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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **MEC NTULI TO HAND OVER TO THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GUMATANE UMZIMKHULU RIVER BRIDGE AT UMZUMBE**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Bheki Ntuli will tomorrow (15/10/2019) hand over to the contractor for the construction of the Gumatane Umzimkhulu River Bridge to the community of uMzumbe.

The Gumatane uMzimkhulu Vehicle Bridge is located at Nguza area linking Sidalea area under Umzumbe Local Municipality and Umuziwabantu Local Municipality. Upon completion, the bridge will serve as a link between main road P68-1 and National Road N2-21. The bridge will also reduce travelling distances and provide uMzumbe and uMuziwabantu communities with access to ten (10) schools, local churches and a clinic.

A total of R176.8 million has been set aside for the construction of this bridge and the improvement of the road approaches on D1121 and D919.

In 2016, eleven people who had been returning from a church service died in an accident when the car ploughed into a slough near the river. The community requested the department to build a bridge to avert further accidents in the area. The contractor handover is a culmination of that engagement with the community.

MEC Ntuli will therefore be accompanied by the local leadership, Interfaith traditional leaders and senior departmental officials to pay tribute to those who died in that tragic accident.

Details of the event are as follows:

**Date** : 15 October 2019  
**Time** : 10:00  
**Venue** : Gumatane Sports Field, Umzumbe

Members of the media are invited to attend.

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