



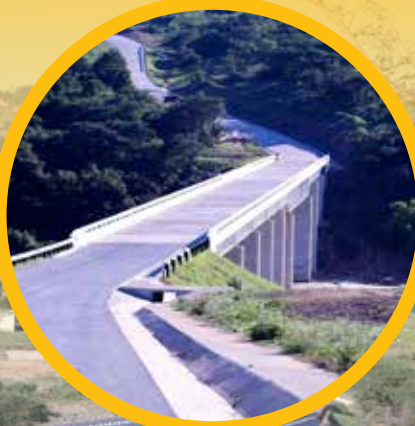
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**PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL**

# Budget Speech

## Brochure



**ROAD SAFETY IS OUR COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY**



# DRIVING ECONOMIC **TRANSFORMA** AT HIGH SPEED

By SIBONGISENI THABETHE

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport remains committed to its Radical Economic Transformation programme and is moving with speed to implement its Integrated Radical Socio-Economic Strategy (IGULA) which was approved by the Executive Council last year.

The Department has already formed a Steering Committee responsible for the day to day planning and implementation of the programme.

“Achieving a fair and equitable distribution of work and wealth in government spending particularly, and across the economy, is non-negotiable. It is central to attaining sustainable socio-economic development and growth of our province and country.

Our transformation approach adopts a transportation sector-wide view, because we believe it is the best way to unlock across the entire value chain both provincially and nationally,” said Kaunda.

“We have finalised major Supply Chain Management reforms where currently all infrastructure-related work valued at R10 million or more is being advertised with a 35% local content subcontracting requirement,” said Kaunda.

About 36 contracts that were advertised during the 2017/18 financial year and yet to be awarded incorporate the 35% minimum local content. A total of 271 contractors have benefitted from negotiated local content benefit across the targeted sectors to



# igula

An Inclusive Radical Socio-Economic Transformation Programme.

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## Transformation highlights:

the value in excess of R300 million. As well, a further 831 Vukuzakhe contractors benefited to the tune of R525 million in projects participation. “Contractor development is aligned with our transformational agenda and will be escalated going forward. Opportunities for contractor development will be unlocked with the unbundling of capital projects, from Grades 1 to 6, to allow emerging contractors a fair opportunity to bid successfully. “The emerging contractors will be given the necessary support to ensure that they are able to compete with established companies on open market from Grades 7 to 9,” concluded Kaunda. The department has obtained approval from the Minister of transport to proceed with plans to establish a provincial transport sector B-BBEE Council and it is at advanced stages of finalising the governance framework for the establishment of the Provincial Council.

- The framework will ensure that 65% of all the department’s strategic contracts will incorporate participation of designated groups (women, youth, military veterans, and people with disabilities);
- Jobs and Skills Development Procurement policy framework is to ensure that every contract worth R5 million produces one minimum decent job or skills development in its duration;
- The department’s expenditure is analysed in order to identify the gaps in spending patterns by provincial demographics. It is ridding itself from being a price taker and to being a price negotiator;
- The department is now aligning all branch Annual Performance Plans (APPs) with IGULA in order to enforce performance and compliance and
- Partnerships with municipalities will be initiated to utilise the development programmes, including the Pothole Patching programme already piloted in the Ethekwini Metropolitan Municipality, and benefiting the targeted sectors (women, youth, military veterans and people with disabilities).



# KZN TRANSPORT ON SKILLS

# DEVELOPMENT

By MABUYI MKARRY

As part of the integrated Radical Socio-Economic Strategy (IGULA) the Department of Transport seeks to enter into a strategic level engagement with the University of Johannesburg to explore the feasibility of establishing a provincial public transport institute to develop a sustainable skills pipeline in line with the national drive. The Department already has a detailed programme for training Candidate Engineers, technologists and Engineering in line with the requirements of the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) and other Councils.

The Department currently has 69 Built Environment professionals who are comprised of 3 Engineers, 9 Technologists, 33 Technicians, 18 Surveyors and 6 Geographic Information Systems technicians. There are currently 52 candidates awaiting professional registration processes.

In addition, the Department is providing training and internship opportunities to young people and has 157 young people in the Graduate Internship Programme; 100 young people in the learner-ship programme; 50 young people in the Apprenticeship Programme in Bricklaying and 24 in the Earth-moving Mechanical programme.

