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## MEC NKONYENI HANDS OVER A MULTI MILLION RAND CONTRACTOR TO UPGRADE P402 IN UMSUNDUZI MUNICIPALITY

KwaZulu-Natal Transport, Community Safety and Liaison MEC Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni, today, Monday 28 March 2022, handed over to a contractor to begin the construction of phase two of P402 KwaMncane under Umsunduzi Municipality. Phase one, which is 7,5 KM long, was completed in March 2022. Upon completion the 14,3 KM road will form an important link between the area of KwaMncane and KwaMgwagwa.

The project entails the upgrading of an existing gravel road to blacktop. The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport invested over R289 million to the entire project.

At least 159 job opportunities for the locals will be created. It will also create opportunities for 17 emerging contractors who will be subcontracting. The project targets the previously disadvantaged groupings such as women, youth, people with disabilities and military veterans. The project is due for completion in 2023/24 financial year.

Addressing a community meeting this morning, MEC Nkonyeni said the Department remains committed in speeding service delivery.

"We are moving with speed in delivering services to our people. The upgrade of this road will go a long way in improving the economic activities in the area. We have just launched the construction of the second phase which means the work is starting now," said Nkonyeni.

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