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MEC CELE TO OFFICIATE SOD-TURNING CEREMONY OF MABEDLANE ROAD AND INYELELE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele will on Friday (06/03/09) officiate the sod turning ceremony of Mbalane road and Inyelela pedestrian bridge at Ulundi. The event will be held at Mabedlana near Indlovana High School at 9H00am.

Presently there is no bridge for the pedestrians. The communities' only way to access the school, shops, pension payout point and to the main road is to cross the stream. When it rains the community is cut off and unable to cross this river due to the large volumes of water. There are school children that live in this community that cross this river on a daily basis to get to school. The community uses this route on a daily basis.

The request for construction of a Pedestrian Bridge in the Mabedlane area came after the Ulundi Cost Centre received a call from Head of Department to do an assessment of the bridge. Approximately 75 households will benefit from this construction and will provide easy access to Crèches, Schools and other social facilities including the main road for public transport. The estimated cost of this project is R 11, 371, 809.16

“The people of Mabedlane 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 Mabedlane,” said Cele.

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