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MEC MCHUNU LAUNCHES WOMEN GRADER OPERATOR PROGRAMME AS HE TABLES TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LIAISON 2016/17 BUDGET VOTES

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, will on Thursday (14/04/2016) table the budget policy speeches for both his departments for the financial year 2016/17.

On the Department of Transport, MEC Mchunu will outline a number of key infrastructure projects delivered to boost the economy, create jobs and connect the people in the province.

Another key milestone for this year's budget policy speech, is the implementation of the socio-economic transformation programme focusing on roads and subsidised public transport, aimed at increasing the participation of Black African contractors and operators. In addition to the appointment of area consultants, the department will this year be launching training and incubation programmes for emerging contractors.

Mchunu will also speak on successful measures he has led to bring peace and stability in the taxi industry.

He will reflect on the ongoing road carnage and the role all stakeholders need to play to reduce road crashes and fatalities in the province. Mchunu will also use the budget speech to report back on the conclusion of the implementation of the RTI commission and other key strategic issues affecting the Department.

Under the Department of Community Safety and Liaison, MEC Mchunu, will present a bold plan to address the escalation of illegal public protests, and plans to stabilise the province ahead of the local government elections.

Mchunu will also report on the work of the police in the province and renewed efforts to mobilise communities and civil society in the fight against crime, violence and drug abuse. Before going to the Legislature, MEC Mchunu together with stakeholders will launch a new programme of empowering women as grader drivers and operators, highlighting the need to ensure employment equity by increasing the participation of women in specialised and technical fields of work.

Details of the woman grader programme:

Date: 14/04/2016

Time: 08h00

Venue: Traffic Training College 240 Burger Street Pietermaritzburg

Community Safety & Liaison Budget Speech:

Time: 10h00

Venue: Legislature Chamber

Transport Budget Speech:

Time: 14h00

Venue: Legislature Chamber

Ends.

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