

**Date: 25 April 2007**

**MEDIA ALERT: MEC BHEKI CELE PRESENTS HIS BUDGET SPEECH AT THE KZN LEGISLATURE PIETERMARITZBURG.**

**Thursday 26 April 2006, KwaZulu-Natal Legislature at 10 am**

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele will present his budget speech for the financial year 2007/08 at the KwaZulu-Natal legislature on Thursday 26 April 2007 at 10am.

In his budget speech MEC Cele is expected to give a report on the achievements and progress of both departments in the past financial year and furthermore outline challenges ahead that are facing departments particularly budget constraints.

MEC Cele will dedicate this year Budget Speech to the late President General of the African National Congress Chief Albert Luthuli. This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of this first African Nobel prize winner.

As part of the Department's commitment in championing Non-Motorized Transport. MEC Cele and Head of Department Dr K.B. Mbanjwa together with the members of the Legislature and learners will ride bicycles from corner of Peter Kerchhoff Street (Chapel) and Langelibalele Street (Longmarket) to the Legislature at 8am.

Among other aspects Cele's speech will include the following:

**ON TRANSPORT**

- Road Infrastructure
- Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP)
- Taxi Recapitalization Programme
- Build-up to 2010 World Cup
- Road Access/ Maintenance & Construction
- Traffic Management
- Community Based Programme

**MEC Cele will host a press briefing at 13H00** and cocktail session for the members of Parliament, dignitaries and members of the media at the Sobantu Community Hall at 18h30 pm.

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