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**Darling Railway Crossing**

In recent interactions with the community, Darling residents have expressed their concern about condition of the railway crossing in the heart of Darling. This crossing is one of the busiest routes in town and carries a lot of traffic. It has however deteriorated, and this crossing is in a very poor condition. Because this is a railway crossing, the maintenance and upkeep of this crossing is Transnet’s (the South African freight rail company) responsibility.

Swartland Municipality has been in constant contact with Transnet to make them aware of the condition of the crossing and to communicate the concerns of the residents with regards to the condition of the crossing.

The most recent communication to Transnet, on 7 August 2025 asked Transnet to provide feedback and update on their plans to repair and improve the condition of the railway crossing in Darling. Transnet has responded to this communication on 13 August 2025.

Transnet has assured Swartland Municipality that the upgrade and repair of the crossing remains a priority for them. They are speaking to a contractor and are in the process of working to finalise the technical assessment that forms part of this project. Transnet has also given their assurance that they are actively engaging with the contractor to expedite the process.

The Municipality has asked Transnet to please keep the municipality informed and to share timelines for this project as soon as possible, so that the information can be shared with the Darling residents. The Municipality will continue to follow up this matter with Transnet and communicate any relevant information with our residents.

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**Swartland Municipality**

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In gesprekke met die gemeenskap het inwoners van Darling hul kommer uitgespreek oor die toestand van die spoorwegoorgang in die hartjie van Darling. Hierdie kruising is een van die besigste roetes in die dorp en dra ’n groot volume verkeer. Die kruising het egter agteruitgegaan en die is in ’n bedenklike toestand. Omdat dit ’n spoorwegkruising is, val die instandhouding en onderhoud van die kruising binne die jurisdiksie van Transnet (die Suid-Afrikaanse vragspoor-maatskappy) se verantwoordelikheid.

Swartland Munisipaliteit is deurlopend in kontak met Transnet om hulle bewus te maak van die toestand van die kruising en om die inwoners se bekommernisse hieroor aan hulle oor te dra.

Die mees onlangse kommunikasie aan Transnet, op 7 Augustus 2025, het Transnet versoek om terugvoer te gee en ’n bywerking te verskaf oor hul planne om die spoorwegkruising in Darling te herstel en te verbeter. Transnet het op 13 Augustus 2025 op hierdie kommunikasie gereageer.

Transnet het Swartland Munisipaliteit verseker dat die opgradering en herstel van die kruising vir hulle ’n prioriteit is. Hulle is in gesprek met ’n kontrakteur en is besig om die tegniese assessering af te handel wat deel vorm van hierdie projek. Transnet het ook bevestig dat hulle aktief saamwerk met die kontrakteur om die proses te bespoedig.

Die Munisipaliteit het Transnet versoek om asseblief die munisipaliteit op hoogte te hou en die tydlyne vir hierdie projek so gou moontlik te deel, sodat die inligting met die inwoners van Darling gedeel kan word. Die Munisipaliteit sal aanhou om die saak op te volg met Transnet en enige relevante inligting met ons inwoners kommunikeer.

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