



PROVINCE OF KWAZULU - NATAL - ISIFUNDAZWE SAKWAZULU - NATALI
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
UMNYANGO WEZOKUTHUTHA

MEDIA ALERT

TO; ALL MEDIA

DATE: 18 APRIL 2011

MEC MCHUNU TO OFFICIATE THE SOD TURNING OF TWO BRIDGES IN BERGVILLE

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Willies Mchunu will tomorrow officiate the sod turning of two bridges (Mnweni Vehicle Bridge and Thonyelane Pedestrian Bridge).

This is a new bridge to be constructed over the Mnweni River in the Okhahlamba Local Municipality. The bridge will link the communities of Sandlwana which is presently split by the Mnweni River, and provide a vital link with Manzana and Ngoba communities. The Mweni Pedestrian Bridge will serve the Sandlwana and, Manzana and Ngoba communities by providing access to seven schools. The Mweni Vehicle Bridge will be approximately 60 metres in length and will be constructed at an estimate of **R6.84million**.

Thonyelana Pedestrian Bridge is a new bridge that will be constructed over the Thonyelana River. There is presently no facility to cross the river and crossing the river by foot presents danger to the community during periods of medium and high flow. The project is situated in the ward of the Okhahlamba Local council under the Amangwane traditional authority. The bridge will link the communities of Ward 5, which is presently split by the Thonyelana River. This bridge will provide access to seven schools. The cost of the bridge is estimated to be **R 6 million** creating 20 job opportunities.

DATE: 19 APRIL 2011

VENUE: Mablesisi-Sandlwana (near Bergville Tourism Centre)

TIME: 09:00am

All media houses are invited

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