R76 MILLION FOR MANDLAKAZI AND N'WAMITWA STREET UPGRADING.

Today, Mayor Maripe Mangena launched two road infrastructure projects worth a combined R76 million at Mbekwana Village between N'wamitwa and Mandlakazi. The two projects are for paving of internal streets, one at N'wamitwa Village and another at Mandlakazi Village. The N'wamitwa project will see the upgrading of 4.9 km of internal streets from gravel to interlocked paving surface in N'wamitwa and Nwajaheni. The appointment amount for the project is R34. 5 million and the duration is 12 months.

The Mandlakazi project which is worth R41. 7 million entails the upgrading of 5.6km of internal streets from gravel to interlocked paving surface. The municipality has appointed Moepeng Trading for the Mandlakazi project and Selby Construction for the Nwamitwa project. Both projects will be overseen by Makasela Consulting and Projects as consulting engineers. The two projects will employ a minimum of 220 workers, with 120 at the Mandlakazi project and 100 workers in the N'wamitwa project. It is anticipated that both projects will be complete by 8 February 2022. According to EPWP regulations, workers will be paid R170 a day with the amount going up by R10 in July 2021.

"Councillors will in the next couple of days convene meetings to establish project steering committees and the appointment of the Community Liaison Officers will also be facilitated in the coming days," said the Mayor.

"We are excited that the two projects will bring in development in the two wards, but also local economic empowerment." Said the Mayor

The ward Councillor for Ward 13, Edward Ngobeni welcomed the project saying the Greater Tzaneen Municipality was doing a great job and that he was proud to be part of the GTM family.