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MEC CELE OFFICIATE THE OPENING OF THE NZIMANENI VEHICLE BRIDGE AT HLABISA

The KwaZulu Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Bheki Cele will tomorrow (17/07/2008) officiate the opening of Nzimaneni Vehicle Bridge at Mpembeni Stadium, KwaHlabisa at 10h00.

In 2003 the original structure of the bridge got washed away as a result of flooding. Since then it has been impossible for schools and other community services to function smoothly especially on rainy days. The Nzimaneni vehicle bridge will directly serve as thoroughfare to Hlabisa town where Hlabisa Hospital is housed, along with the police station and other government and municipal services. Access to various schools such as Godloza High schools is only possible through this bridge. The total construction cost was R 3, 5 million and since then a further R4, 0million has been spent on the upgrading of P451 to well graded gravel wearing course using rock bursting techniques.

"These projects are in line with the Government's objective of bringing service delivery to people and it will help improve the residents' standards of living by stimulating the local economy. It will improve the lives of the school children since they will now have access to school even during bad weather. The department will continue with their effort to defend the weak at all times," said Cele.

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