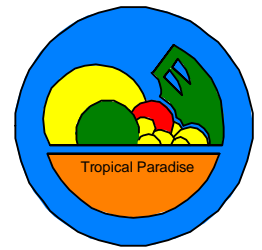




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**MAYOR OFFICIALLY OPENS NEW ROAD &
HANDOVER A HOUSE**

Mayor Maripe Mangena officially opened the newly tarred Tickelyline to Makhubidung Road today (Wednesday, 8th of March 2017). The road which is 3km long cost the municipality R16.4 million and was funded through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG). It will directly benefit residents in Tickelyline, Myakayaka, Glasswork and Makhubidung Villages.

The road also links communities to CN Phathudi Hospital, Shiluvane Library, Maake Plaza as well as various schools and churches. At least 42 labour workers mostly local were employed for the duration of the project. The road was also built through a local contractor.

Mayor Mangena also handed over a house to 26-year-old Delina Maenetja of Myakayaka Village. Delina, a mother of two children aged 5 and 8 lived in a shack and had to be relocated as her shack was in the route of the new road.

Delina now occupies a standard RDP house in Myakayaka Village. Delina who could not hide excitement said she felt blessed that she now has a house of her own. She said at least she now knows that if ever she dies her children will have a place to stay and no one will throw them out.

Speaking at low key event attended by locals and stakeholders, Mayor Maripe Mangena urged residents to look after the new infrastructure, He said that if they damaged the road instead of government bringing more development they will have to fix the damages which he said will slow development in the area. The road was built by Makasana Construction supervised by Southern Ambition Consulting Engineers (SACE).

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