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Editorial Comment



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We are delighted to invite you to join us yet again on another exciting edition of our newsletter. We have reached far and wide to get you a front row seat in all events and activities hosted by the department.

Since the turn of the century our population has grown in an alarming rate, people moved to seek employment opportunities in urban areas where population density per capita is growing in people's needs to be in different places has significantly being made easy by the large number of privately owned motor vehicles, public and freight transport which has led to the increased volume of traffic, daily congestions and traffic jams on most of our roads in towns and cities.

The Department of Community Safety and Transport Management in conjunction with law enforcement agencies worked around the clock to ensure that our people are and feel safe on the roads. Multipurpose roadblocks were conducted across the province particularly in major routes such as N4, N12, N18 and N14 focusing on vehicle roadworthiness, drunk and driving, recklessness, human trafficking, safety of pedestrians and general crimes prevention and road safety education.

To show strength we partnered with Trans-Kalahari Corridor National Committee with all its multi stakeholders, jointly conducted a law enforcement operation on the N4 outside Zeerust.

We salute our law enforcement agencies for their continued selflessness in executing their duties diligently without fear or favor.

We have seen their hard work and dedication during the Easter holidays as more of our people were travelling to different destinations, some departing to their homes, different tourism destinations as others were travelling to their church destinations. Yes we did experience incidents and fatalities, however, it is important for all of us to always remember that road safety is everyone's responsibility.

For how far we can go as the department and all our law enforcement agencies to increase our visibility, the unfortunate part is that we cannot be in every car that travels on our roads, therefore let us all be law abiding citizens, and obey all the road rules and signs and save lives. I guess if we can all live and use the road by all the rules, we will indeed realise our Decade of Action on Road Safety by 2030.

In April the department bid farewell to two stalwarts ever to serve the people of North West, our former Head of Department (HoD) Ms Botlhale Mofokeng, blessed the public service sector with almost four decades of her life, truly a remarkable woman of stature who through her leadership and guidance touched and transformed the lives of many people. Ms Nikiwe Num former Chief Director for Provincial Secretariat for Police Service was appointed as a new Executive Major of Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality following the Local Government elections in 2021.

She too served the department with honor and integrity, she will be greatly missed. We wish them well in their new endeavors, may God bless them, their families and loved ones immensely.

The department tabled its budget vote for 2022/23 financial year with a budget of two billion rand that is intended to be spending to ensure that we continue bringing positive change on the lives of our people. The budget sounds enough, however, it is too little to cover all the needs of our people, which are far more than what we have, but as always, we will strive to do more with the little that we have.

Let us enjoy the content of our newsletter which gives us the reflection of our hard work as we continue to bring change on the lives of our citizens.

I thank you.

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R300 MILLION INSUFFICIENT ALLOCATION FOR LEARNER TRANSPORT



Meanwhile, this was short lived as we started experiencing extreme overloading at the beginning of the new school calendar year of 2020. The budget allocation was unfortunately reduced drastically from R460 million to R292 million as a result of the saving and reduced capacity due to lockdown,” said Lehari.

According to MEC Lehari, the R292 Million budget allocated for the financial year 2021/22 has proved to be insufficient to pay for the service for the entire year to ensure continuous provision of the service. “This led to serious shortage where in some instances payments had to be delayed.

Now with the allocation of R300 million for the 2022/23 financial year, we will have to settle the accruals for January, February and March 2022, amounting to R100 million. This will have a significant negative impact in the allocation for this financial year,” explained Lehari.

The learner transport service was identified as key to improve travel time and safety benefiting learners in the rural and farming areas for those who travel 5 kilometers or more to access school.

As the Department provides transport to learners in the rural areas to ensure that they get to school on time during school year calendar, budget allocation to this service continues to be a huge challenge, leading to delayed payments to service providers.

This was recently indicated by the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management MEC, Sello Lehari, during his 2022/2023 budget speech at the North West Provincial Legislature.

MEC outlined that the Department has experienced a number of challenges on this service in the past financial years, however, the service has continued to be provided. “After implementation of verified kilometers, revised rate and the application of COVID-19 directives which led to rotational schooling, we realized a huge saving in the financial year 2020/21.



