



PROVINCE OF KWAZULU - NATAL - ISIFUNDAZWE SAKWAZULU - NATALI

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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MEDIA ALERT

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MEC CELE TO OFFICIATE SOD-TURNING CEREMONY OF KWAMAHULULA LOCAL ROAD

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele will officiate the sod turning ceremony of Kwa-Mahulula Road at Entembisweni, Greytown on Tuesday (10/03/09). The event will be held at Kwa-Mahulula at 9H00am.

Residents had to leave this area due to violence that erupted some years ago. Constructing this road will encourage the residents that migrated to other areas to return to their properties and will also improve the quality of life of the residents by providing easy access to basic amenities.

There are 5 schools and 1 clinic within the vicinity of the project which will benefit through this local road. The road will provide a link between the Entembisweni area, Mdlelanto area, Greytown, and Seven Oakes and the proposed length is 19km. Public transport will be able to access the road and cover an increased distance than ever before and this will benefit the community as they travel long distances on foot in order to commute any form of public transport. Over 150 homesteads with a population of over 1500 people is anticipated to serve traffic volumes of not less than 70 vehicles per day. The total cost of the project, both the construction of the road and the headwalls is estimated at R40 million.

The request for construction of this road came after the Councillor of ward 9 Mr. Ngcobo in the Entembisweni area applied for the construction of Kwa-Mahulula road through the channels within the Department of Transport.

"The people of Entembisweni have spoken and as the government, our job is to listen and deliver as per our mandate, and that is why we as the department are committed to service delivery. This is done to increase the wealth and quality of life of our citizens in line with our strategic vision of delivering services to disadvantaged communities such as Entembisweni," said Cele.

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