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EXPANDED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME





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**Budget Vote Speech for the Department of Public Works and Roads delivered by MEC Gaoage Oageng Molapisi 24 May 2022**

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**Mrs Suzan Dantjie**

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**Honourable Premier, Keaobitsa Bushy Maape**

**Honourable Members of the Executive Council,**

**Honourable Members of the Provincial Legislature,**

**Executive Mayors and Mayors of Municipalities**

**Members of the Mayoral Committees responsible for Infrastructure and Roads in Municipalities across the Province**

**Administrator of the Department, Mr Molate Moremi**

**Senior Officials of the Department**

**Leadership of our District Fora and our stakeholders**

**Members of the media,**

**Distinguished Guests,**

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

**The people of North West Province,**

**Madam Speaker,**

It is in deed a privilege and honour to stand in this august house to present the budget speech of the Department of Public Works and Roads before the anticipated 2024 national elections.

The Department is presenting the 2022/2023 Budget Speech at a very difficult time with the country and the province working towards recovering from two major disasters being the Covid-19 pandemic and the floods.

These two disasters have affected the targets and gains that we have achieved as a country in a negative way and we have a responsibility to ensure that we recover from such disasters.

As part of our outcomes, we are expected to drive the province into a recovery mode to ensure economic development through the construction of infrastructure while at the same time making sure that we create the much needed jobs that were lost as a result of the disasters. Our environment is characterised by a number of issues among them being the following:

- ⊙ The *la nina* effect which is in its second consecutive year and bringing about higher rainfall conditions that are affecting our infrastructure programmes in a negative way and causing a lot of damage on our roads.
- ⊙ The Covid 19 pandemic that has taken up a lot of resources towards disaster recovery while at the same time reducing the much needed financial resources for service delivery.
- ⊙ The allocation of the conditional grant-Provincial Roads Maintenance Grant (PRMG) which is only meant for maintenance of already upgraded roads outweighs capital budget allocated for the upgrading of roads.
- ⊙ As a province we have a huge backlog on the

maintenance and upgrading of roads from gravel to tar surfaced roads. Our indications in line with our draft ten year roads master plan suggests that we have a total of 19 783 kilometers of road of which 5 125 are paved and the remaining 14 658 are gravel roads. The reality of the situation suggests that we will only be able to achieve 500 kilometers at the end of the ten year period if the allocations from the equitable share remains the same.

- ⊙ There are competing interests between rural roads and the economic urban infrastructure that is much needed for economic growth.
- ⊙ The competing interests by the private sector, Municipalities and other government departments for scarce technical skills makes it more difficult for our rural province to retain such skills.
- ⊙ The high rate of unemployment and the scarcity of business opportunities in the country and the province due to low economic growth and the reduced budgets are making our communities to lose patience.



- ⊙ Lack of joint-planning by the different spheres of government on infrastructure development often leads to under expenditure of infrastructure budgets in the province.
- ⊙ The continued disruptions and stoppages of projects by criminal elements masquerading as community leaders and business forums demanding economic opportunity remains a challenge. We have as a Department managed to increase our community engagements to address these challenges.

The above, Honourable members, are brutal realities that are facing the Department I am entrusted to lead. This calls for openness and transparency as we lay bare the budget to the general public. They should be appreciated as facts that propel us to be able to discharge our constitutional mandate.

### **Honourable Speaker**

In his maiden speech, Honourable Premier Maape placed job creation and service delivery at the apex of his priorities. It therefore automatically makes our

Department as an infrastructure implementing agent to be a catalyst to attain this priorities without fail.

We dare not fail our people in fulfilling this commitment. Economic recovery remains a serious challenge after the pernicious impact that Covid-19 bore on our ailing economy.

Looking at the rising levels of unemployment, the escalating cost of goods and services, and the high fuel price, we dare not wink at the opportunities presented to us by time and limited resources.

We dare not linger in rendering the much needed infrastructure services as this would be a disservice to the people of our province.