MEC LEHARI APPLAUDS NWPTIT FOR A JOB WELL DONE



It has not been a year since the establishment of the North West Public Transport Intervention Team (NWPTIT). However, the team has already made significant progress in dealing with issues impeding growth and transformation in the public transport sector for many years.

The MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management, Sello Lehari has described this as a great achievement which will enable the sector as a whole to thrive.

“In the small space of time the NWPTIT has engaged the South African National Taxi Council (SANTACO), the National Taxi Alliance (NTA), affected local municipalities, the South African Police Service (SAPS) as well as traffic agencies.

“This also includes, over 20 primary taxi associations and though there is still a lot to be done, we can justly be proud of their achievement”, said MEC Lehari recently during the tabling of his department's 2022/23 budget vote.

The intervention team was officially appointed in September 2021 and is currently in the process of conducting a taxi audit, route verification and investigations to resolve ongoing conflicts to determine the real causes in order to make the industry conducive.

“Conflict and violence remain a challenge for the taxi industry in South Africa including the North West Province. A new pattern of conflict among taxi operators, taxi association and contracted bus service providers has resulted in violent and often fatal confrontations.

“These conflicts are often in lucrative taxi routes, fight over control of rank facilities and the mushrooming of illegal operators. As a result we instituted a legal public participatory process to establish the NWPTIT in terms of the National Land Transport Act 5 of 2009”, added MEC Lehari.

R1.6 MILLION ALLOCATED FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY PATROLLERS



The fight against crime requires partnership of all government Departments, Municipalities, State Owned Entities and the communities at large.

In this case, the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management is leading at the forefront to forge partnerships in implementing programmes such as Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), being done through the de-bushing of identified crime hotspots.

Designed to strengthen the fight against crime, the Department further implements the Community Safety Patrollers programme, at which community members are appointed through the Expanded Public Works Programme where there is a need to enhance police efforts and visibility.

For this financial year, 2022/2023, the Department will utilize a budget of R1.6 million, an incentive Grant allocated by the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure to implement the programme, targeting to appoint 400 patrollers.

The Department MEC, Sello Lehari during his budget speech at the Provincial Legislature said efforts of fighting crime in an integrated manner has started to bear the fruits as the Province has achieved decrease in serious crimes.

“We have a great achievement of decrease in serious crimes such as burglary in business, theft in motor vehicles, robbery and sexual assault cases.

All these successes are as a result of patience and skillful police work, efforts by all our stakeholders and communities at large.

It is therefore evident that should we continue to work together to fight crime, we will definitely reach our goals of creating a crime free environment for our communities,” said Lehari who continued to call on stakeholders to work with the Department and police.





2022/2023 BUDGET SPEECH HIGHLIGHTS



The North West MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management Hon J.S. Lehari tabled his Departmental Budget speech for the financial year 2022/2023.

In his speech MEC Lehari highlighted achievements recorded in the last financial year and further outlined the plans to speed-up service delivery in this financial year.

Amongst the highlights of MEC's speech are on how the Department will continue rising to the occasion and respond well to the service delivery expectations and the needs of communities of the Province at large, despite different challenges that keeps emerging from time to time.

According to MEC Lehari, the Department has committed to mobilize stakeholders and communities in general to fight crime on an integrated manner.

"With the challenges of COVID-19, this was never a walk in the park. However, we managed to implement programmes such as Crime Prevention

Through Environmental Design (CPTED), intensified prevention of Gender Based Violence (GBV), against Vulnerable Groups, supported and funded Community Police Forums (CPF's), to encourage, strengthen their fight against crime and created employment by appointing Community Safety Patrollers in the four (04) District of the Province through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP)," he said on his budget speech at Legislature.

MEC Lehari continued to outline that his Department is continuing to provide effective and efficient transport services, with subsidized public transport to reduce costs and improve access to work and other needed services. "The travel patterns have changed as settlement involves due to migration of communities' from farms to both rural and urban areas across the Province. This often leads to school children moving away from their schools and as a Department we do all we can to ensure we provide them with transport," said Lehari.

BUDGET ALLOCATION PER PROGRAMME

PROGRAMME 1 – ADMINISTRATION

BUDGET ALLOCATION - R 349 526 000

The Department has managed to complete the recruitment of fifty three (53) traffic learners that left for college earlier this year. They comprise thirty two (32) women and twenty one (21) young men. Upon completion of training they will be appointed as Provincial Inspectors and this will increase visibility of Traffic Officers on our roads and contribute to road safety.

