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MEC HLOMUKA OFFICIATES THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MULTI-MILLION UPGRADE OF P395 (MARINE DRIVE) WHICH WILL BOOST THE TOURISM INDUSTRY IN THE SOUTH COAST

The tourism sector is set to boom in the South Coast following the launch of a massive rehabilitation project of main road P395 (Marine Drive) in Port Shepstone under the Ray Nkonyeni Local Municipality.

The launch was officiated by the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Sipho Hlomuka who was accompanied by the Ray Nkonyeni Local Municipality Mayor Skhumbuzo Mqadi, Ugu District Speaker Sizwe Ngcobo and Amakhosi.

This R580 million project is set to breathe new life into the town of Port Shepstone under the Ray Nkonyeni Local Municipality.

The project has been welcomed by the communities of South Coast who attended the officiation and expressed optimism that this project would assist in reviving the business and tourism sector thereby creating job opportunities.

MEC Hlomuka said the province will continue to implement infrastructure development to improve access to tourist destinations as part of efforts to help drive sustainable economic growth.

"It is important for us to focus on places such as the South Coast that have a high attraction of tourists. Good roads and generally well-maintained infrastructure assist in drawing tourists thus boosting the economy. We believe that the rehabilitation of this road will assist the South Coast into reviving their tourism sector which was battered by the impact of Covid19," said Hlomuka.

Over 25 kilometres of the road commonly known as Marine Drive, will be rehabilitated between Southbroom and Port Shepstone over a period of 30 months. P395 serves as an alternate route to the N2. It also connects local roads, which lead to communities and the beach.

The rehabilitation for P395 is envisaged to be constructed in one phase. This contract will allow for 36.75% of the value of the contract to be allocated to local emerging contractors and over 198 job opportunities will be created.



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MEC Hlomuka will tomorrow, 03 June 2023 also launch the construction of the Cabane River Bridge in the area of Umzimkhulu in the Harry Gwala District. The bridge will be constructed at an investment of R34 million.

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