



Cele adds oomph to building of access roads

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FROM LEFT: Impendle Mayor S. Makhaye, MEC Cele, Mpumuza Nkosi N. Zondi, Mpendle Nkosi S. Zuma, KZN Transport Acting Head Chris Hlabisa and Transport Portfolio Committee members during the Sod Turning of a major access road in Impendle.

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Ngubane implementing Cele's DOT special projects in Ulundi

If there is someone who represents the DOT mission of maintaining a safe road environment for Nongoma and Mahlabathini residents, it is the Department's district superintendent Bongani Ngubane.

Needless to say, the effectiveness of the work of the KZN Department of Transport is verily dependent on the proactive and pragmatic action of its senior employees like Ngubane.

When *Igalelo* visited his district recently, one of Ngubane's road works teams was attending to a road railing situation. The boundary had been destroyed by a taxi in a recent accident which occurred on a sharp and potentially notorious bend. The new black top access road P702 is uphill. It connects with Ulundi's P52 known as Madaka Road.

"Fortunately," says Ngubane, "no one was hurt in that particular incident."

Ngubane's long history of managing the prevalence of a safe road environment in his district was quite evident. He uses his common sense to maximum advantage. This involves being able to rationalize available stock and avoid unnecessary expenditure.

This became apparent when he led the *Igalelo* team to the top part of the access road in which the accident took place. We found his team removing railings that had been previously installed in order to prevent motorists from using an old road before the new one was finished.

The railings that blocked the old road are no longer needed because the new road is now open. Those railings have been removed and they have been used to patch-up the damage caused by the taxi down the road.

Ngubane is appreciative of the work of the Department's Zimbabwe Poverty Alleviation Programme. He says: "I have 2 000 Zimbabwe members in my district and they will go up by fifty more women by March next year."

He adds: "I have some 15 Vukuzakhe contractors at stages 1 A and 1 B levels who include women. Presently, the women contractors I have are on P48 at Babanango – they are clearing vegetation and cleaning drainage."

Ngubane is proud to be associated with MEC Cele's special projects. "When a region does not have enough money to undertake certain projects which are of strategic importance to community empowerment, it is the Office of the MEC which intervenes and complements that region," he explains.

In other words, this means that the MEC has powers to make recommendations that the Department injects extra capital to achieve specific objectives, he says.

Ngubane explains: "In my case, the MEC's special projects include constructing a road and a bridge over Umfolozi River on P702 in the Xasana area in order to ensure that the newly-constructed school is accessible to teachers and pupils, especially when it rains."

He adds: "We are also starting to erect the Skhwebezi vehicle bridge and re-graveling P487 (Ceza Road) in preparation for the installation of black top. Other roads that the MEC expects us to work on include P704 (Dlebe Road), P702 (Okhukhu Road), and P244 (Mhlahlane Road)."

What informs Ngubane's sound management and credible business acumen as seen in his ability to respond promptly to dynamic situations on the road? Ngubane, who supervises a staff complement of fifty people, including the Department's Cost Centres and road works employees, has worked on the road since 1976.

Ngubane started as a stores officer at Mahlabathini where he worked for six years. He spent another six years in stores inspection or asset count. In 1988, he was appointed construction foreman at Ulundi for yet another six years. He then became Eshowe's road superintendent in 1994 after enrolling with a technical training centre in Pietermaritzburg.



Superintendent Bongani Ngubane supervising Mahlabathini road maintenance team repairing road crash barriers in Mahlabathini.

"In 1998 I was appointed senior road superintendent at Nongoma and Mahlabathini and later that year, I was transferred to Ophongolo to perform the same functions. But now I have been granted a transfer to settle in Ulundi with my family with effect from November 2006 – hence, I resumed my duties in this district in January this year," he says.

Ngubane is married with six children. His wife is a school teacher. His family is his pillar of strength and source of inspiration. *Igalelo* pays tribute to such long-serving government servants as the Department hosted a long-service award recently. *Nime njalo nina be Qhawe* (Long live!)

A Department that follows-up on promises

Recently there was a sod turning for Isikhwebezi Vehicle Bridge which was held at Nongoma at Mdemela High School.

