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MEC NTULI TO INSPECT THE PROGRESS ON THE MULTI-BILLION RAND GO!DURBAN PROJECT

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Bheki Ntuli will tomorrow,16 October 2020, conduct a physical inspection of the highly-anticipated R40 billion Go!Durban Integrated Rapid Public Transport Network which is set to transform Durban's public transport system.

In line with the October Transport Month's theme: "Together shaping the future of Transport", the Department of Transport seeks to ensure that it continues to provide quality transport infrastructure and connect communities.

The Go!Durban inspection forms part of the rolling October Transport Month activities that MEC Ntuli is embarking on across the province.

To-date, eThekwini Municipality has spent over R6 billion on the Go!Durban project, which is poised to provide a world-class solution for the City's future public transport needs.

Ultimately GO!Durban seeks to revolutionise the face of public transport in the province. The implementation of the Integrated Rapid Public Transport Network was targeted to unlock the economic potential and provide strategic links across the City. Another crucial aspect of this project is that there will be empowerment opportunities for all existing legal minibus and small bus operators.

MEC Ntuli, who will be joined by the EThekwini Metro leadership and Senior Managers of the eThekwini Transport Authority will inspect the state of readiness for the live commission of the Go!Durban project.

MEC Ntuli will also participate in a multi-disciplinary law enforcement operation at the intersection of Queen Nandi Drive and Dumisani Makhaye Drive. This operation

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forms part of the Department's efforts to reduce road crashes and fatalities while raising awareness about the importance of adhering to the rules of the road.

Members of the media are invited to cover the programme as follows:

Date: Friday, 16 October 2020 Venue: Pinetown Civic Centre

Time: 09h00

Transport will be provided.

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