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## **Media Advisory**

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## MEC SIPHO HLOMUKA TO LAUNCH MOTOR LICENSING SERVICES IN THE RURAL TOWN OF UMSINGA AND UNVEILS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI MILLION RAND BRIDGE TO REDUCE TRAVELLING DISTANCE

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Sipho Hlomuka, will tomorrow (Thursday, 01 June 2023) launch the construction of a bridge linking the area of uMsinga and eNquthu.

The Buffalo river bridge will be constructed at the value of R126 million and will reduce traveling time between the two local municipalities.

People have had to travel more than 90 kilometres to reach across and with the construction of this bridge that will be a thing of the past.

This bridge is part of the ongoing upgrade of main road P752 which is being improved from gravel to blacktop.

As part of economic transformation and spinoffs, R33 million will be allocated to local emerging contractors.

During the 2023/2024 budget policy speech, MEC Hlomuka committed his department to investing more in constructing all weather access bridges, which is part of the mitigating strategies against the changing weather patterns and flooding.

These bridges will augment the 24 Welisizwe bridges which are being constructed in the province through a partnership between the Department of Transport, National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure - and the South African Defense Force.

MEC Hlomuka, will also hand over a certificate to uMsinga Local Municipality commissioning them to provide motor license services, which include registration of ownership and renewal.

Details are as follows:

Commission of the motor licencing Date : 01 June 2023

Time : 08h00 Venue : UMsinga Local Municipality Office – uMsinga



Contractor handing over for Buffalo bridge

Date : 01 June 2023 Time : 10h00 Venue : Nocomboshe Sports field – uMsinga

## Ends.

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