



Waterfall's overpass to ease Midrand traffic

DRIVING through Midrand will soon be a whole lot easier thanks to a new R160 million highway overpass bridge being constructed by Waterfall City.

The new Bridal Veil Road Overpass Bridge is being developed by Aterbury Property Development and engineers, AECOM, on behalf of Attacq, holder of the development rights to Waterfall City.

The major investment for this new overpass is part of the infrastructure development in Waterfall City, the largest "greenfield" urban concept development in South Africa, between Midrand and Sandton.

The overpass is south of the Allandale interchange and north of the Buccleuch inter-

change, and will create a direct link between Midrand and Waterfall City, opening up an important route that will make travelling easier and faster for the growing number of people who live and work in this Gauteng development node.

Aterbury director, Coenie Bezuidenhout, who is responsible for co-ordinating this commercial property project, says that Waterfall is designed to be a modern city that really works for its residents and businesses and this includes providing excellent quality road infrastructure.

"With the construction of the Bridal Veil Overpass Bridge, these benefits will extend to everyone who uses

the roads and highways in and around Midrand and Sandton. Besides providing another easy access point to Waterfall City, the new overpass bridge will help improve traffic flows in the Midrand area, taking strain off surrounding interchanges and making it easier to get around on Gauteng's roads."

The bridge superstructure will be 115.8m long and will carry four lanes of traffic – two in each direction – a pedestrian walkway, a cycle track and a raised centre median, resulting in a width of 22.7m.

Street lighting below and above the bridge will illuminate the N1 and Bridal Veil Road.

Construction began in

November, and the project is expected to take 16 months to complete.

The development is being undertaken in phases to minimise disruption to traffic on the N1 while the overpass bridge is being constructed.

"Waterfall City's easy access from Gauteng's transport network is an inherent advantage of the precinct and the new Bridal Veil Road Overpass Bridge is designed to enhance this," says Bezuidenhout.

The new Bridal Veil Road Overpass bridge is scheduled to be complete on time for the launch of the 127 000m² super-regional shopping centre Mall of Africa at Waterfall City, which will open next year.