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KZN AND MPUMALANGA ON A MISSION TO CLEAN UP TAXI OPERATIONS IN SHARED CORRIDORS

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Mxolisi Kaunda together with the Mpumalanga MEC for Public Works, Roads and Transport Mr. Gillion Mashego, have commended both their Provincial Regulatory Entities (PRE) for commencing with a process to develop operational agreements between taxi operators sharing corridors between the two provinces.

This follows a meeting that was held yesterday (10 September 2018) in Newcastle, which was attended by SANTACO executives from both provinces. The aim of this meeting was to discuss challenges within operations between the two provinces which will ultimately lead to the formulation of an operational agreement between all affected taxi associations.

A similar arrangement was developed in 2015, however some associations deviated from the agreements and conducted operations outside the agreed boundaries. This also created gaps for illegal operators and resulted in tensions among the associations.

The yesterday's meeting resolved that both departments must expedite the process of issuing operating licenses which will clearly stipulate routes for each association to avoid any encroachment. They also committed to meet with municipalities as custodians of ranking facilities to complete outstanding processes of authorizing usage by association. Law enforcement will also be heightened to deal with any lawlessness. An operating license, passenger list and a sticker will be used to identify all members.

The success of this process will also assist members of the Inter-Provincial Technical Task Team comprising of KwaZulu-Natal, Free State, Gauteng, Mpumalanga, Limpopo and the Eastern Cape in reaching operational agreements between associations sharing corridors. This will eliminate operational conflicts between provinces and also create space for law enforcement to close ranks on all illegal operators and other moving violations.

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