To add to our continuous commitment of youth development, education and skills transfer, we have forged partnership with TVET Colleges in the Province and successfully implementing the Work Integrated Learning Programme. There are currently twenty (20), Students Interns placed in the Department to gain workplace experience which will enable them to finally acquire their qualification.





PROGRAMME 2 – PROVINCIAL SECRETARIAT FOR POLICE

BUDGET ALLOCATION - R52 795 000.00



The Provincial Secretariat for Police Service will continue to strengthen oversight on the SAPS, promote relations between the police and communities and mobilising communities in the fight against crime, as per the provisions of the Civilian Secretariat Act no 2 of 2011.

Creation of jobs through EPWP – voluntarism

The Department will continue to appoint community safety patrollers across the 4 Districts in crime infested areas, where there is a need to enhance police efforts and visibility. A total of 400 will be targeted as per available budget from the Public Works Incentive Grant and Equitable Share. Focus will be more on the Youth, women and other identified vulnerable groups. The Incentive Grant allocated by the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure is R1 638 000.00

PROGRAMME 3 – Transport Operations

BUDGET ALLOCATION – R1 161 939 000.00

Commuter Bus Subsidies

The Department is continuing with the route designs process to enable it to transform the sector by appointing new operators. It is envisaged that the new system will bring about integration of public transport modes and empowerment for the previously disadvantaged in the form of an agenda for transformation. This will be done either through competitive bidding or negotiations as prescribed by the National Land Transport Act.

Learner Transport Service

The budget allocation for this service for 2022/23 financial year is **R300 million** to service about 314 schools.

Transport Planning

The process to update the plans for the other district municipalities will be carried out during the 2022/23 and 2023/24 financial years. This process has negatively impacted on the finalisation of the Provincial Land Transport Framework which should incorporate all plans.

The department will also be developing the Provincial Land Transport Policy in the coming financial year 2022/23. About **R2.4 million** has been allocated to enable the department to achieve the planned targets.

PROGRAMME 4 – Transport Operations

BUDGET ALLOCATION - R683 815 000

Transport Safety Compliance

The department is committed to continue contributing towards job creation in the Province. In this financial year, the Department is going to implement Road Safety Rangers programme and plans to appoint one hundred and thirty (130) Rangers to continue assisting the Department reducing road crashes involving stray animals.

Road Traffic Management

An allocated budget of **Twenty Million Rand (R20m)**, has been set aside for procurement of traffic uniform, law enforcement equipments like speed machines, breath alcohol testers, blue lights, firearm and safes.

North West Transport Investment (NTI)

The Department continues to intervene and improve services at NTI. We have managed to bring stability between management, labour and other stakeholders.





MAHIKENG COMMUNITY REASSURED OF ESCALATED MEASURES TO COMBAT CRIME



Stock theft, drug usage, murder and rape are amongst the listed crimes which have become problematic for communities in and around Mahikeng. Residents who gathered at the Ratshidi Community Hall escalated their concerns directly to the Minister of Police Bheki Cele who was accompanied by a high level delegation including his Deputy Cassel Mathale, the newly appointed National Commissioner Lt. Gen Fannie Masemola, the MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management, Sello Lehari as well as the Provincial Commissioner Lieutenant General Sello Kwena amongst others.

The engagement, as part of the Crime Prevention Imbizo, gave a microscopic view of crime related challenges plaguing Mahikeng communities. These challenges are also coupled with inadequate resources in police stations to fight crime.

“What can be done to properly regulate the transportation of life stock? More so at night. Criminals are running rampant even after they are captured and receive bail they continue with their illegal dealings. How is it possible that a person is repeatedly captured and granted bail, for the same crime?” asked Pateletso Dikoma from Lotlhakane village, who directed his questions to Minister Cele.

The Imbizo came after a commitment by the Police Minister in March at the Presidential Post SONA Imbizo in Mahikeng.

“Earlier today we met with the community of Lonely Park at a Street Imbizo where similar issues were raised. Drugs seem to be an issue, corrupt police officials, non-responsiveness by police on cases.