"Indeed this project is yet another indication of our government's resolve to strengthen our commitment to bring hope to those communities most in need" those are the words of the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Bheki Cele.

The Isikhwebezi vehicle bridge is one of the Zululand District Bridge projects and will provide all year access to scholars and clinics for the communities who for years had to cross the river using a low level structure. The bridge will assist in eliminating absenteeism and will improve enrolment in surrounding schools.

The Isikhwebezi vehicle bridge is set to be 75 metres long and will stand for the next 15 years. The budget of the bridge will be disclosed when the preliminary design report is completed.

"When we build these bridges we are fully aware that we are also saving lives of our young people whose lives are often in danger as a result of flooding rivers and are then forced not to attend school during the summer months" explained Cele.

Cele continued to mention that in KwaZulu Natal alone there have been requests for 146 bridges and this year ten will be built.

The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) is a call from the President for infrastructure delivery in order to

ensure access and mobility in rural areas while creating jobs.

Cele shares the same sentiment as he said, "The EPWP programmes need to be looked after, and we have to agree to use hands more than machinery. People who bring development have to ensure they employ local people so they can utilize their skills".

In his first visit to Mahlabathini to officially open the Isikhwebezi pedestrian bridge, Cele recognized the urgent need for computers at Mdemela High school and left two computers and made a promise to return, fulfilling his promise to the community of Mdemela Cele bestowed another eight computers to the school to assist learners in skills development and access to technology in improving the scope of career choices.

The principal of Mdemela High School, Mrs. Sindiswa Ntshangase expressed her joy, "I am so delighted because the attendance will improve and I am glad to know that the pupils will not be computer illiterate".

By October teachers would have been trained to teach basic computer skills and engineers from the department will be brought in to assist.

Concluding, Cele mentioned that the government is working to ensure that the socio-economic rights of children is enriched in our Constitution, including rights to education, healthcare, and support to become a reality and a matter of top priority.



TOP: MEC Cele and MEC Nkonyeni with other Senior Officials at the Isikhwebezi Bridge sod turning ceremony. BELOW: Brand new computers delivered to Mdemela High School.



DEVELOPMENT

Upgrading long-awaited multi-million Impendle road starts soon

“The community of Impendle will benefit a lot because this road will create job opportunities for them.” said MEC Cele

The Community of Impendle did not believe it was finally happening when the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Bheki Cele staged a SOD-turning ceremony of the long-awaited construction of Road P127.

The 55-kilometre-long road which will run from Impendle to Himeville and connect with Bulwer and Underberg is expected to cost between R350 to R400 million.

Cele said since only one kilometer costs around R4.4 million to construct and due to the fact that P127 road consists of curves, down hills and up hills, it is anticipated that by the time the road is finished between R350 to R400 million shall have been spent.

The completion of the road may take four to five years due to its length. The upgrade of the road will improve access to the existing four clinics and 24 schools that are situated within the surrounding communities. Community members will have an opportunity to open stalls for tourists as they are expected to drive through Impendle to Sunny Pass and Bulwer.

The MEC said: “The community of Impendle will benefit a lot because this upgrade will create job opportunities for them. I have always emphasized this to the Consultants, to get local people to work in building the road. They need to identify emerging contractors so to be nurtured into growth.”

Accompanying Cele were Acting Head of Department, Chris Hlabisa, Mayor of Umgungundlovu municipality, Zanele Hlatshwayo, Inkosi of Impendle, Simphiwe Zuma, Chairperson of Transport portfolio committee, Omie Singh, Rural Road Transport Forum members and councilors.

Cele said public transport operators were going to reap the fruits of driving on tarred road as it would minimize vehicle maintenance costs.

However, Cele warned against the abuse of smooth surface: “Road safety forums should let us know what should



be done to protect the lives of the people because immediately after putting tar roads more accidents occur.”

Acting HOD Hlabisa said a Project Liaison Committee will oversee the project and that office space of contractors who will be working on the road will be handed over to the community which can be used as a crèche or a clinic.

