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KZN TRANSPORT DEPT ANNOUNCES R250M NDWEDWE ROAD UPGRADE

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, today announced the R250 million investment in the upgrade from gravel to tar of P712 in Ndwedwe, in the Ilembe District Municipality.

The 44 kilometre road stretches across Maphumulo through Ndwedwe (from eSidumbini through eMthandeni to Glendale), oThongathi to Durban as well as connects to Wartburg through to Pietermaritzburg.

"Once completed, the tar road will see some citizens in the Maphumulo area travelling a shorter distance to Durban, cutting 35 kilometres from the current 123 kilometres down to 88 kilometres," said Mchunu addressing 3 000 community members.

"It (P712) is the last of the strategic, tourism and economic growth linked corridors including routes from Ngoma to Phongola as well as Nongoma to Mtubatuba," he explained.

The investment will create 175 direct jobs, enable skills transfer and generate various local economic development spinoffs.

Learners from local schools including eMseni Primary, Phakathwayo Junior Secondary, e Gogovuma Primary, KwaQwabe Secondary, eHlalakahle Primary, Ukuzamakwethu Secondary and eZakhele Primary, will be among the major beneficiaries of the road upgrade.

The investment adds to an existing spectrum of road construction projects in Ilembe District, amounting to more than R1 billion including P711 from Maphumulo to Glendale; P104 from Shakaskraal to Glendale; D883 in Ndulinde; P714 from oThongathi to Kwasonkombe; P415 in Mandeni from N2 to uThukela Mouth; P100 from Verulam to eNanda, as well as vehicle and pedestrian bridges across uThukela river.

"All of these investments are part of the government's strategic imperative to develop rural communities, create jobs and eliminate poverty and inequality," said Mchunu.

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