“We have rounded up by saying that all problems raised here will be tabled, so as to decisively be dealt with. We want a full report of the issues raised and we will monitor that report, working hand-in-hand with leaders of different communities. We will carry out mini Imbizos through the District Development Model in order to get to the root cause of these issues, directly from communities at a local level. This will be done through the Civillian Secretariat from national,” said Minister Cele

The Minister also warned police against complacency. Adding that police must also be assisted in dealing with stressful situations and urged them to rise above all temptations.

“Police must go for the big guys and not innocent members of the community, the dealers of drugs, when I come back here I want to see them in prison. We will not rest until we make our communities safe and crime free.

“Your job is to serve and protect we will do all we can to create an environment where you are able to perform effectively, however do not misuse your power, or act in fear or favour. Where criminals are known and making things difficult for the community you action arrests,” said Minister Cele.



PRESERVING LIVES THROUGH ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION



Road Safety education is much more than creating awareness amongst road users. It is also a fundamental tool that empowers people to save their lives and all other road users. During this year's Easter long weekend, activities on the road tends to increase with many people moving from one area to another for holiday or religious purposes.

Throughout the entire Province, pedestrians, light and heavy vehicle motorists, passengers, cyclist and many other forms of road users were targeted for this year's comprehensive campaign as a build up to the Easter long weekend.

The Department of Community Safety and Transport Management along with its external stakeholders views this campaign as a way to reduce road incidents and fatalities. The Director for Road Safety Management, Ms Motshabi Tshukudu said the campaign was intensified and carried out in all districts across the Province.

"Our main objective is to cultivate a change in human behaviour and also reach as many people as possible. We engaged with pedestrians, cyclists and passengers so that they know and really understand how fatalities can be avoided if we all make these significant changes.



We encourage them to be visible at all times and also ensure that they cross roads at a pedestrian crossing or intersection. Heavy and light vehicle motorists are equally cautioned against reckless driving, to stick to the speed limit, avoid drinking and driving and to always be alert when behind the wheel, so as to be able to look out for potential hazards," Motshabi highlighted.

The campaign was also carried out in a form of a joint law enforcement operation together with the Road Traffic Management Directorate as well as South African Police Service (SAPS), adding to the efforts of increased visibility and Inter-Provincial Operations.

EASTER SAFETY EDUCATION ALONG RSA- TKC IN ZEERUST N4



As part of the Safer Easter Roads activities, the Trans-Kalahari Corridor National Committee (TKCNC) with all its multi-stakeholders raised the bar on road safety campaign and increased visibility as they engaged with motorists, mostly truck drivers who are transacting to and from Namibia and Botswana through this corridor.

The TKCNC with its stakeholders focused on general crime prevention, road safety education, Traffic Law Enforcement Act, illegal immigrants, Dangerous Goods Act and Counterfeit Goods Act.

The multi-disciplinary roadblock started with a parade at Zeerust Weight Bridge with the address of the South African Police Service District Commissioner Major General Mmatlhabi Mmolawa who appreciated men and women in the law enforcement fraternity for their willingness to save lives of people during the Easter period.

"We know that people will be enjoying time with their families, some travelling to different destinations including those who will be travelling to their different church destinations. All these road users will depend on our visibility and hard work to ensure that they arrive safely to their different destinations.

Please note that your efforts will never go unnoticed, let us go all out to save the lives of everyone on the road this Easter. In this process, we will be saving our families and friends," said General Mmolawa.

During the operation, more than 50 traffic fines were issued to defaulting motorists, 33 warrant of arrests served and R16 000 revenue collected from outstanding warrants of arrest.

The North West MEC for Department of Community Safety and Transport Management, Sello Lehari pleads to the motorists and road users in general to be vigilant at all times to avoid unnecessary incidents and fatalities. "During these seasons we increase our traffic and police visibility on our roads and streets to do our best for prevention of crime and unnecessary incidents on our roads. However, as the Department we cannot win this challenge alone we need the cooperation from our motorists, road users and communities to safe our lives," said Lehari who emphasized that crime prevention on communities during Easter needs an intergraded approach.



NW, NC INTERPROVINCIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATION



Holiday makers waste no time making their way to various destinations for the Easter Weekend. The North West Department of Community Safety and Transport Management together with its Northern Cape counterpart conducted an Inter Provincial Joint Law Enforcement operation in Lykso on the N14. Officials from both provinces were out to ensure that motorists traveling between the two Provinces are reminded to be safe as they travel, that driving permits are in order and vehicles roadworthy. While interprovincial roads become a hive of activity, visibility on all fronts remains critical. The Road Traffic Management Directorate strategically places resources in all hotspots.

