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Department:  
Transport  
Province of KwaZulu-Natal

## COMMUNICATIONS

### MEDIA ALERT

TO: ALL MEDIA  
DATE: Tuesday, 7 August 2017  
ATTENTION: Editors, News Editors, & Reporters

### **MEC KAUNDA TO OFFICIATE OPENING OF TWO MAJOR PROJECTS AND BE PART OF OPERATION SIYAHLOLA PROGRAMME IN UMZIMKHULU**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Mxolisi Kaunda, will on Tuesday (08 August 2017) officiate the opening of P416, and UMfulamhle Bridge in Umzimkhulu. Kaunda is also expected to visit P749 as part of Operation Siyahlole Programme, which is aimed at checking on the progress of projects that the department is embarking on.

Main Road P749 is located between Umzimkhulu to Riverside, The total length is 45 kilometres and consists of a gravel road, which serves many communities and schools around the area. The project of main road P749 entailed the upgrade of 45 kilometres at a total estimated budget of R514.2 million.

Main Road P416 is located between Staffords Post and Droefheids Bron in the Umzimkhulu Local municipality. This is the main route to the town of Umzimkhulu. It intersects the N2 at Staffords Post to L2143 at Clydesdale. It also provides access to different hospitals, schools and clinics. The project entails the upgrade of Road P416 from gravel to blacktop of 41.70 kilometres. At an estimated total budget of R503.8 million will be injected in this project.

The MEC is expected to be accompanied by the local and district mayors, Members of Parliament, local leadership, traditional Leaders and department stakeholders.

The details of the event are as follows:

**Date: Tuesday, 8 August 2017**  
**Venue: Sports Ground next to UMzimkhulu College**  
**Time: 09h00**

Members of the media are invited to cover all the activities.  
Ends.

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