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TRANSPORT MINISTER DIPUO PETERS LAUNCHED BALLITO INTERCHANGE

Congestion will be a thing of the past for the community of KwaDukuza and Ilembe - which is around the coastal Ballito town - following the official opening and handover of the approximately R200 million Ballito Interchange and main road P445 by Transport Minister Dipuo Peters, earlier today.

Peters was accompanied by KwaZulu-Natal MEC from Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mxolisi Kaunda, Ilembe district mayor Cllr. Sibusiso Mdabe, KwaDukuza Local Municipality mayor Cllr. Ricardo Mthembu, deputy mayors, SANTACO president Philip Taaibosch and provincial chairperson Boy Zondi, and members of the public.

Ballito interchange is the third to be launched by Minister Peters after the Dr. Chota Motala interchange (R442 million) in Pietermaritzburg and UMngeni Interchange (R512 million), which are part of a R8 billion investment in infrastructure development by SANRAL in the province in national roads upgrades and bridges.

"We are transforming the lives of the people of KwaZulu-Natal and South Africa through this investment in roads infrastructure upgrades. We are more determined to develop more infrastructure especially in rural communities to create easy access to essential services such as schools, clinics, hospitals, workplaces and shopping centres," said Kaunda.

"We are proud to launch the Ballito interchange, which marks the continuation of our roads infrastructure projects across the national network. We are also creating job opportunities, and building skills. The construction of Ballito interchange alone created 104 jobs," said Peters.

"We are not developing these roads for people to be reckless on them. We also remember those who died on our roads such as the late Deputy Mayor of UThungulu District Thulani Mashaba and the 16 people who passed on in an accident involving a taxi and train in Shakaskraal," she added.

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