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in Musina**

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through
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VISION

A leader in the provision and management of provincial Land, Buildings and Roads Infrastructure.

MISSION

Optimal utilization of resource in the provision and management of sustainable social and economic infrastructure including implementation and coordination of Expanded Public Works Programme.

VALUES

The Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads & Infrastructure prides itself on the following core values:

Accountability

Every officials will be held responsible for own action and ensuring single point accountability,

Integrity

All officials will be truthful and honest in execution of duties in their area of competence.

Professional Ethics

All officials will perform diligently with necessary proficiency in the execution of duties in their area of skills backed by acceptable moral code.

EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE DELIVERY

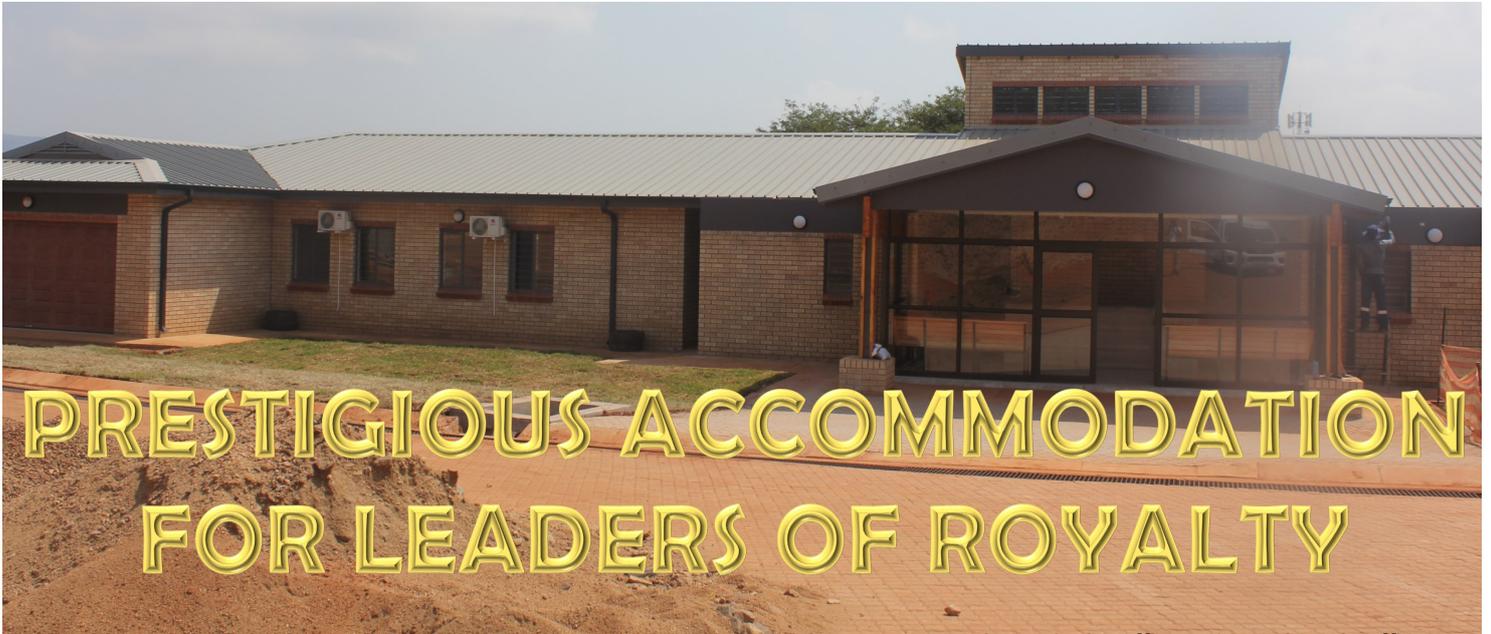
All officials shall dedicate their energy and time strive to deliver as a joint and cooperate amongst themselves for service excellence,

TRANSPARENCY

The Department will always uphold Batho Pele Principles and deliver accordingly.

