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## **Media Advisory**

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### **KZN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE TEMPORARY REPAIR OF UMKHOMAZI RIVER PEDESTRAIN BRIDGE**

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport has moved promptly to provide temporary relief to save lives of learners and community members who are crossing the dangerous uMkhomazi river in Ubuhlebezwe.

Last week the bridge went viral on social media with learners from the nearby schools fearing for their lives, crossing the damaged bridge with no hard rails. The pedestrian bridge is amongst many projects that were damaged by the floods.

The Department's engineering team came up with an innovation which will provide a temporary safe crossing.

The handrails were installed over the weekend. It is now safe for learners and community members to cross the bridge.

The engineering team is working on finding a permanent solution to the bridge and once all the investigations, designs and budgeting are complete, the department will outline the new plans and timelines.

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