“The Project liaison committee will assist in identifying where to build stalls for tourists so that they leave money in Impendle,” said Hlabisa.

Sindisiwe Ngcobo, a grade 12 pupil, at Siminza High School expressed her joy by saying: “I am happy because in a few months we will have a tar road as we were promised”.

MEC Cele with Mpendle Mayor S. Makhaye and Impendle Inkosi S. Zuma celebrating the upgrading of P127 recently.

Hluhluwe Cost Centre has a female driver and equipment operator

“...presently, she is learning through ABET and doing grade one...”

Even though Sbhongile Mngomezulu has not yet matriculated, she was able to obtain her Driver's License when she joined the KZN-Department of Transport in 1994.

And now Mngomezulu works as a driver and equipment operator at the Hluhluwe Cost Centre.

Amongst her duties, Mngomezulu operates the Department's road upgrading equipment, including the grader. She also drives the pay-loader to transport huge tanks of diesel or any other parcels that needs to be delivered in different locations including road works sites.

After she joined the Department she upgraded her license from code eight to code ten. She was the only female driver among men in the Cost Centre.

“I am proud of myself and am thankful to the Department for the chance I was given” she said.

However it has not been an easy ride. She has faced challenges, for example, men get furious with her because she drives a little bit slower and cautiously than them.

She is able to face this challenge by being patient with her colleagues.

Mngomezulu, a Jozini resident, is dedicated to make a better life for herself and her seven children. Presently, she is learning through ABET and doing grade one.

“I like studying through ABET and I wish they could expand the time,” she enthused.

Before joining the Department, Mngomezulu worked for the Department of Works (previously known as the Kwa-Zulu Government) from 1977 to 1994 as a temporary employee. She loaded sand to vans and drove Departmental vehicles to pay people's salaries that stayed in camps.

Mngomezulu wishes to be a foreman one day. She sends out a message to other women out there who are doing odd jobs.

“They also have hands - if they put their minds to it they can create a better life for themselves. Men do not do that with power, they do it because they can use their hands like everyone,” she said.



Female grader operator Ms. Sbhongile Mngomezulu of Hluhluwe Cost Centre operates a Departmental grader.

Bus operator invests in school community safety

Close to 1 000 pupils and teachers from Maqongqo Primary School which is situated some kilometers away from the city of Pietermaritzburg are sighing with relief as they now have a safer learning environment.

Thanks to TBT Bus Services co-owner, Obedia Mchunu, the school has had barbed wire that is valued at R80 000 installed.

The move is in line with the KZN Department of Transport's requirement that public transport operators who receive government subsidy must give back to society.

Addressing teachers, parents, pupils and community members, the Department's Public Transport & Freight general manager, Advocate Simo Chamane, praised TBT Bus Services for using some of its profits to engage in social responsibility work.

He said this was one of the many practical ways government expected the private sector to help in implementing the country's Reconstruction & Development Programme.

Chamane said: "If TBT Bus Services continues to receive a government subsidy from government to provide a transport

service for the people of Maqongqo, we will expect the company to sustain its social responsibility gestures to the society it serves."

He said although generally public transport operators did not have a very positive image because of poor customer care and road crashes that kill and maim innocent commuters, other motorists and pedestrians, it was important to note that there are operators who do make a positive contribution to society like TBT Bus services.

"As we develop the public transport sector which is a backbone of society and a basis for all forms of social interaction, we must recognize the bad and the good alike," he added.

Chamane said government faced the challenge of providing community access roads that will enable schools that had been built far from a road to be easily accessible.

Chamane appealed to pupils and community members not to cut the barbed wire and compromise their own security.

KZN Education Department Superintendent of Education, Mr B Ndlela, said the safety of school children and their teachers in schools had been compromised by crime, including drug abuse,



Elated students show the newly erected safety fence at their school which was donated by TBT Bus Services owner Obedia Mchunu.

physical and verbal abuse as well as rape.

Ndlela pointed out: "Improving security measures at this school could not have happened at a better time because rural schools like Maqongqo Primary are in the poverty index by way of the government's social status ranking. Experience proves that it is such

schools that are most vulnerable to crime."