Our efforts should contribute to improving livelihoods of our people. This is, and should be our only preoccupation and we are determined, and committed to fulfil this mandate.

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

The overall allocated budget for the 2022/23 Financial Year for the Department of Public Works and Roads is, Three Billion, Three Hundred Fifty-One Million, Eight Hundred and Nineteen Thousand Rand **(R 3 351 819 000)**

**Programme one (1): Administration:** We have allocated Two Hundred and Three- Million, Seven Hundred and Forty-Seven Thousand Rand (203 747 000)

**Programme two (2): Public Works Infrastructure:** We have allocated One Billion, One Hundred-Fifty Five Million, Eight Hundred and Eighty-Eight Thousand Rand (R1 155 888 000)

**Programme Three (3): Transport Infrastructure:** We have allocated One Billion Six Hundred-Twenty Nine Million, Five Hundred and Seventy-Seven Thousand Rand (R 1, 629, 577, 000).

**Programme four (4): Community Based Program:**

We have allocated Three hundred-Ninety Million, Five Hundred and Fifty-Six Thousand Rand (R 390 556 000)

The department of Public Works and Roads has received an allocation as follows:

<b>PROGRAMMES</b>	<b>ORIGINAL BUDGET 2022/23</b>
ADMINISTRATION	203 747 000
PUBLIC WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE	1 155 888 000
TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE	1 629 577 000
COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMME	362 607 000
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3 351 819 000</b>

The source of funding is Equitable Share and Conditional Grants, Of which the Conditional Grant is as follows:

<b>CONDITIONAL GRANTS</b>	<b>ORIGINAL BUDGET 2022/23</b>
EPWP INTEGRATED GRANT FOR PROV	27 949 000
PROV ROAD MAIN GR:ROAD MAIN COMP	957 028 000
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>984 977 000</b>

As for the Economic Classification, the breakdown is as follows:

<b>PROGRAMMES</b>	<b>ORIGINAL BUDGET 2022/23 (R)</b>
COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES	863 519 000
TRANSFER AND SUBSIDIES	431 112 000
GOODS AND SERVICES	1 602 592 000
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	28 074 000
BUILDINGS OTHER FIXED STRUCTURES	426 522 000
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3 351 819 000</b>

**Madam Speaker**, as you may be aware that the Department was placed under Section 100 (1) (b) of the Constitution by Cabinet.

To this end, the department has in the past three years been working towards stabilising its operations with a view to ensure good governance and operational efficiency. The invocation of section 100 has led to a number of investigations which were conducted by the National Treasury and the Special investigations unit (SIU) The National Treasury investigations have been concluded and consequence management is taking place in instances where it was recommended.

The SIU is currently in the process of investigating twelve (12) projects relating to upgrading and routine maintenance of roads as well as the Covid-19 procurement expenditure. These investigations are ongoing and the reports for such investigations will be released to the public as soon as they are finalised.

The department has been receiving Qualified Audit

Report from the Auditor General in the past five years. The audit outcomes of the Department have been improving in the past three years even though the outcomes remain qualified. The Department had five(5) qualification areas in the past three years and the qualification areas have now been reduced to one (1). The qualified audit opinion by the Auditor-General of South Africa is based on one segment with irregular expenditure being the only qualified matter. This has resulted in the department being issued with an overall qualified audit opinion in the financial year 2020/2021. Plans to improve the audit outcome are in place.

**Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen**

As part of implementing the exit strategy on section 100 (1) (b) we are continuing to build the capacity of the state and the department to deliver. We intended training 25 aspiring artisans, plumbers and electrical apprenticeship in the past financial year.

The training was suspended due to COVID19 pandemic challenges which forced the department to

reprioritize its plans, this initiative has since been resuscitated for the financial year 2022/23. Due to provincial budget cuts on the Compensation of Employees, the Department had a moratorium on the filling of one hundred and eighty (180) advertised positions, except for critical and strategic positions. A total of 114 of these posts have been reprioritised for filling in the current financial year after the lifting of the moratorium.

