

Duma welcomes the newly elected KZN SANTACO leadership: He commits to work with the council to ensure road safety and drive the transformation of the public transport sector

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Harry Gwala Stadium: We have just finished a meeting of the District Development Model attended by Deputy Minister Joe Phahla, Mayor of Umgungundlovu District, Cllr Mzi Zuma, other local mayors, and officials representing all spheres of government.

Importantly, yesterday I appeared before the KZN Legislature and I informed honourable members that as the Department we were looking forward to the meeting with new leadership of the KZN South African National Taxi Council.

We pause to congratulate the newly elected SANTACO-KZN leadership, representing 246 taxi associations across the province.

We commit to working with SANTACO to ensure the safety of motorists and general members of the public in more than 34 000 kilometers of our road networks.

We have confidence in the new leadership, and we believe that following their election, collective wisdom will ensure stability in the public transport sector.

I have tasked my office to arrange a meeting with the new leadership in order to ensure a proper briefing on the following issues:

- Strengthening of Hlokomela and Training of drivers.
- Public Transport operating licenses.
- Public Transport routes economic viability studies.
- E-hailing and co-existence between e-hailing operators and taxi operators.

The taxi industry spend almost R15 billion on fuel. More than R10 billion on vehicles and more than R150 million on tyres annually.

We want to work together with SANTACO to assist taxi operators to enter into the entire value chain of automotive.

We want them to have a strong financial muscle in order to become suppliers of car parts and to own car dealerships.

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