These two programmes are funded through a R2.5 million grant from the Construction Education and Training Authority (CETA) for a Bricklaying Apprenticeship Programme and R3.6 million grant for Construction Roadworks's learner-ship programmes;

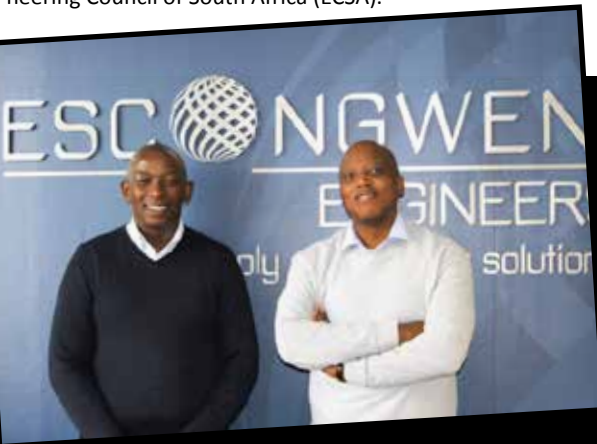
The Department is developing driving skills of 120 learners in matric, who come from disadvantaged backgrounds, with driver licences.

Furthermore, the Department continues to provide financial support to needy students through its Bursary programme to address the shortage of technical skills. The Department received an addition R1.8 million from CETA to fund 30 students who are studying BSc: Civil Engineering.



Another grant of R852 000 was received from the Transport Education Training Authority (TETA) to fund four serving employees who are studying a Diploma or a Degree at NQF Level 6 or above at recognised Higher Education Institutions. Mthokozisi Biyela is one of the many engineering technicians who have greatly benefitted from the department's bursary programme and continues to serve the department. He says the department has helped steer his career in the right direction.

Biyela (31) is employed by the Department of Transport's Ladysmith Region as an Engineering Technician, who is professionally registered with the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA).



In addition the Department of Transport has various initiatives in place, which are aimed at increasing the participation of young black engineering consulting entrepreneurs in the mainstream economy as part of its implementation of the radical socio economic empowerment.

The programme, which Transport, Community Safety and Liaison MEC Mxolisi Kaunda is passionately driving since becoming the political authority of the department, is called IGULA for Inclusive Growth, Unity and Economic Liberation of Africans in particular and Blacks in general.

To ensure this takes place, the department has awarded contracts to black engineering consulting firms, with the intention to uplift them.

It is entrepreneurs such Dexter Madlala and Njabulo Nhleko who are highly trained and experienced engineers who own Escongweni Engineers, an Af-

He holds a National Diploma in Civil Engineering and a B.Tech in Transportation Engineering.

His studies were funded by the department.

"I am thankful to the department for funding my studies and going all out by granting me in-service training and mentorship, thus leading to my permanent appointment. I have been able to excel in my studies since I don't have to worry about having to pay school fees.

"My goal is to be the best asset that I can be to the department, and play my part in changing the lives of the people through the creation of road infrastructure," said Biyela.

rican-owned engineering firm, which currently consults for the department.

"Basically, we provide a wide range of services for the department, which include designing roads and bridges, developing tender documents and surveying, to name a few, before the commencement of construction," says Madlala. Madlala started his engineering career in 1999 where he worked for the Department of Transport's Dundee Cost Centre, while also still a student. He holds a Civil Engineering Diploma, as well as a B.Tech Degree in Civil Engineering, funded by the department.

"I feel that I owe the department a lot, because it has made me who I am today. We commend MEC Kaunda for creating an environment for us to team up with the well-established construction companies which are already in the department's database and hope this will enable us to prosper as a collective," said Madlala.

Another beneficiary of this programme is Ndumiso Ndlovu who owns Impumelelo Consulting Engineers, with his partner, Mxolisi Ntshangase.

"We are grateful to the Department of Transport for believing in us and entrusting us with the responsibility of their projects. We are especially grateful now to MEC Kaunda for championing this empowerment opportunity. We are continuing to grow in our businesses because of him and his department," said Ndlovu.

# KZN *TRANSPORT* FORMS INTEGRATED COMMUNITY LIAISON STRUCTURES

By MABUYI MKARRY

**Bongiwe Ntombela, Pietermaritzburg Regional Chief Director welcoming participants at a transportation committee workshop in Kokstad. Bongiwe outlined the departmental policies and procedures that should be followed by members to address issues relating to transportation.**



department on matters relating to law enforcement, road infrastructure engineering and education of communities on transportation matters in KwaZulu-Natal. The committee will prioritise local, district and main roads for construction and maintenance needs. It will also act as a link between communities, the department, municipalities to facilitate access in relation to all transportation related programmes of the department. This structure shall be accountable within its mandate

to the MEC for Transport, the Ward Committee and the communities of the ward.

