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MEC CELE TO OFFICIATE THE SOD TURNING CEREMONY AT KWANONGOMA.

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Bheki Cele will officiate the sod turning ceremony of a pedestrian bridge which will cross over the Sikwebezi River in Nsongweni, Nongoma on Wednesday, 17 December 2008. Thereafter he will address the community at Falaza High School at 09:00 am.

The only way the community of Nsongweni can access the local school, shops, pension paypoint and main road is through the Sikwebezi River. At present there is no bridge over the river, hence the community has to cross through it. When there has been heavy rain the community is cut off from the rest of the world because the high volumes of water make it dangerous for people to cross over.

The bridge is expected to be 70m long and will cost approximately R4 200 000.00. The construction of the bridge is also expected to create jobs for the local community.

"Since our liberation in 1994 we as the government have committed ourselves to bettering the lives of our people, especially those in the rural areas. The KZN Department of Transport continues to defend the weak at all levels of society. Under the theme *Kushunq'uthuli, sibuyisela okwabantu kubantu*," said Cele.

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