ANSWERABILITY

The Department will collectively take liability for poor service delivery.



By Happy Lekgothoane

MEC Namane Dickson Masemola on assumption of his role as MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure received briefings on highlights, successes and challenges regarding the department. The Chief Directorate responsible for construction in the department, gave a report to the MEC regarding government infrastructure which included the revamp or building of 11 traditional council offices in the province.

MEC Masemola indicated during these briefings that he will undertake roadshows that will give him an opportunity to physically see and compare what was presented by the Head of Department and Executive Management during the briefings. The MEC has recently been visiting various places conducting site inspection on government infrastructure, which includes roads and government buildings.

The MEC visited the Masia and Mphaphuli Traditional Councils in Vhembe District Municipality where he was warmly received by (Leaders of Royalty) Vho-Thovele Phaswana Mushwa Mphaphuli of the Mphaphuli Council and Vho-Thovhele Nthumeni Masia of the Masia Council.

In the briefings the MEC held with the two chiefs separately, they discussed the readiness and challenges of the Traditional Council Offices.

The council offices are a state of the art buildings as per government standards, which consist of the chief's wing which has the main office, secretary's office and boardroom. The chamber wing that has a main hall, chairperson's office, kitchen and dining room. The admin wing which has office of the chief's

advisor, accounting clerk office, 3 optional offices and ablution block.

These projects are headed by the Infrastructure HUB which was established to position the department to effectively deliver on its mandate. The objective of the infrastructure HUB is to maximize on existing built- environment professionals in the province.

This project has benefited local community members in providing temporary employment to the community excluding skilled labourers. "Appreciation goes to both chiefs for patience and ability to work together with the department to ensure the finalization of these projects. We will continue to work together to be able to officially hand over the projects so that they start benefiting the community," MEC said.

Masemola indicated that the roadshows will continue throughout the province to monitor all projects being implemented by the department to accelerate service delivery and that they are completed on the set time as per project plan.



MEC Masemola with Thovhele Mphaphuli during monitoring at the Council Office

HU DO DUBA BUSE



MEC Masemola addressing the steering committee of Mashamba Tshitale to Morebeng road at the construction site accompanied by Thovhele Vho-Mulima

Dowelani Nenguda also attended and was accompanied by Makhado Local Mayor Cllr Munyai. The department through the Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) has already completed the upgrading of 3km on this road as part of the first phase.

Thovhele Mulima welcomed the commitment and

By. Tendani Munyai

“*Hu do duba buse*” this is one phrase the communities under the Makhado Local Municipality in Limpopo Province are familiar with, these are words often used by their Mayor, Cllr NS Munyai when speaking on delivering services to his communities.

In the spirit of “*Hu do duba buse*”, loosely translated as, “*There will be dust,*” MEC for Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Mr. Namane Dickson Masemola committed to resume infrastructure works on the Mashamba to Tshitale to Morebeng road D3727, the project is aimed to deliver 7.5km road construction including one bridge, this project had stalled for quite some time.

“We are here to talk development and we have found a solution to the problem that was experienced concerning this project, we listened and as I speak there are already surveyors on the road and we intend to complete this stretch of road by December” said Masemola.

The MEC made this announcement during a project site visit where he met with Thovhele Mulima of the Mulima Traditional Council in Tshitale as well as the Tshitale development committee and the road steering committee representatives.

The Executive Mayor of Vhembe District, Cllr

showed confidence in the MEC’s ability to deliver on his promise.

These were the same sentiments shared by Hosi Mahumani in the Nkomo Area in Mopani District, after MEC Masemola made a commitment to conduct road assessment starting in August when he visited the road from Giyani to Phalaborwa, D3840 which is also in a dire condition.

Hosi Mahumani, when speaking on the condition of the road expressed that it is fast becoming an economic belt due to a lot of freight trucks using it, while having to share it with commuters in public and private transport.

