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MEC MCHUNU DELIVERS BUDGET SPEECHES WHICH REFLECT ON MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY SINCE 2009

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu, will table his budget votes and outline the milestones accomplished by his departments since he came into the office in 2009.

Briefly, the Department of Transport has made major strides in delivering critical infrastructure to both the urban and rural citizens of KwaZulu-Natal.

Also, through its Operation Valingozi campaign, the Department has managed to reduce fatalities by 33.6% from 2009. This is, indeed, a significant reduction and shows that the government has made commendable efforts in reducing road accidents.

The MEC will also give account on the infrastructure projects that have been delivered and the total investment made to improve the provincial road networks and the jobs created during this massive construction of projects.

These include new kilometres of new gravel roads in rural communities, kilometres of roads upgraded to blacktop, a number of pedestrian and vehicle bridges constructed in the year under review.

The budget would also reflect on the new shift with more spending going towards road maintenance, which includes attending to the challenges posed by potholes.

Already a lot of work has been done to address this problem of potholes brought by the reality that the provincial road network, well over 25 years, is showing signs of aging.

The decline in the quality of road infrastructure has also been fueled by floods that have pounded our infrastructure in the past years, forcing the department to spend millions in attending to this unbudgeted for items.

MEC Mchunu will also table the plan on measures being taken by the Government to bring an end to the scourge of political violence and the killing of political leaders in KwaZulu-Natal ahead of the 2014 elections.

The budget speech will also reflect on measures to fight crime and the mobilization of communities and their organisations to join the war against crime.

MEC Mchunu will further present these and more initiatives by his departments.

Before presenting his budget speeches in the house, MEC Mchunu will, in the morning partake in the patching of pothole on Edendale Road, underlining the government's commitment to deliver a better road network for the people of KwaZulu-Natal and its concern about potholes in the province.

After this the MEC will partake in the safety walk to highlight Government campaign against road accidents and crime.

Details of the activities:

Pothole Patching:

Date: 31 May 2013

Venue: Edendale Road (near the Edendale Mall)

Time: 8 am

Safety Walk:

Cathedral: Langalibalele Street

Time: 9 am

Details of the Budget Speech

Date: 31 May 2013

Time: 10h00

Venue: Legislature Chambers

Media are invited

Ends.

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