

Project Proponent: South African National Roads Agency SOC Limited (SANRAL)

SANRAL proposes to improve traffic carrying capacity and safety on the N3 national road between Hammarsdale and Pietermaritzburg (Twickenham Road).

The project forms part of the suite of Strategic Infrastructure Projects (SIPs) as described in the National Development Plan, 2011 and specifically forms the backbone of the SIP2 Project. The N3 is currently operating at near full capacity and will be widened in sections under different engineering contracts. The upgrades will provide for an additional 2-3 lanes per direction and substantial interchange reconfigurations to accommodate future traffic growth and improve safety. Widening will be accommodated as far as possible within the existing median and road reserve, but additional land will be need to be acquired in some areas. The project will involve modification of existing bridges, crossroads and drainage, construction of some new infrastructure and demolition of redundant structures. Realignment/relocation of services in the existing road reserve will also be undertaken.

Environmental Authorisation Process

The project is subject to the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (NEMA) (Act No. 107 of 1998) (as amended). As the project triggers various activities listed in the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (as amended, 2017), SANRAL must apply for environmental authorisation from the National Department of Environmental Affairs. SANRAL has appointed ACER (Africa) Environmental Consultants and Metamorphosis to undertake the application processes for some sections of the N3 upgrades, requiring the preparation of Basic Assessment Reports, inclusive of technical investigations and public participation.

Authorisation for Water Uses

The project will involve several stream/river crossings and construction will occur, in places, close to watercourses and/or within 500 m of wetlands. On behalf of SANRAL, ACER and Metamorphosis will prepare the applications for the required water use authorisations from the Department of Water and Sanitation, in accordance with the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998), as amended.

Invitation to Participate

To register as an Interested and Affected Party, and to obtain further project information, please contact the Public Participation Office by **12 June 2018**:

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You are invited to attend any of the following Public Open Days any time between 3pm and 7pm	Date
Cato Ridge Country Club - Chamberlain Street, Camperdown Rural	28 May 2018
Vine Church, Lynnfield Park, Ashburton	29 May 2018
Maritzburg Golf Club - 38 New England Rd, Pietermaritzburg	30 May 2018