In her vote of thanks, Maqongqo Primary School principal Rita Mkhize said the Maqongqo community's fifty-year old school had last been fenced in 1986.

Mkhize said political violence and crime had led to the security situation to deteriorate at the

school and that she had personally witnessed abuse against school children.

"We hope that the Department of Transport will also help us to improve the road safety education because the school is built right next to the road and this year alone four of our pupils were involved in road accidents," she said.

The rise of the black bus operator amidst all odds

Owners of bus companies may still be overwhelmingly non-black African, but that is now changing.

Thanks to the post-apartheid dispensation, the government's proactive endeavor to empower the emerging mainly Black African bus operators is bearing fruit.

New bus owners like Obedia Mchunu of Thembekile Bus Transport (TBT) which operates in Maqongqo and Mkhambathini are personifying the government's commitment to black economic empowerment.

Despite pertinent challenges, operators like Mchunu and his partner, Alfred Zondi, are now the proud co-owners of TBT which has seventeen employees, including drivers, mechanics and general assistants.

Mchunu recalled how his journey in the bus industry started from being a driver when he joined the industry in 1973.

After getting opportunities to perform the roles of dispatch officer, supervisor, community liaison officer and later operational manager with two different companies over the many years of hard work, Mchunu eventually established himself as co-founder



Obedia Mchunu with KZN Transport's General Manager of Public & Freight Transport Simo Chamane, Maqongqo School Principal Rita Mkhize and Maqongqo Nkosi Nhlakanipho Maphumulo celebrating the donation of the fence.

of his own company, TBT.

Mchunu said: "The breakthrough came during the year 2003 when the Department awarded our company a seven-year contract which ends in 2010, subject to a possible renewal if we qualify to get it again."

Asked what the challenges of running the industry are, Mchunu

explained: "It is very expensive to buy a new bus, but it is cheaper on maintenance. And it may seem cheaper to get a second hand bus, but it is very expensive on maintenance."

Mchunu said: "We are about to finish paying for the second-hand fleet that we bought four years ago. Seemingly, we would

have to be guaranteed of future business contracts to subsidize our operations in order to be able to buy new buses in future."

He added: "Finance institutions can only give you a loan if they are guaranteed that the business will be making money over a particular period of time during which the bank recovers its money."

Mchunu said many a black African bus owner did not have money to afford buying new buses in the interest of good customer care and safety on the road. This is due to the fact that bus subsidies were for historical reasons still in the hands of mainly more privileged Africans of Indian and European origin.

Black bus company owners, he said, still did not have access to capital to purchase new buses and compete with confidence for business contracts or government subsidies.

The government is pulling all stops to ensure that the emerging bus operator does eventually get to the top. Emerging owners are now being encouraged to work independently since being sub-contracted under established companies has its own challenges, like the sub-contracted operators not getting meaningful benefits out of the deal.

To that effect, government in the form of the Department of Transport in KwaZulu Natal has already empowered a number of emerging bus operators from previously marginalized communities with business management skills that are relevant to the bus industry, including managing routes in a profitable manner.

Cele warns vigilantes

'Using criminal methods to fight crime is illegal,' says Cele

The South African government will not tolerate those who take the law in their own hands in the name of fighting crime.



ABOVE: MEC Cele addressing Isikebhe chairperson Sbangani Manyathi at the Isikebhe Stakeholders meeting held at Mzinyathi Municipality recently.

LEFT: Isikebhe members asking questions to MEC Cele at the meeting.



The South African government will not tolerate those who take the law in their own hands in the name of fighting crime.

This message was reinforced recently when MEC for Transport, community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele disbanded a self-proclaimed crime fighting political party known as *Isikebhe*.

Cele officially dissolved

Isikebhe during a Stakeholders meeting which was held at the Mzinyathi Municipality recently. *Isikebhe* was registered as a political party and operated in Mzinyathi and it was aimed at fighting against crime.

People had been complaining about the brutality of *Isikebhe* against criminals and one person had died in their hands.

The party said that they were a crime fighting party, working

together with the police and that they did not tolerate people who did not respect the law.