It is the intention of the MEC to work with all stakeholders to resolve the enormous road infrastructure backlog and challenges, amidst the budget constraints faced by the Province.



The bridge under construction at Road D3727 under Thovhele Mulima

TRANSFERRING LAND TO MUSINA MUNICIPALITY

By Rosemary Mahapa

The MEC of Public Works, Roads & Infrastructure Honourable Dickson Masemola recently visited Musina Municipality to conduct an inspection of

a portion of land prior to the finalisation of the transfer to the municipality. This portion of land is earmarked for development of an intermodal facility for public transport purposes. The MEC was joined by the Mayor Cllr Mihloti Muhlope Chief Whip and Speaker of Musina Local Municipality

The 30 hectars of land is strategically located closer to the N1 and the development of the intermodal transport is intended to relieve the town of traffic



MEC Masemola during surprise visit at the Department's road camp

congestion. The MEC indicated to the municipality leadership that the department will continue engaging with the Municipality until the final stage of the land transfer

process.

Immediately after this the MEC went on a surprise visit to the departmental Road Camp where the department services are rendered from. He commended the staff for the good work they are doing and also encouraged them to do even better. The MEC also indicated to them that they should take care of themselves during this COVID-19 pandemic " As you work continue to wash your hands or sanitise, wear your masks at all times and practise social distancing as much as you can", he said.



MEC Masemola accompanied by Cllr Muhlope and Property Management Chief Director Ms Maguga during LDPWRI land and building site visit



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COMMUNITIES TO SOON KISS 'UNSAFE' ROAD GOODBYE



MEC Masemola with Mayor Maseka Peedi of Blouberg Local Municipality and representative from Kibi Traditional Council Office, CEO Of RAL Mr Maluleke and Speaker of Blouberg Local Municipality, Ms Maria Mokobodi

D1589 is a strategic stretch of road that links the villagers not only to places of economic activities, but to places declared by government as nodal or growth point such as Eldorado village, which is one of the eight (8) identified nodal points in the Capricorn District.

This road further links to the D887 Swartwater road in Alldays -another growth point in the province- which the MEC also conducted inspection accompanied by the CEO for Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) as the road implementing agent of the Province.

By Tendani Munyai

At least 50 villages along the D1589 road from Kromhoek, through De Vrede to Ga-Kibi in the Blouberg Municipal area, will soon enjoy the smooth connectivity to schools, health facilities and other places of interest when the road receives much needed maintenance.

This is as a result of a commitment made by MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Namame Dickson Masemola, who swiftly visited the area to inspect the state of the road after several calls for government to intervene as community members deemed it unsafe.

“This road has made a lot of people suffer, many have been killed and injured through accidents caused by the poor state of the road, many have also spent monies to repair vehicles damaged by this road,” said Chief Kgolongwana Makgato of Kromhoek village (Ga-Makgatho), as he engaged the MEC during the site visit which was also attended by Mayor of the Blouberg Local Municipality, Cllr Pheedi, Members of Mayoral Committee (MMC), representatives of the Taxi Association, farming community and community leaders.

MEC Masemola confirmed the dire need for maintenance of the D1589 and immediately committed that processes to implement the project will commence immediately “A team of engineers will come here this month to do

assessment which will show us costs and what is required to be done, this process will take the whole of August, from 1st September we need to go out on tender and mid -October we will be handing over the contractor to start with the project” said Masemola.

The project will cover areas from Kgobokanang to Devrede Villages on the current tar road

that is deemed unsafe due to potholes.

The MEC further committed that engagements will be held with SANRAL in order to get funding for the D887 Swartwater road in Alldays. This road links Lephalale through Groblersburg with Musina and by virtue of this makes it a very critical road for economic spin-offs through tourism and the link to Musina which is a Spatial Economic zone (SEZ) which has been able to attract investment of up to R150 billion to the province and expected to create 21 000 jobs in its initial stage.