The Department has established integrated community liaison structures that will handle all transport related matters at a ward level. The integrated community structures came out of a Consultative Indaba held in June 2017. The Indaba marked the end of the Rural Road Transport Forum (RRTF), Community Road Safety Council (CRSC) and Public Transport Passenger Association (PTPA).

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mxolisi Kaunda said induction workshops for the new structures were held from December 2017 to February 2018 where new members were introduced to the mandate and policies of the Department. This workshop was done in collaboration with the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) to ensure alignment between Transportation Committee and Ward Committees.

The functions of the integrated Transportation Committee is to make recommendations to the MEC or his designee on transportation related matters within the province and to advise the

“We looking forward to officially launching this integrated structure soon where a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Transport and Cogta will be signed to ensure effective collaborations between the transportation committees and ward committees,” said MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mxolisi Kaunda.



# DOT DETERMINED TO IMPROVE LICENSING SERVICES

By AKHONA DLAMINI



The Department of Transport's Motor Transport Services unit has made significant contributions in ensuring an efficient delivery of its services.

The unit manages the renewal of approximately 1.6 million vehicle licences annually, serves 2.8 million citizens a year, and generates in excess of R1.6 billion in revenue.

As part of ensuring that services are delivered to the public, the unit's focus has been to extend services to various parts of the province, including the relocation of Registering Authorities in Tugela Ferry, Mbongintwini, Bergville, Richmond Plessislaer, Mbazwana and Hlabisa, bringing the total number of registering authorities to 79 province wide.

Furthermore, the department anticipates to open one additional registering authority in Maphumulo in the current financial year.

"The majority of the department's revenue is derived from vehicle registration and licence fees. In the last financial year, R1.6 billion revenue was generated from vehicle registration and licencing fees. R24.7 million of this amount was collected at the provincial registering authority (Choice Numbers). The revenue attained is utilised in provincial devel-

opment programmes," said KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mxolisi Kaunda.

"In this regard, we remain committed to the attainment of a corruption-free motor vehicle industry, by continually improving our systems and processes in order to eradicate fraud and corruption, which is prevalent amongst certain sectors of the motoring public," he further said.

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The department expects to collect R74 million in transactional fees for the RTMC for the 2017/18 financial year, and R108 million will be paid to appointed vehicle registration and licencing agency offices for the performance of this agency function. A total revenue collection from motor vehicle licenses of R1.7 billion is projected for the 2018/19 financial year, upon implementation of the annual 4 percent increase in license fees.

# River Bridge uThukela saves from drowning

By MABUYI MKARRY

**F**acing crocodiles and the possibility of drowning while crossing Uthukela River will be a thing of the past for school learners of KwaDukuza and Maphumulo in the Ilembe District following the completion of the Nyakana, Mabhobhane and Mvumase bridges which learners and citizens now use in their daily travels.

The processes leading to the construction of these bridges started in 2012 in response to requests from communities, particularly about the safety of hundreds of learners and thousands of members of the communities crossing Uthukela River to school and other destinations. Under the able leadership of then MEC Willies Mchunu, now Premier, the Department responded to the calls of the communities. The Nyakana Uthukela River Bridge, constructed at an investment of R89.5 million with a provision for pedestrian crossing, serves learners and communities from Mankenganeni community on the northern side of the river. It links Umlalazi and KwaDukuza Local Municipalities. The benefiting learners attend the Nyakana Combined School, Banguni High School and Tshelabantu Combined School within the Emdlebeni community on the southern side of the river. Previously, the communities had relied on the services of a Good Samaritan, Amos Dladla, 65, who used his boat over the years to help the learners cross safely every morning from Mankenganeni to Emdlebeni.

Mabhobhane Uthukela River Bridge links Umlalazi and Maphumulo Local Municipalities and assists school learners attending Inkonjane Primary School, Embusweni Primary School, Inkonjane Secondary School, Phandaphansi Primary School and the Mpungeni Primary School.

