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MEC KAUNDA UNVEILS TWO MAJOR ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN NQUTHU

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Mxolisi Kaunda will officiate the opening of two multi-million rand road infrastructure projects in Nquthu on Friday (19 May 2017).

Kaunda will officially hand over road P16-3 and Mlambomunye Vehicle Bridge. These two infrastructure projects form part of the P752 new road construction, which is in progress.

The Department has invested over R800 million on both projects. The construction of P16-3 has created 324 direct employment opportunities and has indirectly provided jobs through subcontracting of emerging contractors. The construction of P752 Mlambomunye River Bridge has created approximately 222 job opportunities over a period of six years.

P16-3 forms part of a strategic corridor of P16-1, 2, 3, 4 linking Grey town to Vryheid. This will be a main road linking to key urban nodes on the interior of KZN. Due to the increase in economic activity and the growing agricultural sector in this area, Main Road P16-3 will provide easy access to neighbouring towns as well as for public transportation and tourism vehicles.

The new road P752 and Mlambomunye Vehicle bridge will be connecting two towns (Nqutu and Msinga) and will form part of the KZN road network. The effect will be the creation of new road that will allow community mobility through the new road, which will enable trading between the two towns.

The details of the event are as follows:

DATE: 19 May 2017

VENUE: KwaChibide Esilutshana next to Shekelela (Nquthu)
TIME: 09h00

In a separate event, MEC Kaunda together with the Religious and Traditional authorities will lead a Road Safety Prayer in Mandeni to remember road crash victims in the area and to create awareness on how to curb further road crashes and carnage in the province.

Mandeni is one of the areas which have been hardest hit by road crashes and fatalities along the N2.

The details of the event are as follows:

DATE: 20 May 2017 (Saturday)
VENUE: EMacimbini Sports Field (eMandeni)
TIME: 09H00

All media are invited to attend and cover both events.

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