

KZN TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE WELCOMES MINISTERS DECISION TO HALT THE TOLLING SYSTEM

KZN Legislature Transport portfolio committee led by its Chairperson, Mxolisi Kaunda has welcomed the decision by the National Minister of Transport, Mr Sbu Ndebele to halt all processes regarding the tolling of national roads.

Ndebele has ordered the South African National Road Agency Limited (SANRAL) not to proceed with processes relating to the tolling of national roads.

On more than one occasion the KZN Transport portfolio committee has engaged with the National Department of Transport with a view to oppose this initiative, especially in KwaZulu-Natal.

Kaunda and other members of the committee have presented to the national transport portfolio committee, arguing why this project should not go ahead.

“We welcome the Minister’s decision because our firm view is that this requires an extensive consultation. Our people are poor and the majority of young people are unemployed therefore we can not add another burden on their shoulders. This also demonstrates that the government of today is not taking unilateral decisions but is open to engage and to consider views from all sectors. We agree that roads must be maintained but we appeal to government to look at other models of funding,” said Kaunda.

Kaunda said the portfolio committee will lobby strongly for such project not to be considered in near future in KwaZulu-Natal.

He said as they interact with ordinary people on daily basis they feel their plight and share their pain of living poverty.

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