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## MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE, PATRICIA DE LILLE AND KWAZULU-NATAL MEC FOR TRANSPORT, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LIAISON PEGGY NKONYENI UNVEIL THREE RECENTLY COMPLETED BRIDGES IN EKHAMANZI, UNDER UMSHWATHI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure Ms Patricia De Lille, Deputy Minister Ms Noxolo Kiviet along with the KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Ms Peggy Nkonyeni and KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works Mr Ntuthuko Sibiya along with other local leaders today, 11 March 2021, officially unveiled three recently completed bridges in Ekhamanzi in the uMshwathi Local municipality that will significantly improve the community's access to social amenities such as schools and clinics.

The Welisizwe Rural Bridges Programme was gazetted as a Strategic Integrated Project in July 2020 as part of government's Infrastructure Investment Plan approved by Cabinet in May 2020.

The Welisizwe Rural Bridges Programme is aimed at providing safe access to social amenities and further respond to potential disaster areas and emergency disaster situations.

The intervention is done through the construction of Modular Steel Bridges.