President of *Isikebhe*, Sibangani Manyathi said: "We make them admit the truth by torturing them.

"People are robbed at gunpoint of electrical appliances and their livestock, and police do nothing because they themselves are also a part of the problem. So we decided to form *Isikebhe*," he said.

"You can only fight against

crime by reporting criminals to the police, and if Mr Manyathi say they torture the people who commit crime, I do not know in what way they do that," Cele said in disapproval.

The MEC reminded the meeting that the structure that was formally mandated by the government of the day to work with the police to get information on crime activity so that the police could act upon it was only the Community Policing

Forum (CPF), and not *Isikebhe*.

In order for the political party to work efficiently with the police it should de-register and become neutral and co-operate with government structure such as the CPF and Reservists, Cele added.

"By law in South Africa nobody is permitted to torture anyone because you will be committing crime yourselves," the MEC warned.

Umdoni Municipality gets new Community Service centre



ABOVE: MEC Cele greeting Malangeni police officers at the opening ceremony of the new Community Service Centre.

RIGHT: MEC Cele together with Malangeni Municipality Mayor Ntombi Fikile Gumede officially open the Community Service Centre.

The Department's taking a firm stand against road accidents throughout KZN



Principal Provincial Inspector Ngidi arrests a member of the SA National Defence force at Mooi River during a random inspection. The army officer was found to be under the influence of alcohol.



KZN Transport General Manager of Public and Freight transport Simo Chamane reprimands the soldier for driving under the influence and making rude gestures to the traffic officials.



Provincial Inspector Ayanda Mbeje and Principal Provincial Inspector Sibusiso Mthembu doing their roving night roadblock checks in the Greytown area recently.



Road Traffic Inspectorate members at Greytown RTI station charging a road offender during a night roadblock recently.



MEC Cele and MEC for Health Peggy Nkonyeni comfort once of the accident victims at Port Shepstone memorial Hospital recently.



MEC Cele together with Acting Transport Head Chris Hlabisa, Hibiscus Municipality Mayor N. Shusha, Transport Portfolio Committee Chair Omie Singh inspect the accident damaged taxi in Port Shepstone recently.

ROAD SAFETY

Driver of the Year competition hots up



BELOW: Acting Transport Head Chris Hlabisa handing over a winning trophy to Ntombi Jiyane who is the overall winner for the Women Bus Driver category.

LEFT: Acting Transport Head with the Provincial Driver of the Year winners at Umdloti RTI Station recently.



School contest for road safety awareness

The KZN Department of Transport recently held a road safety awareness programme where various regional schools competed in designing the best road safety model illustrating the environment of their respective schools and surroundings.

Learners were required to design two road safety models, one highlighting road problems that are experienced by contestants in their respective communities, such as the absence of robots, pedestrian crossings etc.

In one model, contestants were expected to make models that offer solutions to existing challenges, including constructing road signs, traffic calming etc.

The Pietermaritzburg Regional Director, Wally Bennett said that this programme will suite both pedestrians and drivers.

Bennett said: "Most school children are pedestrians and by this initiative we do hope they will learn and put this valuable information into action."

The participants were selected schools from the Pietermaritzburg region representing rural and urban areas.

One of the judges, Marlini Pillay who is a Deputy Manager for Road Safety Campaigns, said that this programme will help decrease road safety ignorance and accidents amongst pupils.

Schools who won the regional challenge are due to compete for a provincial challenge in September.



Pictured here: Students showcase their innovative displays at the Road Safety Awareness programme held by the Department recently.

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The objectives of the symposium are:

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- Administration
- Road infrastructure
- Transportation
- Traffic Management
- Community-based programmes

It is anticipated that the top 10 innovations will be presented at the symposium in front of a wide audience.

How do I go about submitting my innovation?

If you would like to submit an innovation for evaluation to the department you first need to complete the standard abstract form. This can be obtained from your nearest Department of Transport office and can also be found on the Department of Transport website: www.kzntransport.co.za

A leaflet giving further details of the call for abstracts can also be found on this website.

What are the deadlines?

