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MEDIA STATEMENT

TO: ALL MEDIA DATE: 28 April 2015

ATTENTION: Editors, News Editors & PR Wires

MEC MCHUNU TO TABLE TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY & LIAISON BUDGET POLICY SPEECHES

KWAZULU-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu, will table budget vote 12 for the Department of Transport and vote 9 for the Department of Community Safety and Liaison on Thursday (30 April 2015).

The R9.3 billion, for the Department of Transport, will seek to address socio- economic imbalances and improve roads and transport infrastructure delivery.

The focus of the budget speech will be on infrastructure maintenance, which seeks to preserve the existing roads network and the construction of new projects.

MEC Mchunu will also report on key interventions to fight the scourge of road carnage, measures to improve public transport stability, plans to improve scholar transport and eradicate the use of bakkies transporting learners.

On the Community Safety and Liaison portfolio, MEC Mchunu will reflect on efforts by the police and community crime fighting structures to defeat crime.

He will announce measures to strengthen the capacity of the police to successfully detect reported cases, and investigate them in order to improve prosecution.

MEC Mchunu will also highlight plans of how the province intends building a stable political environment before the local government campaigns intensify.

Order of proceedings:

- @ 08h00 MEC Mchunu, together with the leadership of Santaco, police and religious leaders will lead a
 march aimed at promoting peaceful coexistence with foreign nationals. The march will depart from Chapel
 Street to the Legislature building in Pietermaritzburg.
- @08h45 MEC Mchunu will engage members of the media outside the Legislature, upon arrival

- @09h30 MEC Mchunu tables Community Safety and Liaison budget vote
- @ 13h00 MEC Mchunu tables Department of Transport budget vote.

Members of the media are invited

Ends.

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