

Media Advisory

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MEC SIPHO HLOMUKA SET TO LAUNCH A MULTI-MILLION RAND REHABILITATION PROJECT ON P284 LINKING EZINGOLWENI AND PORT EDWARD UNDER UGU DISTRICT

In an effort to improve the provincial road network in the Province, the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Sipho Hlomuka will introduce a multi-milllion Rand contract to undertake heavy rehabilitation of Main Road P284 linking Port Edward and Ezingolweni.

The road has reached its lifespan and was recently ravaged by heavy rains. The rehabilitation of this project is part of eliminating the potholes in major strategic roads in the province. The rehabilitation of this road will allow for easy movement of goods between Ezingolweni and Port Edward as there is high agricultural production in the area.

The total length of the road is 37.86 kilometres.

Main Road P284 serves as a crucial bypass, diverting traffic from the R61 in South Broom to the N2-21, which leads to Harding and Kokstad. Strategically positioned, P284 forms an integral part of the macro network, facilitating mobility between Pietermaritzburg, Harding, and Kokstad to the Eastern Cape via Bizana.

The rehabilitation of Main Road P284 is valued at over R190 million, with the construction period of the project set to extend over a 24-month duration. The community of Ezingolweni will benefit from job creation and skills development, serving as a key driver for employment and training in various skills.

Members of the media are invited to cover the launch which will take place as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 13 February 2024

Venue: Qhina Sports Ground – Ezingolweni, Ray Nkonyeni

Time: 11h00

Ends

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