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### **Media Advisory**

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### **MEC NKONYENI'S ONE YEAR IN OFFICE**

Today, (09 March 2022) marks exactly one year since the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Ms Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni assumed office.

Under her leadership the Department was able to finalise the appointment of a permanent Head of Department Mr. Siboniso Mbhele, which was critical in ensuring stability within the organisation.

In addition, MEC Nkonyeni has also been leading the reviewing of the organisations structure to ensure that the Department's operations and services are in line with the District Development Model. This review will also ensure that services are brought closer to the people.

In addition, her vision has seen the Department reposition its strategic direction and expand its focus to not only be on road transportation but to also include other modes of transport such as Maritime, Aviation and Rail. This will ensure that the people of this province benefit from economic opportunities presented by these modes of transport.

The delivery of road infrastructure and the maintenance of our ailing network has also remained a top priority for the Department under MEC Nkonyeni.

Soon Nkonyeni will be launching 'Operation Siyazenzela' which will see the Department augment its internal resources to prioritize fixing gravel roads, which are a major concern in rural communities especially during the rainy seasons.

The Department is also attending to the challenges of potholes on our roads. Under MEC Nkonyeni's leadership the department is finalising

contracts to have compliant consultants and contractors appointed to respond to the challenges of potholes.

Working with other strategic partners, including Sanral, we will continue to change the infrastructure landscape of the province as we see with the major upgrade happening across the province.

MEC Nkonyeni has also been passionate about the empowerment of women such as seeing women leading in top management positions and ensuring that they are capacitated with requisite skills that will enable them to be leaders in the transport Sector.

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