

Council on road to verge takeover

eTHEKWINI Municipality will take over verge maintenance along the "M" roads from the provincial Department of Transport authorities.

This was agreed at a recent council meeting and would include the takeover of the M1, M4, M5, M7, M13, M19, M21, M25, M27, M34 and M41, which were all main roads within the municipality.

An amount of R9.5 million will be allocated to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department to enable them to fill the posts required for the additional work.

Yesterday, uMhlanga councillor Heinz de Boer welcomed the move, posting it on social media.

"With regard to the M4, there have been many complaints on verges, which are not being properly maintained. This includes accidents, vagrants living in the bushes, scratches and dents to vehicles.

"The city takes care of the roads, trimming, cutting and removing grass from the city to La Lucia and they do a fantastic job. Although this will cost money, it is a solution and the city has a proven track record in this regard," he said. – Staff Reporter