“Easter holidays are a very busy period for law enforcement officers, while many are with their families they are out conducting official duties. It is a challenging time for law enforcement as a whole because of the fatalities that occur during this time. “We appeal to the public as a whole to cooperate with us as we strive to ensure safer roads because we are spread out across the Province and more so on the busiest roads,” said the Director for the North West Road Traffic Management, Paul Stone.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS CHANGED COMMUNITIES' PERCEPTION ON JOUBERTON POLICE

The importance of public engagements was shown during the Portfolio Committee oversight visit when the Jouberton Police Station Commander Colonel Moses Selepe outlined processes to rebuild broken relations with the community following the gangsterism situations around the area.

The station was once under attack with allegations of not assisting the communities they are expected to serve, which the Station Commander explained in detail to the Portfolio Committee on what led to communities losing trust on the station.

Selepe explained the need to work in an integrated approach with communities to fight against crime and create a safer environment.

"We did this because members of these gangsters are children and part of the community. We needed the community to get behind us and we carried out with community engagements for three months.

"Through these engagements we changed the perception of the community, and we then succeeded in launching the youth desk," explained Colonel Selepe.

He alluded a need to have coordinated efforts with municipalities to deal with mushrooming of informal settlements to fight crime.

In her presentation to the Portfolio Committee, on behalf of the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management, the Acting Chief Director for Civilian for Police Secretariat, Ms Dikeledi Letsapa said the Department continues to work with the Jouberton Police Station to eliminate possible criminal activities within the vicinity.

"We are working closely with the station and communities to improve relations in the fight against crime," said Letsapa.

She informed the committee that the Department has appointed 100 patrollers in the previous financial year and plans to appoint a 100 more this financial year.

The Chairperson of the Committee Kim Medupe appreciated the efforts put in place by the police station to redress what transpired. And the efforts taken by the Department in supporting the police efforts.

She encouraged the Department to strengthen relations between communities and police in dealing with social challenges.

"Our people cannot perish in the hands of government. It is important to restore trust from the communities to believe that their lives are safe," concluded Medupe who was accompanied by members of Portfolio Committee Freddy Sonakile and Lebogang Xaba.

The Committee has visited other police stations in the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District including the Potchefstroom Weighbridge.

The Weighbridge plays an important role in ensuring that vehicles are not overloaded and damaging roads. The Committee embarked on a weeklong oversight in Dr Kenneth Kaunda.



STAKEHOLDERS REFLECT ON POLICING RELATED ISSUES



Different stakeholders from the Ngaka Modiri Molema District gathered at the Embassy Hall in Mahikeng to engage on challenges related to policing, provide suggestions and solutions to improve police service delivery.

The engagement was led by the Acting Head of the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management, Mr Molefi Morule and Mr Phillip Mahlangu from the National Civilian Secretariat for Police Service (CSPS).

Setting the tone of the engagement, Mr Morule said government is formulated by different departments that work coherently and not in silos in order to achieve its mandate.

"We are interdependent, therefore we can't do without each other. We are a people centred government, we listen to our people and work in an integrated manner to improve the lives of our citizens," said Morule.

He highlighted that the day's process was a culmination of many other engagements that have unfolded within the five local municipalities, arranged in a District Development Model approach.

Mr Mahlangu appreciated the stakeholders represented and their participation to the engagement.

"There is a need for an integrated approach to succeed in building safer environment for our communities. Fear of crime has tortured the nation. Therefore we need to all find solutions regarding crime and all societal issues," said Mr Mahlangu.

Stakeholders raised concerns about an increase in drug abuse, gender-based violence, stock theft cases and other serious crimes.

The information received from stakeholders will assist the Minister in coming up with interventions on how to mediate crime related issues and empower police service. There was a concerted approach by all stakeholders present to work together in fighting crime.