This bridge was constructed for an investment of R130.8 million. In addition, this bridge links District Road D1533 to main road P710 and will also provide a much-needed link to the towns of Mandeni and Eshowe. Mvumase Uthukela River Pedestrian Bridge also built for R9.5 million assists learners who attend Mvumase Primary School, Empungeni Primary School, Siyacothoza Primary School and the Ezithabeni Senior School. It also provides access to the Uqaqeni and the Mtabaquumbi Provincial Clinics.

The construction of these bridges has ensured the safety of travellers, markedly reduced late-coming and absenteeism (which averaged 2 to 3 weeks) to school, and created more than 92 job opportunities – of which 55% went to youth and 45% to woman. The construction of these bridges has also completely eliminated incidents of drowning.

The School principal of Nyakana Combined School Zakhe Mathonsi also confirmed that punctuality had improved a lot since the construction of the bridge.

“During heavy rains, the river would overflow and parents wouldn’t allow their children to risk their



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lives by attempting to cross the river. Some parents would even ask that their kids be released early from school once it started to rain as they feared that their kids wouldn't be able to travel back home safely. At times I had to contact police to assist to transport learners home or to school, a round trip of approximately 55km. when the river was flooding. If the river had flooded I knew that I wouldn't not see some students for two to three weeks until the river subsided. Some of the learners ended up dropping out of school. This left a huge dent in our school because learners were missing out on a lot of school work," said Mathonsi.

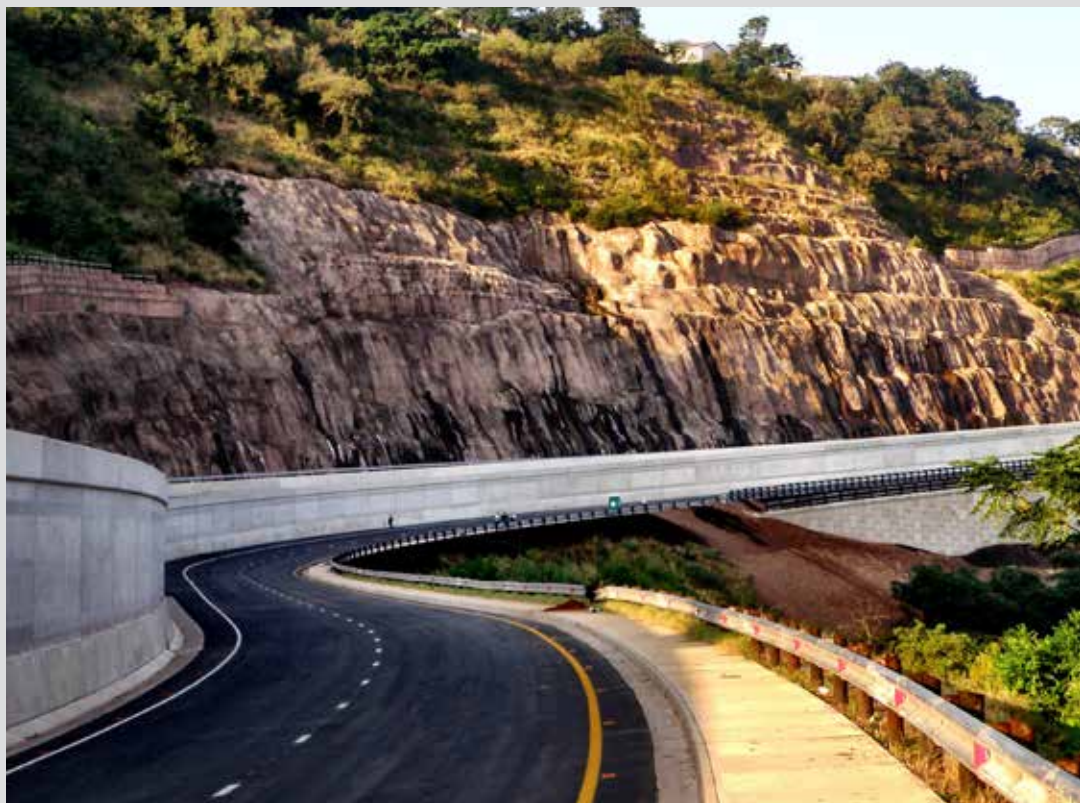
"Since I arrived to work at this school in 1994 we have buried 13 learners who drowned in this river. The last child to drown in the UThukela River drowned in 2016 during the construction of the bridge and their body was never found as it rained for three consecutive days following their drowning. These are very painful memories. I am glad we don't have to experience that anymore. The construction of this bridge has really made a positive

impact in our school and community at large. We are thankful to the department," said Mathonsi.

