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MEC SIPHO HLOMUKA TO HANDOVER A MULTI-MILLION RANDS CONTRACTOR FOR THE UPGRADE AND REHABILITATION OF MAJOR ROADS TO REVIVE THE ECONOMY OF EDUMBE IN ZULULAND

In an effort to improve the provincial road network, MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Siphon Hlomuka, will on Saturday (20 April 2024) visit the community within the eDumbe Local Municipality where he will officially handover a contractor for the upgrade of D1880 and the rehabilitation of main road P34/5.

The rehabilitation of main road P34/5 and the upgrade of district road D1880 from gravel to blacktop represent more than just infrastructure development. It is a commitment to enhance the quality of life for the local community members and intervention to improve the local economy.

Emerging contractors will benefit, and jobs will be created for the local community members.

MEC Hlomuka will first start at district road D1880, which provides community members with access to health care facilities such as Tholakele clinic.

The project entails upgrading a total of 21 kilometres of gravel to blacktop. This road will facilitate easier and safer transportation routes. The upgrade of District Road D1180 is expected to cost R218 Million.

MEC Hlomuka will then proceed to Main Road P34/5 which provide access to facilities within eDumbe township, Bilayo, Nhlungwane area within The Bhovungane Traditional council. Rehabilitation of main road P34/5 serves as the mobility route between KwaZulu-Natal and the Mpumalanga Province.

It will provide a safe road and reduce the traveling distance to important amenities. The cost of the project is estimated to cost R303 million.

DETAILS OF THE LAUNCH FOR THE TWO PROJECTS:

First Handover: D1880

Date: 20 April 2024

Time: 10:00

Venue: Ophuzane Sports field, Ward 8, eDumbe Local Municipality.

Second Handover: P34/5

Date: 20 April 2024

Time: 13:00

Venue: Edumbe Community Hall, Ward 3, eDumbe local Municipality.

Media are invited to cover the contractor handover.

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