as the water pressure in the area was too low to operate the fire hydrants and ablution facilities.

Our officials worked around the clock to assist the City of Cape Town to restore the necessary water pressure to the school.

AFRIKAANS SUMMARY

Ouers in Dunoon is dankbaar dat 'n splinternuwe laerskool in Januarie 2017 sy deure geopen het. Hierdie R58 miljoen-projek is in Mei 2016 voltooi. Daar was aanvanklik 'n vertraging met die oorhandiging van die skool aan die kliënt (Wes-Kaapse Onderwysdepartement) omdat die waterdruk in die gebied te laag was om die brandkraan en nodige ablusiefasilitiete te voorsien. Ons beamptes het dag en nag gewerk om die Stad Kaapstad te help om die nodige waterdruk aan die skool te herstel.

ISIXHOSA SUMMARY

NEW WORCESTER HIGH SCHOOL NEARING PRACTICAL COMPLETION

We are busy building a new high school in Worcester, with learners already benefiting from the top-quality learning facility when its doors opened in January 2017. This R61 million school can provide accommodation for up to 1,250 learners. It consists of 38 classrooms, five science laboratory rooms, two specialist classrooms, and a multi-purpose classroom. Two netball courts, a rugby field and landscaping are expected to be completed in mid-2017.

NEW ZWELETHEMBA SECONDARY SCHOOL IS FOR THE FUTURE

The steady population growth and an increase in the demand for education facilities in Zwelethemba near Worcester was the reason we built a new secondary school in this community. This R57 million school opened its doors in January 2017, and is expected to provide top-quality accommodation to 1,250 learners. It consists of 33 standard classrooms, five specialised rooms and one multi-media room with a library.
NEW HIGH SCHOOL FOR LOUWVILLE COMMUNITY

For years, learners at the Louwville High School in Vredenburg have been using temporary classrooms. Learning in the temporary structures was unpleasantly cold in winter, and too hot in summer. We built a new school for the community which became operational in January 2017.

This R65 million facility is providing high-quality accommodation for 1 380 learners, as well as sports fields and other amenities. It consists of 19 junior classrooms, 19 senior classrooms, five science laboratory rooms, two specialist classrooms, and a multi-purpose classroom.

400 LEARNERS BENEFIT FROM NEW TULBAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are proud to have built a new primary school in Tulbagh. This R71 million school is providing accommodation for about 400 learners during the 2017 academic year, while a larger enrolment is expected in 2018. It consists of 28 standard classrooms, two double Grade R classrooms, two multi-media classrooms, and one science laboratory room.
NEW DISTRICT SIX COMMUNITY HEALTH FACILITY

The construction of the new District Six Community Health Centre is expected to have been completed in mid-2017, if everything goes according to plan. This new facility will replace two other service delivery sites: the Woodstock and Robbie Nurock Community Day Centres (CDCs). When it opens, the centre will provide services from 07:30 to 16:30 for up to 750 patients a day from Salt River, Woodstock, Vredehoek and central Cape Town, including the beneficiaries of the redevelopment of District Six. The pharmacy will have extended opening hours. The facility will boast specialised units for chronic disease, infectious disease, woman and child health, radiology, emergency treatment, oral health, and rehabilitation.

NEW CLINIC IN LOUWVILLE

The construction of the long-awaited new clinic in Louwville, Vredenburg is nearing completion. Construction of this R8 million project started in mid-2016. The facility occupies the old community library building, and is fully accessible to people with disabilities. Once completed, the facility will offer primary healthcare services which include treatment of infectious diseases, curative and chronic care, and rehabilitation services. The clinic will have separate consultation rooms, wound care and treatment rooms, as well as a pharmacy.

VALKENBERG HOSPITAL REVITALISATION PROJECT

The first phase of a R146 million Department of Transport and Public Works project for the Western Cape Department of Health to restore historical buildings and build new facilities at Valkenberg Psychiatric Hospital has been completed. This upgraded facility boasts 360 beds (145 beds in the Forensics Unit and 215 for acute admissions). Phase 2 commenced in February 2016 and is expected to be completed by mid-2017. This phase includes a new entrance forecourt, new electrical reticulation, a new power supply, new bulk water mains, new roads and parking, and new landscaping.
NEW KHAYELITSHA SHARED SERVICES CENTRE

Opened in July 2016, the Khayelitsha Eastern Substructure Office occupies the 2nd and 3rd floors of the brand new Khayelitsha Shared Services Centre. Staff members working from here have been providing administrative support services to all clinic and hospital facilities in Metropole East. This R130 million building was commissioned by DTPW for the provincial departments of health, agriculture, education, local government, and social development. It is the first public or education building to be awarded a Five Star Green Star Design Rating by the Green Building Council of South Africa (GBCSA). The building is centrally located and close to major transport interchanges.

REGIONAL OFFICE BUILDING AT KARL BREMER HOSPITAL

The R128 million regional office building at Karl Bremer Hospital in Bellville became the first recipient of the GBCSA Socio-Economic Category Pilot Award. The project was also awarded the GBCSA Five Star Green Star Certified SA rating for design of a public or education building. The building will provide accommodation for over 320 employees of the Western Cape Department of Health, and is expected to be a catalyst for regeneration of the surrounding areas. Green design features mean the office will use less water, generate less waste, and provide healthier working conditions for employees once it has been completed in mid-2017. The GBCSA offers independent expert verification that this building is on par with the best South Africa has to offer.

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION AT GROOTVADERSBOSCH

DTPW has transformed 32 former forestry workers’ timber houses at the Grootvadersbosch Nature Reserve near Heidelberg into “eco-unit” accommodation for tourists. Work on this R14.5 million project commissioned for CapeNature reached practical completion in December 2016. About 85% of the material used was recycled. Eighteen existing houses on the site were dismantled for this purpose. Additions to the refurbished buildings include attractive “inside-outside” rooms known as kuier kamers (visiting rooms) in which visitors feel like they are in the bush.
FOOD FOR THOUGHT
Spare a thought for those emergency personnel – traffic, police, medical services, and all the others – working tirelessly over the holidays, on weekends and at night to keep us safe. We owe them a sincere vote of thanks for all they do throughout the year.

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To lead in the delivery of government infrastructure and related services.

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The Department of Transport and Public Works delivers infrastructure and services to promote socio-economic outcomes and safe, empowered and connected communities.

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