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MEC BHEKI CELE TO OFFICIATE THE SOD TURNING CEREMONY AT INKANDLA

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Bheki Cele will officiate the sod turning ceremony of two roads and bridges at Inkandla. The ceremony will start at 09:00 am on 11 December 2008.

The two roads and bridges to be constructed will benefit the communities of KwaZiqongwana, (which is across the uMhlathuze river) and Inkandla (which is under Chief Mpungose). Due to the lack of access roads and bridges these two communities have experienced many misfortunes. During heavy rains school children and pensioners cannot access their basic needs such as schools, pension pay points, healthcare and shopping facilities. School children from Nkungumathe cannot reach Ithala High school which is the only high school accessible. This year some Grade 12 pupils could not write their final year exams due to heavy rains, which prohibited them from crossing the Imbizo river. Some community members have also lost their lives trying to cross the river.

The two roads will be approximately 5 km long and the two bridges will cross the Mhlathuze and Imbizo rivers.

"We, as the KZN Department of Transport are dedicated to defending the weak. Not only will the construction of these two roads and bridges will not only better and save the lives of the people Nkandla, jobs will also be created for the local people," said Cele.

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