



MEDIA STATEMENT

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MEC CELE TO OFFICIATE THE SOD – TURNING OF NTETHE RIVER BRIDGE

KwaZulu Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, **Mr. Bheki Cele** will on **Thursday (15/05/08) at Nsikayendlu High School Sports ground, D-Section uLundi officiate a sod - turning ceremony of the Ntethe River Bridge (Mbilane) at 9:00am.**

The bridge was initially requested by ward Councilor in 2006 after three school children drowned while trying to cross the river and one teacher mugged and killed near it. The lives of local communities of uLundi, boundaries within Nkosi Mpungose tribal authority will benefit since there are two schools Skhalelumuzi Primary and Insikayendlu High, mobile clinics and historical site along the road. On rainy days school children walk 3km before they get to school. This bridge will serve Mbilane and D-section communities. The estimated budget for the project is estimated at R5 million.

“The project is in line with the Government’s Departmental objective of bringing service delivery to people and more so, the project will create jobs since local people will be given first preference in line with the department’s poverty alleviation programme. It will also help local communities have easy access to areas of development like schools, clinics etc.” said Cele

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