BADIREDI PUSO BA KETEKAMANTSWE A SUPILENG A PASEKA



Masepala wa selegae wa Mahikeng mmogo le Lefapha la Tshireletso ya Baagi le Tsamaiso ya Dipalangwa ba laleditse ba diredipuso go tswa mo mafapheng a farologaneng go keteka

'Mantswe A Supeleng a Paseka.' Boitumelo bo ne bo tladitse ntlo lehalahala ya Civic Centre mo Mahikeng, motsemoshate wa Porofense ya Bokone Bophirima. Baruti le diphuthego go tswa dikerekeng ka go fapana ba ne ba eteletsepele mantswe a supileng a Paseka, go jesa motho yo o ka fa gare tse di molemo le go galaletsa Modimo e leng motlhodi wa Legodimo le Lefatshe.

Mantswe a a neng a le ko setlhoeng sa lenaneo e ne e le a reng a reng, mongwe le mongwe a keteke paseka ka boitumelo le ba losika le ditsala, botlhe ba ba tlatsayang maeto go ya dikopanong tse di farologaneng tsa dikereke ba tsamaye le go bowa ka tshireletsego. Badiredi puso le baagi botlhe ba nne le paseka e molemo, mme botlhe ba tshepele mo Modimong ba se boife sepe, jaaka e le ene moeteledipele wa matshelo a botlhe.

"Jaaka re kopane fano gompiano, ke bona lotlhe lo itumetse lo keteka letsatsi le la gompiano le le beetsweng thoko go keteka 'Mantswe a supileng a paseka,' jaaka ba diredipuso mo Mahikeng le di karolo tse dingwe tsa Porofense ya rona e ntle ya Bokone Bophirima, ke selo se sentle seo.

Mme ke ikuela gore lotlhe e re fa lo tsamaya go ya malapeng a farologaneng go keteka paseka ga mmogo le bamalapa, le di phuthego tsa dikereke tse di farologaneng, lo tsamaye ka pabalesego le go obamela melao ya tsela.

Fa go ntse jalo rotlhe re tla boela ditrong tsa rona re bolokesebile go tla go tswetsa go direla baagi ba rona ka botswapelo," go bua jalo Meiyara Mogolo wa Masepala wa Selegae wa Mahikeng, Cllr TshepisoMphehlo.

Lekwalo le le molemo la letsatsi e nnile Bafilipo 4:6-7.



CONDITION OF SERVICE WORKSHOP FOR EMPLOYEES



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Human Resource Management

Cleaners attached to the head office in Mahikeng received thorough education about various benefits that they are eligible for. This included leave benefits, nomination of beneficiaries, resettlements to name a few.

"It's very important that from time to time we check in with employees to workshop them to ensure that they are familiar with the conditions of employment and the service benefits within the public sector.

"For instance we highlight the classifications of leave, processes involved in the provision of pension payment by GEPE, housing allowance, resettlement benefits and long service awards.

"These are of great significance, such as nominating beneficiaries because by so doing it eases the claim process, these are some of the things that people tend to forget or probably do not know and the consequences of not nominating conducted beneficiaries are far reaching," said Assistant Director of Conditions of Service Ms Bojosi Foke, who coordinated the workshop.

This became a fruitful workshop because it provided staff with a holistic view of how to nominate beneficiaries and provided an understanding of how to access those benefits. This left staff members grateful about the education they have received because their questions were not left unanswered.



LEARNER TRANSPORT SERVICES, A STRATEGIC FUNCTION OF THE DEPARTMENT



Many children in rural areas are faced with challenges of accessing schools in order to exercise their constitutional right of receiving quality education. In those areas spatial planning is in such a way that schools remain scattered and are situated at a distance from residential homes. As a result learners would walk long distances to get to schools, where roads are not conducive for walking and their safety becomes compromised.

In some instances, learners arrive late at school, often tired upon arrival with very little energy for learning, some would abandon schooling altogether.

As a means of intervention a Learner Transport unit was established in the province to provide reliable and safe transport services for free to all eligible school going children. One of the department's strategic functions is to provide transport for learners who travel a distance of 5km or more between their home and school. This function lies within the Transport Operations Chief Directorate.

In an exclusive interview with the Director responsible for Public Transport Services Directorate, Mr Patrick Mohono, he outlined the two services that the department is currently putting in place for these rural learners to ensure that they access their learning destinations.

According to Mohono, his directorate provide transport to learners through motorist and non-motorist services, which they include bus learner transport and the distribution of Shova kalula bicycles in partnership with the National Department of Transport.

The bicycles are distributed to learners travelling between the distances of 3-5 kilometres while learner transport is provided for those travelling more than 5 kilometres.

