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### MEDIA ADVISORY

TO: ALL MEDIA  
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ATTENTION: News Editor, Reporters and PR Wires

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### **MEC WILLIES MCHUNU TO OUTLINE PLANS TO MOVE KWAZULU-NATAL FORWARD AND PROMOTE SAFETY**

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, will on **Thursday, 14 August 2014**, present plans to move KwaZulu-Natal forward and promote citizens' safety.

He will outline the plans when he tables financial year 2014/15 Transport's budget of just over **R9 billion** and the Community Safety's budget totalling **R181.3 million** – both portfolios under his leadership.

The bulk of the Transport budget has been earmarked for pushing back the huge roads and transport infrastructure backlog. Hundreds of new kilometres will be constructed in the medium term as upgrades of gravel to tar roads as well as re-tarring of existing tar roads, will be undertaken.

Importantly, the planned projects will also help address the triple challenges of unemployment, poverty and inequality as well as other national priorities to advance radical socio-economic transformation.

Road safety will continue to be the central theme of the Department of Transport as the battle to overcome the road carnage escalates.

In respect of Community Safety and Liaison, MEC Mchunu will outline measures to intensify mobilisation of communities against crime, plans to advance political tolerance ahead of the 2016 Local Government Elections, and moves to solidify peace in isolated areas where political tensions still exist.

Conflict issues such as faction fights will also receive attention as part of the department's flagship "Communities-in-Dialogue" programme.

**The delivery of budget votes at the Legislature will be preceded by a short programme of welcoming 91 recently appointed Road Traffic Inspectorate (RTI) officers at the department's Traffic Training College in Pietermaritzburg.**

The Order of Proceedings for **Thursday, 14 August 2014** is as follows:

**1. Welcoming of recently appointed RTI officers and media briefing**

Time: **07h45 – 08h45**

Venue: Traffic Training College – Pietermaritzburg (240 Burger Street)

**2. Presentation of the Community Safety and Liaison Budget Vote 9**

Time: 10h30

Venue: KwaZulu-Natal Legislature

**3. Lunch Break: 13h00 – 14h00**

**4. Presentation of the Transport Budget Vote 12**

Time: 14h00

Venue: KwaZulu-Natal Legislature

**ALL MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA ARE INVITED TO COVER THESE EVENTS.**

Ends.

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