Dingakele Seme (16), and Zanele Mthembu (14) who are both Grade 9 learners at Nyakana Combined School in KwaDukuza say that they are now able to arrive at school on time and this has enabled them to drastically improve their school performance.

"Before the construction of the bridge, the only way to cross the river was by using a boat. It was a very difficult time for our community as most people relied on this wooden boat which would sometimes arrive late and this resulted in us missing important classes. That is now a thing of the past, thanks to the department. We get to school on time and we don't miss out on any classes," said Seme.

These bridges has also provided communities with easy access to crèches, a post office, a pension pay-point, clinics, taxi ranks, public transport shops, sport fields and employment opportunities.



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## LAUNCHES ROAD NAMING RENAMING PROJECT

By NONHLANHLA NDWANDWE

**T**he Department of Transport officially launched its Roads Naming and Renaming Project last year in December with the official opening of the Dumisani Makhaye Drive that was officiated by former President Jacob Zuma.

The Roads Naming and Renaming Legacy Project aims to achieve social transformation objectives

and will ensure that the citizens of this province identify and derive pride in associating with the names of our roads.

Makhaye, who grew up in KwaMashu Township, served as a member of the Provincial Executive Council where he was responsible for different portfolios including housing and agriculture.

Dumisani Makhaye Drive links the communities of



The family of the late Dumisani Makhaye has thanked the KwaZulu-Natal provincial government for keeping the legacy of Makhaye alive by naming one of the major roads in his honour. Main road P577, which connects communities living in KwaMashu, Inanda, KwaDabeka and Clermont, is being named after the late struggle hero, Dumisani Makhaye, as part of the provincial Department of Transport's Roads Naming and Renaming Legacy project. The Roads Naming and Renaming Legacy Project is aimed at naming and renaming roads infrastructure in the province, particularly the roads network of the Department of Transport. It is part of reclaiming our historical legacy by giving new, meaningful names to new and existing roads and bridges, to regain our national and cultural heritage.

Inanda, KwaMashu and Ntuzuma to business and job opportunities in New Germany and Pinetown industrial and was completed to the tune of R1.3 billion after 15 years of hard work.

It also provides shorter link between Pinetown and Mt Edgecombe but also serves as an alternative route between Pinetown and King Shaka International Airport. It saves the travellers a massive 16 kilometres as compared to driving from Pinetown via N3 and N2.

MEC for Transport Community Safety and Liaison Mxolisi Kaunda said the Department of Transport working alongside with the Department of Arts and Culture was currently finalising the modalities and terms of reference that will ensure that the process moves with a full understanding and support of communities.

"The next major road that we intend going into public consultations with all sectors of society to rename is the John Ross Highway which is a key strategic network that links Empangeni and Richards Bay," said Kaunda The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mxolisi Kaunda has assured that whole process will be consultative to encourage wide participation of affected communities and stakeholders, including municipalities and traditional councils.



# DOT to revitalise its road safety programme

By STHEMBILE LUTHULI

The Department of Transport plans on revitalising its road safety programmes following a spate of major roads accidents

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mxolisi Kaunda said this would entail increasing investment in road safety education and awareness campaigns.

“We must also intensify our collaboration across all law enforcement authorities, building on what we have already started. Furthermore we will have to implement the National Road Safety Strategy, which was approved last year by Cabinet,” said Kaunda.

KwaZulu-Natal recorded a 10% reduction in road crashes and fatalities in the last festive season holiday, but suffered great losses in the last Easter period. KwaZulu-Natal recorded 111 fatalities during the Easter holidays, followed by Gauteng with 89 lost lives and Limpopo at 80. In these crashes, mo-

tor vehicles accounted for 44.6% followed by bakkies at 21.2%. We need radical strategies to end the road carnage.

“In our pursuit toward collective approach to road safety, we have formed partnerships with organisations such as the Road Freight Association, the Interfaith, and other Private Sector entities. Our outreach to young people has been enhanced by the establishment of the Provincial Youth in Road Safety,” he explained.

Through the youth structure, the Department has been able to reach and create awareness amongst young people in schools and places of higher education and training. We have also partnered with municipalities on creating safe crossing for children in schools. This programme has created 191 job opportunities. In addition there is a need to eliminate fraud and corruption at Driver and Learner Testing Centres (DLTCs).