Inspection of the state of the road after several calls for government to intervene as community members deemed it unsafe.



LDPWRI CONTINUES IN RESTORING ROADS



MEC Masemola briefing the mayoral council after road inspection at Praktesier

The Local Municipality will be responsible for assisting in appointment of steering committees to assist in the projects as these will create temporary jobs for local communities. The LDPWRI in-house team under leadership of District Director and Head Office roads component will immediately send teams for road D4150 to assist in pothole patching. After the

inspection of the road, MEC visited the Royal houses of Kgoši Ramaube, Kgoši Manoke and Kgoši Sekhukhune – Marota –a- Bogwasha to inform them on the process that will unfold in their areas.

#together for better roads #Re a Šoma

By Happy Lekgothoane

MEC Namane Masemola recently visited Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality, as part of roadshows wherein he is responding to some of the complains made by communities regarding the state of roads. MEC went to D4150 from R37 to Pracktiseer and D2537 from Burgersfort to Pracktiseer, Penge and surrounding areas to inspect the condition of those roads.

MEC Masemola was joined by Fetakgomo-Tubatse Acting Mayor Cllr: Pholoana and Sekhukhune District Acting Mayor Cllr Mnisi to experience challenges faced by road users in the area on daily basis in order to begin with the process of reconstruction of D2537 and rehabilitation of D4150.

After conducting the inspection of both roads (D4150 and D2537) MEC Namane Dickson Masemola said that the department will begin with planning which includes sending teams from both Roads Agency Limpopo and Public Works, Road and Infrastructure during the month of September to mid-October and appointments of contractors for implementation.



Acting Mayor Fetakgomo Tubatse Cllr Pholoana, Speaker Cllr Phala, MEC Masemola and Mr. Ramaboya from RAL during road inspection

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SAFE**

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Re a Šoma

LDPWRI PROVIDING ROAD SOLUTIONS IN MOPANI



MEC Masemola with Greater Letaba Mayor Cllr Matlou during road infrastructure visit at Greater Letaba Local Municipality

he took a drive and a walkabout on these roads.

MEC Masemola indicated that the visit aims to provide solutions, and that the community should avoid infightings and work together with government to avoid unnecessary delays even compromising the intended purpose. “Where delays will be, the community

By Khomotjo Serumula

“*Molato wa tshemo re o sekela molamong wa tshemo* – loosely translated solving issues where they are based”.

MEC Namane Dickson Masemola together with Acting Executive Mayor of Mopani Cllr Mathonsi and Mayor for Greater Letaba Local Municipality Cllr Matlou visited roads D11 and D3200 respectively in the local municipality as part of physical verification of damaged roads. In attendance were traditional leaders, officials from Road Agency Limpopo, Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, and the municipalities.

Both roads are about a 5km stretch of washed-away tar roads full of potholes that make it difficult for the communities when traveling for work, to receive basic services and affect economic development in these areas. “Our priority as the department is to ensure that these roads are in good condition for easy access and the safety of the communities when using the roads,” said MEC Masemola.

“The provincial government takes our communities serious on issues of road infrastructure, we have heard their pleas about unsafe condition of the roads hence we are here today”, MEC Masemola said after

will be informed” MEC Masemola committed.

MEC Masemola informed the representatives of the communities respectively that there is no set budget for the projects, only inspection, assessment and designs by the engineers will guide on cost for each road. “I hope and believe, if we don’t encounter any challenges the department will return before end of November 2020 to hand over the project to the appointed service provider,” said MEC Masemola.

Acting Executive Mayor urged the community representatives to cooperate to ensure smooth running of the project. These projects will create employment to the community members and MEC strongly discouraged community members from wanting to benefit the 30% from the project, and indicated that whoever that will be a sub-contractor should have resources.

MEC Masemola apologised for past mistakes of government and pleaded with the community to establish formal project steering committee structures that will work together with government.

