



March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Attention:

Honourable Freddy Bafana Sonakile, Mpl, Chairperson COSATMA, Northwest Provincial Legislature.

**RE: Urgent Intervention Requested: D132 Route towards Enselsberg.**

Hon. Sonakile,

I am writing to request the urgent intervention of COSATMA regarding the deteriorating state of the D132 route near Enselsberg in the North West Province.

This road was subject to an upgrade project initiated by the Department of Public Works and Roads, but the works were never completed, as a result, the surface has deteriorated rapidly, leaving it unsafe and unreliable.

The current road conditions dictate that local farmers & road users have taken it upon themselves to maintain the road surface to keep it passable. This situation is unsustainable and highlights the urgent need for provincial intervention.

The D132 is a critical access route servicing at least ten broiler farms in the area. Role-players in the broiler industry have indicated that they may terminate contracts with local growers due to poor accessibility to farms, such an outcome would result in significant job losses, undermine livelihoods, and have severe economic consequences for the community.

The failed upgrade project raises serious concerns about accountability, funds were allocated, contractors were engaged, and partial works were undertaken, yet completion certificates were never issued, this leaves both the community and the agricultural sector exposed to risks that could have been avoided had the project been properly executed.

In terms of Section 63 of the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act 56 of 2003), the accounting officer is responsible for safeguarding and maintaining public assets.

Roads are essential public assets, and the current deterioration of D132 reflects a failure to uphold this statutory duty.

The Public Audit Act (Act 25 of 2004) requires accountability for expenditure on incomplete projects, and the community is entitled to transparency regarding the funds allocated to the D132 upgrade.

Additionally, the National Road Traffic Act (Act 93 of 1996) obliges authorities to ensure that public roads are maintained in a condition that does not endanger road users.

We therefore request that COSATMA urgently intervene to

- Compel the Department of Public Works and Roads to disclose contractor records and expenditure details related to the failed upgrade
- To ensure that immediate maintenance and rehabilitation of the D132 route is prioritised.

- To safeguard the economic viability of the broiler industry in the area, thereby protecting jobs and livelihoods.

We look forward to your urgent response and leadership in ensuring accountability and service delivery.

Your ally in service delivery.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Dreyer', written in a cursive style.

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