"Currently we are providing learner transport services to 314 schools across the province. The department of Education identifies schools that are in need of transportation services and submits requests.

Verification of the travel needs and requests is made and service providers who will ensure safe transportation of learners are then appointed. Where learners travel a distance of less than 5km, they are provided with Shova Kalula bicycles to ease their trips to school, this is facilitated by the National Department of Transport.



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For the provision of service, a sum of R300 million has been allocated for the 2022/23 financial year which is a reduction from previous years.

The department has identified challenges in some areas such as an increased demand of transportation services due to rationalising of schools, service providers abandoning routes, acts of criminality as well as insufficient budget," said Mohono.

The Director further divulged that each year there is somewhat of an increase in the number of learners who need to be transported to school due to rationalising schools. That creates a situation where some learners now need to be offered transport as the walking distance increases.

He said, his directorates' service like any other government service, was also affected by the emergence of COVID-19.

"Due to COVID-19 budget reprioritisation, department experienced a reduction in the overall budget, this led to a strain in our service delivery and roll out of scholar

transport in some parts as learners were home for a significant amount of time and when schools reopened we had to hit the ground running, with the little allocation we had," he said.

However great the task, scholar transport remains an element of priority in the department's service delivery improvement plans with clear targets and intensified monitoring of its implementation.

"The department has developed a standard operating procedure which will ensure that a service provider is replaced within a twenty four hour period. This will deal with the challenge of service providers not collecting learners and contravening their agreement with the department.

Operators will also be blacklisted, where notice to breach contract is not given prior or with good reason."

The department has also requested additional funding to deal with the issue of overloading and increased demand, this will enable operations to be expanded and to ensure that all 400 schools are serviced," Mohono said.



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Fare Well HOD

40 years of Public Services

Time to say goodbye – we salute you Mama

Loyal and long serving public sector Mme Botlhale Anna Mofokeng downs tools

Affectionately calling herself “Ngwanyana wa Sgandaf,” Mme Botlhale Mofokeng's public service journey has ended on April 2022. Exactly five years down the line when she was appointed as the Head of Department for Community Safety and Transport Management.

Leading as the Head of Department, Mofokeng has served the people of the North West for more than 40 years with loyalty and commitment.

Before joining the Department as HoD, she has dedicatedly served in different Departments of Government, where social work was one of the services she provided as a public servant and as a Director for Municipal Finance and Support. Her experience boasts an impressive record, having worked for the Department of Local Government and Human Settlements, as Chief Director Local Governance.

MESSAGE FROM HOD BOTLHALE MOFOKENG

The 17th April 2022 marks the end of my tenure as the Head of Department COSATMA, and the end of my almost 40-years journey in the Public Service.

I take this opportunity to convey my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the opportunity God afforded me to head this august Department, and have you as fellow labourers and travellers.

The journey had roadblocks, speed humps, 'ekhounie van'.

But also empowering, fulfilling and worth it.

I appreciate the leadership and support I received from MEC Lehari and Administrator Mokonyama.

Tirisano mmogo ya Executive Management Committee (EMC), Departmental Management Committee (DMC), Extended Departmental Management Committee (EDMC), and the entire staff members throughout my tenure. Kealeboga.

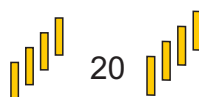
The support staff in the office of the Head of the Department (HoD) , thank you very much .

Modimo o tsewelele go relwanela le go refenyetsa, o re boloke o re somarele rotlhe mmogo le ba malapa a rona.

BOTLHALE MOFOKENG

Former HoD COSATMA

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DIRECTORATE WILL EMBARK ON
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25 MAY 2022 - MAHIKENG

Mahikeng High School

27 MAY 2022 - VRYBURG

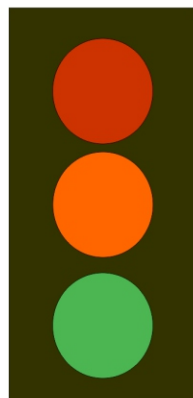
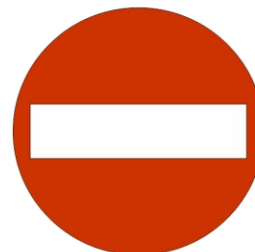
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03 JUNE 2022 - RUSTENBURG

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