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NGOMA AYI TICHAYI

(An expert doesn't boast or gloat about own skills, they let their work do the talking.)

By Khomotjo Serumula and Thulare Bopape

As part of the 2020 departmental Heritage Day celebration, staff was encouraged to dress in traditional attire. A competition for the best dressed person was held. The title was won by Ms Xikhongelo Jennifer Mudau, ASD in Employee Health and Wellness unit, she won by 26 votes out of 59. Here is what the winner had to say:

Q: What inspired your outfit?

A: I was embracing my XiTsonga culture. XiTsonga is about colour blocking.

Q: Usually they will say a certain outfit is worn by certain category of women, is there a significance to the attire?

A: The attire I wore is for all age groups. One can wear it to any celebration or traditional gatherings. I was ready for dancing.

Q: Which advice on heritage preservation can you give?



Ms Jennifer Mudau

A: Our kids should acknowledge and accept their culture moreover that we are being overpowered by westernized culture. Our kids should know our traditions as Africans, not only clothing also food, norms and values even believes.



Jennifer's attire on the day

The committee also felt it necessary to award the only three(3) male officials (Mr Walter Mothapo, Mr Vusi Maluleke and Mr Kgomotso Malope) who responded to the call to wear traditional attire on 23 September 2020 to celebrate Heritage Day.



Mr Walter Mothapo

Mr Kgomotso Malope



Mr Vusi Maluleke



LIMPOPO TO EXPLORE THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY

By Khomotjo Serumula

Heritage month ended with an official launch of a new television station, Limpopo TV, which was officiated by MEC Namane Dickson Masemola as Acting Premier of the Limpopo Province on the day.



MEC Masemola with Limpopo TV presenter during an interview at the station

Re a Šoma

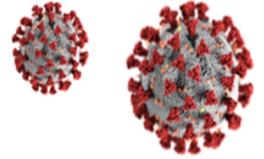
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LOCKDOWN LEVEL 1

What You Need To Know



Bigger gatherings allowed. Maximum 250 people indoor & 500 for outdoor gatherings.



Restrictions on crowds at sporting events remains in place.



Alcohol from the liquor store for home consumption will now be sold from Monday to Fridays.



Curfew hours have changed to 00:00 – 4:00.



No venue or facility can host more than 50% of its capacity.



Gyms and theatres are allowed to accommodate 50% of their capacity.



International travel will be allowed from 1 October – but it will be subject to several restrictions.



The **curfew** will be from midnight to 04h00.



Alcohol will be permitted for **on-site consumption** in licensed establishments with strict adherence to the curfew.



The **sale of alcohol** at retail outlets is now permitted from Monday to Friday, from 09h00 to 17h00 (excludes public holidays).



The **UIF benefit has been extended** until the end of the national state of disaster to assist companies that still face a loss of revenue.

Gatherings and visits to public spaces



Masks must be worn at all times and **social distancing** must be maintained.



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The number of people in a retail store, restaurant, cinema or other public space must **not exceed 50%** of its normal capacity.

International travel



Borders will be opened for international travel from **1 October** but travel may be **restricted to and from certain countries** that are deemed high risk.



Only King Shaka International, OR Tambo International and Cape Town International airports will be **open for international flights**.



A **limited number of border posts** will remain open at South Africa's land borders.



On arrival for an international trip, you will need to **present a negative Covid-19 test result** not older than 72 hours.



All **travellers will be screened on arrival** and those presenting symptoms will be required to have a Covid-19 test.



Where necessary, travellers will need to **enter mandatory quarantine facilities** at their own cost.



Travellers will be asked to **download the COVID Alert South Africa mobile app**.

Help us fight the Coronavirus



Wash/sanitize your hands regularly



Wear a face mask in public



Cough/sneeze into your elbow or tissue



Keep at least 1.5m from other people



Keep surfaces clean with soap and water

Adopt good personal hygiene practices

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