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MEC MCHUNU HANDS OVER THREE BRIDGES IN UMSINGA

UMSINGA -- KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, handed over today three bridges to the community of uMzinga, under uMzinyathi District Municipality, which were built for a total investment of R32-million.

The three bridges - in Ngubevu, Jolwayo and uZizi - will connect the people of UMSinga to the rest of UMzinyathi towns, KwaZulu-Natal province and South Africa.

"These bridges form part of a R3.4 billion investment we have made in the UMzinyathi District over the last four to five years, expanding the road infrastructure including new access roads in rural areas. Well over 5 050 jobs have been created for local people, in line with our government service delivery commitments," said Mchunu.

With the introduction of these bridges - all which cross UThukela river - the people of UMSinga in affected areas will no longer face dangers of drowning as they now enjoy easy movement from one area to another.

Speaking to more than 3 000 community members, Mchunu said the hand-over of the bridges also marked government's activities celebrating 20 years of freedom and democracy.

The three bridges will also connect local citizens to public transport facilities which in turn link them to schools, clinics, pension pay-points and towns.

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