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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO OPEN FOUR COMPLETED MULTI MILLION RAND BAILEY BRIDGES TO CONNECT RURAL COMMUNITIES IN KWAZULU-NATAL

As part of the October Transport Month (OTM) roll-out plan, government will on Thursday (21 October 2021) open four completed Welisizwe Bailey Bridges to connect the community of KwaXolo in the South Coast of KwaZulu-Natal.

The opening of these four bridges is part of the infrastructure roll-out and is giving impetus to the Economic Recovery Plan.

In line with improving KwaZulu-Natal's transport infrastructure, the Department of Public Works & Infrastructure (DPWI), the Department of Defence & Military Veterans (DOD) and the Department of Transport – KZN entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on the implementation of Welisizwe Rural Bridges Programme.

The programme is aimed at providing urgent 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.

The Department of Transport invested R110 million for the construction of a total of fourteen (14) Bailey Bridges in rural communities of KwaZulu-Natal. A total of eight (08) bridges have been completed. The launch of these bridges will be presided by the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Peggy Nelisiwe Nkonyeni who will be accompanied by senior officials from the National Department of Transport, and National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure including the local Mayor and izinduna.

Details for the programme:

Date: 21 October 2021

Venue: Thokothe Sports Field, KwaXolo Traditional Council, Ray Nkonyeni Local Municipality

Time: 10h00

Media are invited to attend. COVID-19 regulations will be strictly monitored.

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