People wishing to submit innovations for evaluation need to take note of the following deadlines:

- Closing date for submission of abstracts: **Friday October 12, 2007**
- Authors advised to start preparation of their presentations: **Friday October 26, 2007**
- Submission of presentations: **Friday November 9, 2007**
- Final acceptance of presentations and return to authors for amendments as deemed necessary by the evaluators: **Wednesday November 14, 2007**
- Selection of presenters for the symposium and distribution of final announcement and programme: **Friday November 16, 2007**
- Submission of presentations for the symposium, for collation on a cd, including any materials for a physical presentation: **Tuesday November 20, 2007.**

The symposium promises to be very exciting and various exhibitions of innovations at the symposium are welcome.

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Awards will be given for the top 3 innovations:

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Department honours loyal employees

'They are an inspiration to all of us...'



ABOVE: MEC Cele congratulates Principal Provincial Inspector James Ngcoya who is retiring after 30 years of service at the Department's Long Service Awards held at Pietermaritzburg Regional Offices recently.

INSERT: Transport officials proudly accept their 30 years service certificates at the ceremony recently.

In honor of their life-long service and loyalty, the KZN Department of Transport handed out certificates to 64 employees who completed 30 years continuous service during 2006 which was held at the Pietermaritzburg Regional Office recently.

In his speech, the MEC for Transport and Community Safety and Liaison Bheki Cele said that these employees are acknowledged for their hard work and contribution towards a more

broadly representative service-delivery driven Public Service.

"The most indispensable resource in any organisation is its employees and without such, failure is imminent. Your service delivery enhances the ethos of Batho Pele, People First and the adage; I belong, I care, I serve," said Cele.

He said that it is important for an employer, through the Long Service Recognition, to recognise an employee's long relationship with the Public Service.

"In terms of the prescripts,

an Executing Authority/Minister shall provide a long-service award to an employee who has served the government continuously for 20 and 30 years respectively.

"An employee who has rendered 30 years of continuous service is eligible to a certificate, a cash amount which is revised annually on 01 April and encashment of 15 working days annual leave should such employee have leave credits available and wish to exchange such for cash."

Adding up, he said that should

an employee choose to exchange their leave for cash, such is calculated at the employee's basic annual salary payable on the day he/she qualifies for a 20 or 30 year-long service award.

Cele stressed the importance of education by saying that it is a weapon to fight crime.

"We thank you for educating your children and looking after your families. Today we have children labelled as street kids. You have no right to be a parent if you have insecurities about your children's future", he said.

Among certificate recipients was John Schnell, RTI manager, who up to date has served 37 years at the Department of Transport.

The department should not be a boy's club, said Mr. Cele. "In ten years time there should be equilibrium in gender and race. We should also see more people in senior positions staying this long at the department.

"Always when you work, remember that you are brightening someone's future", said the MEC.



Standing behind an engine that was donated by Vehicle manufacturers Subaru Pietermaritzburg to the Department's Technical Training Centre are from left, Subaru's Innocent Msomi, Transport senior training officer Christopher Zikalala, T² Deputy Manager Janet Blunt, Subaru Sales Director Mark Christinie and T² Manager Dr. Simon Oloo.

Boost for DOT's engineering trainees

Subaru Pietermaritzburg donated a R60 000 worth turbo engine to the KZN Department of Transport to help with the apprenticeship at the department for practical and theoretical training.

Janet Blunt, T²-Training Centre Deputy Manager said that the equipment will help the Department as it is pricey and would have budget constraints.

"The department approached Subaru for old scrapped parts but alternatively offered us a turbo engine which when new would cost R60 000," she said.

Blunt said that the engine will also offer extra training and hands-on experience to road worker aids and will upgrade existing staff skills.

The KZN Department runs an apprentice programme where mechanical engineering enthusiasts with no formal training are educated in preparation for the corporate world. A student, Christopher Zikalala said: "There are currently 16 apprentices for the four-year Trade Test in earthmoving equipment mechanic. Most mechanical engineering companies require this qualification for the workplace."

Mark Christie, a sales director at Subaru said that hands-on experience is necessary and the equipment will help with such procedures.

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