

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

WRITTEN REPLY

FRIDAY, 16 AUGUST 2019

12. Mr A P van der Westhuizen to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Transport and Public Works:

- (1) Whether Sanral is working with the province on solutions to improve the traffic flow on the N1 and N2 during peak hours; if not, why not; if so, what are their plans over the short and medium term;
- (2) what is the expected loss in toll fees for Sanral during the planned closure of the Huguenot Tunnel;
- (3) (a) what is the extend of the maintenance work that Sanral will be undertaking at the Huguenot Tunnel during its planned closure, (b) to what extend will the temporary closure of the tunnel affect the Western Cape's economy and (c) when will he engage with Sanral regarding the current budget estimates to bring the second tunnel to a standard that will allow traffic to use it in the future?

Reply:

- (1) There is regular liaison between Province and Sanral regarding the management of their respective portion of the N1 and N2 routes. Sanral advised that their short to medium term plans are as follows:

On the N1 two projects are planned over the next four years - one from Old Oak Road to Brighton Road (estimated cost >R500 million) and from Brighton Road to Koelenhof (estimated cost >R400 million). The scope of both projects includes the improvement and upgrading of all interchanges, additional lanes, concrete barriers, street lighting and fencing.

Two projects will be implemented on the N2 over the next four years - improvements to Broadway Blvd Interchange (R40 million) and improvements between Swartklip interchange and Baden Powell Road (R244 million).

Two further projects are planned on the N2 between De Beers interchange and Broadlands Road and from Broadlands Road to the foot of Sir Lowry's Pass. The scope of the works includes the construction of the N2 freeway extension consisting of a 4-lane divided dual carriageway with a median barrier over the full length of both projects and all associated interchanges and over/underpass structures. A four-year construction period will follow a three-year design stage from 2021 onwards.

(2) The tunnel is expected to be closed Monday to Thursday nights between 10pm and 6am from middle January to middle May 2020. The estimated loss in toll income for the above period is R6.4 million.

(3) (a) The ventilation system, the lighting system, the main water pipe line as well as the fire detection system will be replaced/upgraded. The eastern approach road will receive an asphalt overlay.

(b) Work is limited from Monday to Thursday nights between 10pm and 6am. This will allow normal traffic flow through the tunnel during the day and over weekends. Road users should be able to plan around these closures and no significant effect on the Western Cape economy is foreseen.

(c) SANRAL is in the process of developing the scope of works to put out a tender for consultants to begin the design and development of the second tunnel.



MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS

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PARLEMENT VAN DIE WES-KAAPSE PROVINSIE

SKRIFTELIKE BEANTWOORDING

VRYDAG, 16 AUGUSTUS 2019

***12. Mnr A P van der Westhuizen vra mnr B S Madikizela, Minister van Vervoer en Openbare Werke:**

- (1) Of Sanral saam met die provinsie aan oplossings werk om die verkeersvloei op die N1 en N2 gedurende spitstyd te verbeter; so nie, waarom nie; so ja, wat hul kort- en langtermynplanne behels;
- (2) wat Sanral se verwagte verlies aan tolgeld gedurende die beplande sluiting van die Hugenote-tonnel sal wees;
- (3) (a) wat die omvang van die instandhoudingswerk is wat Sanral by die Hugenote-tonnel tydens die beplande sluiting daarvan sal onderneem, (b) in watter mate die tydelike sluiting van die tonnel die Wes-Kaapse ekonomie sal raak en (c) wanneer hy met Sanral oor die huidige begrotingsberamings sal skakel om die tweede tonnel tot op 'n standaard te bring wat verkeersgebruik in die toekoms moontlik sal maak?

Antwoord:

- (1) Daar is gereelde skakeling tussen die Provinsie en Sanral met betrekking tot die bestuur van hulle onderskeie gedeelte van die N1 en N2 roetes. Sanral het aangedui dat hulle kort tot medium termyn planne as volg is:

Twee projekte word op N1 beplan oor die volgende vier jaar, een van Old Oak weg tot Brighton weg (beraamte koste > R500 miljoen) en van Brighton weg na Koelenhof (beraamte koste >R400 miljoen). Die omvang van beide projekte sluit in die opgradering van alle wisselaars, bykomende lane, beton mediane, straat beligting en omheinings.

Twee projekte sal op die N2 uitgevoer word oor die volgende vier jaar, verbeterings aan Broadway wisselaar (R40 miljoen) en verbetering tussen Swartklip wisselaar en Baden Powell pad (R244 miljoen).

Twee verdere projekte word beplan op die N2 tussen De Beers wisselaar en Broadlands pad en van Broadlands pad na die voet van Sir Lowry's pas. Die omvang van die werk sluit in die verlenging van die N2 snelweg as 'n vierlaan verdeelde dubbelpad met 'n mediaan muur oor die volle lengte van beide projekte asook alle wisselaars en oor/ondergang strukture.'n Vier jaar konstruksie periode sal volg op 'n drie jaar ontwerp stadium vanaf 2021.

(2) Daar word beplan om die tunnel te sluit Maandag tot Donderdag nagte van 10 namiddag tot 6 voormiddag vanaf middel Januarie tot middel Mei 2020. Die beraamde verlies in tol-inkomste vir die bogenoemde tydperk is R6.4 miljoen.

(3) (a) Die ventilasie sisteem, die beligting sisteem, die hoof water pyplyn sowel as die brand opsporingstelsel sal vervang/opgradeer word. Die oostelike aanloop pad sal 'n nuwe asfalt blad kry.

(b) Werk word beperk van Maandag tot Donderdag nagte tussen 10 namiddag tot 6 voormiddag. Dit laat normale verkeersvloei deur die tunnel toe gedurende die dag en oor naweke. Padverbruikers behoort te kan beplan tussen hierdie sluitings en geen noemenswaardige effek op die ekonomie van die Wes-Kaap word voorsien nie.

(c) Sanral is in die proses om 'n omvang van werk te bepaal om konsultante op tender aan te stel om te begin met die ontwerp en ontwikkeling van die tweede tunnel.

English version signed

MINISTER: DEPARTMENT VAN VERVOER EN PUBLIEKE WERK

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