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“ we need radical change in our strategies and approach as well as collective fighting to end road carnage ”

“We also need to improve road safety data systems and research to inform tactical interventions and enhance the use of technology in road safety improvements. We also want to engage the Department of Transport to review speed limits to suit road environments and align to international best practices,” said Kaunda.

“We continue to work towards achieving the 24-hour law enforcement coverage during peak periods, and night-time to early morning when most crashes occur. There are currently consultation processes led by the Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) and involving Treasury and the Department of Public Service and Administration, on the 24/7 law enforcement coverage, and overtime. A provincial task team has been established to assess the state of readiness for the implementation of the 24/7 shifts system,” added Kaunda.

The Department, will this year invest on various safety improvement measures on hazardous routes. These include building the Gumatana Bridge in Umzumbe, where scores of people died in a crash nearly two years ago; improving and broadening M13, where 24 people were killed in a truck and minibuses’ crash in 2013, are also underway

“Further long-term plans will be announced in due course on other hazardous routes across the province,” said Kaunda.

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# DoT continues its efforts of stabilising the taxi industry

By STHEMBILE LUTHULI



The Department of Transport remains focused on ensuring a peaceful and stable taxi industry despite a few incidents of violence that have sought to derail this progress this past year.

One of the major challenges has been the ongoing violence in Ladysmith between Sizwe and Klipriver Taxi Associations. “We had to suspend the operations of both Sizwe and Klipriver due to violence that took many lives in the area of Emnambithi in the Alfred Duma Local Municipality.

“Continuous interventions and engagements with the operators and the community at large have clearly indicated that the conflict is not an industry conflict, but that it is perpetrated by individuals for their personal gain. That the issue centres around routes is in our view a mere smokescreen to implicate innocent operators. Similarly in Mpumalanga-Hammarsdale, the violence that has claimed a number of lives of operators of the Mpumalanga and District Taxi Association has a strong involvement of criminal elements who are hell-bent on taking over the association from the current legitimate operators. The murders of the leaders of

Dolphin Coast Taxi Association have indications of internal power struggles, where individuals are hungry for the control of the association and its resources,” said Kaunda

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The Department is working with municipalities most affected by taxi violence to introduce the Rank Management System, which gives control of taxi ranks to municipalities. Security measures, already implemented in Newcastle, include physical security, installing CCTV cameras, and a vehicle identification system. Equally, improvements continue to be made in the South African Police Services (SAPS) in relation to the investigation of cases related to taxi violence, leading to successful prosecution.

# COMMUNITIES EMPOWERED THROUGH **POTHOLE PATCHING** PROGRAMME

By ZANELE MASHABA



Simo Ngubane

Nombali Hlongwane

**Attending to potholes is part of our drive to ensure that this road infrastructure is in a good and safe condition, whilst empowering the, emerging contractors, cooperatives and the community in pothole patching.**

The Department of Transport continues to support the economic and social development of communities through various empowerment programmes.

As such, the department launched a Pothole Patching Pilot Programme, which uses potholes repair as a catalyst for job creation and skills transfer, while assisting beneficiaries of the programme to advance their Construction Industry Development (CIDB) grades. It targets the youth, persons with disability, women and military veterans- and serves as a vehicle of empowerment for employment of emerging contractors. In this regard, the department has made significant strides. There are five entities that have already exited the programme at CIDB Grade 3, as at end of March 2018. Seven remaining entities are expected to exit at the end of October 2018.

Simo Ngubane and Nombali Hlongwane are some of the beneficiaries of the programme, they are still participating in the programme and expected to exit in October 2018.

Simo Ngubane (33) who is the Director of Co-operative of Amabomvula, at Embo in Hillcrest, sings praises to the department for allowing him an opportunity to progress. "I am thankful for the department for allowing my entity to participate in this programme. The programme has helped me a lot in improving my business skills and construction skills through patching and repairs of roads. It has also helped improve my planning and organising skills which enables me to be punctual," said Ngubane.

Ngubane holds a National Degree in Industrial Psychology obtained at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) and N3 in Mechanical Engineering which he obtained at EThekweni College.

Nombali Hlongwane (28) is the manager of Sdende Co Operative in Durban. She holds an N4 in Finance, and certificates for End-User Computer, Agriculture and Permaculture. Hlongwane is responsible for administrative duties of all employees that are part of the programme within the Durban Region, such as assisting employees with necessary documentation. "Being a part of this programme has given me a lot of experience and improved my finances a lot, I am grateful to the Department of Transport," said Hlongwane.



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