

MEDIA ALERT

TO: ALL MEDIA

DATE: 05 OCTOBER 2005

ATTENTION: NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS AND PR WIRE

AFTER YEARS OF SUFFERING LEARNERS AND THE COMMUNITY OF UMKOMAAZ GETS A PEDESRTIAN BRIDGE

Friday 07 October 2005, Sqandulweni Bridge- Umkomazi at 9am

As part of Public Transport Month Activities, KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr Bheki Cele will conduct a SOD turning ceremony of Sqandulweni Pedestrian Bridge over Umkomaas River on Friday 07 October 2005 at 9 am. This follows concerns and pressure from the community requesting the department of transport to intervene and provide the long awaited pedestrian bridge in the area.

The community of Umkomaas and learners in particular have been faced with serious difficulties and torture when attempting to go to school and required destinations during rainy weather. At some stage learners were transported by boat to cross the river. MEC Cele visited the area earlier this year during heavy floods and made a commitment to end the suffering. **“I work upon a mandate of defending the weak therefore I will ensure that by the time we approach the rainy season next year, learners and communities will safely cross over a newly constructed pedestrian bridge”** Cele said.

Please take note of the following

Friday 07 October at 18h00 pm

In pushing forward the message of road safety over Public Transport Month, **MEC Cele and Transport CEO Dr.Kwazi Mbanjwa will be part of an overnight Multi-disciplinary roadblock** that will be conducted by the Road Traffic Inspectorate and Public Transport Enforcement Unit. For more information contact:

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