

# RFA welcomes reopening of N3 highway

The Road Freight Association has welcomed the reopening of the N3 highway to all traffic.

"Whilst we anticipate some delays and congestion due to the high traffic volumes, we are now able to resume the vital task of delivering goods both countrywide and beyond our borders. We are doing our best to get essentials in to where they are needed and to address the massive backlog that has occurred as a result of the happenings over the past week, says Gavin Kelly, CEO of The Road Freight Association.



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"We are doing our best under trying circumstances to ensure that no one endures food, fuel and medicine shortages - working closely with our compatriots in the retail sector, to allow them to re-supply stores."

The N3 is a strategic corridor, with the value of goods travelling on this highway estimated to be around R3bn. "Thankfully, trucks can now start the wheels of the economy along this corridor turning again, enabling many businesses to resume operations," says Kelly.

"With the impact on every company and every person in South Africa as a result of the recent violence and looting, it has been heartening to witness communities coming together, protecting what is theirs and actively working together to start rebuilding what we have lost."

The protection of trucks, the employees, the loads and distribution centres remain a top priority for the RFA, says Kelly and "we call upon law enforcement to remain active and vigilant in protecting the N3. The safe passage of goods and people on this important route is vital. We cannot allow a repeat of last week's senseless violence and looting."

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