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MEC WILLIES MCHUNU ANNOUNCES CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD P112 LINKING HIGHFLATS AND UMZIMKHULU

Ixopo - KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, announced that more than R700 million has been invested to improve road infrastructure in the small town of uMzimkhulu yesterday.

Mchunu was addressing more than 6 000 community members of Ixopo who came to witness the official construction of road P-112. Main road P-112 is 14 kilometres long and links the town of uMzimkhulu and the area of Highflats.

"We have invested a lot of resources in the town of uMzimkhulu since it was incorporated into KwaZulu-Natal. This road will connect the small towns of Highflats and uMzimkhulu. More than R125 million will be invested into this particular road upgrade," said Mchunu.

The road falls under Ubuhlebezwe municipality within the Harry Gwala District and will create more than 120 jobs to local community members and benefit local business.

In addition, more than 254 women under poverty alleviation programme, Zibambele, will benefit as part of this project.

"Well more than R515 million will be invested in the new financial year (2014-15) by the Department of Transport in the construction of roads and bridges in the Harry Gwala District," said Mchunu.

The construction of this road will also benefit learner's from Mshobashabi Primary, Maryhelp Primary, Amazabeko High, Amazabekweni Combined Primary, and Ntabakunuka Primary and ease access to Gcinokuhle clinic even in bad weather conditions.

"The volume of work this Government has delivered speaks for itself. We have indeed changed people's lives and people can attest to the fact that life has drastically changed because of this Government's escalated service delivery programmes. We have delivered against our commitment to develop rural communities and we are proud of our track record in this regard," said Mchunu.

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