We are in the process of finalising the appointment of critical strategic positions in the Department which includes the positions of the Head of Department (HOD), Chief Directors: Buildings, Facilities Management, Chief Financial Officer and Director: Bojanala District. The positions of the Head of Department (HOD), Chief Financial Officer, Chief Director: Building Infrastructure and Director: Bojanala District are due to be filled by June 2022. The rest of the critical positions will be filled in the second quarter of the financial year as they are already at advanced levels of recruitment.



Towards ensuring an ethical workforce and combating crime and corruption, Eight (08) disciplinary cases of SMS members related to misconduct have been finalised and one is ongoing. In this regard, the former HOD and the Chief Director for Transport Infrastructure were dismissed. We are continuing to defend the disputes lodged in the bargaining Councils in this regard.

### **PROGRAMME 2- PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

##### **Honourable Members**

The infrastructure sector in the country and the province has performed badly in the past two years due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The sector was severely and detrimentally impacted and a number of construction projects got drastically delayed especially projects that were meant to be implemented for Client Departments. During the 2021/22 Financial Years, budgets for infrastructure projects were reprioritized and reduced by User-Departments and a number of projects could not

reach practical completion stage.

A number of sites were handed over late to contractors due to the lockdown periods and a number of sites had to reduce staff to ensure compliance with newly introduced health protocols. Contract prices escalated as a result of Covid-19 health protocols that needed to be implemented on construction projects which were not part of the original Occupational Health and Safety requirements.

The reduced staff requirement on construction sites further delayed the practical completion milestone on projects and has therefore impacted the original construction periods, Job losses for construction workers, disruption in the promotion of teamwork, reduction of work force in order to be Covid-19 compliant, led to the suspension of high value projects because the productivity was far less than the preliminaries and general costs and the potential bankruptcy of contractors and decline in firms' profits.

**Honourable Speaker**

In the 2021/22 Financial Year, we completed four (4) new school projects to the tune of One Hundred and Thirty Four Million Rand (R134 million) on behalf of the Department of Education. We further completed twelve (12) refurbishment and renovation projects to the value of Fifty Six Million, Seven Hundred Thousand Rand (R56, 7 million). Fourteen (14) other projects will be completed in the near future as these projects are well above eighty percent (80%) completion.

For Public Works projects, in this the Financial Year, the department plans to implement and complete the following projects, major upgrades and renovations of Moretele offices park project, during Quarter One, which accommodates the nine provincial departments, and also renders government services in the Moretele area and surrounding villages.

Nine (9) new school projects are planned to be constructed and completed with the rand value of Four Hundred and Sixty-Three Million Seven

Hundred and Sixty Six Thousand Rand (R463 766 Million), namely:

- 1) Kgabalatsane Secondary
- 2) Tlakgameng Secondary
- 3) Tlokwe Secondary
- 4) Tigane Secondary (Phase2)
- 5) Kagiso Barolong Secondary
- 6) Monnamere P.Secondary
- 7) Kgetleng Secondary,
- 8) Mamodibo H.Secondary and
- 9) Rekgonne Bapo Secondary

Two (2) new Community Libraries will be constructed in Dinokana and Wolmaranstad and are envisaged to be completed in Quarter Two (2). Two (2) libraries in Mabeskraal and Ganyesa will be renovated, and expected to be completed in Quarter Four. These facilities will serve as conduit to access information and learning, encourage social inclusion and equity while fostering civic engagements within the communities.

The department plans to upgrade the Lichtenburg Weigh Bridge and intends to complete the project in Quarter Three. The renovated facility will ensure smooth operation of the weighbridge which determine the mass of vehicles and trucks, including prime movers and connected trailers. This will also enhance revenue to the province for the defaulters, and our provincial roads will remain in a good condition.

The department plans to appoint consultants and finalise the designs in 2022/23, in order to renovate and upgrade five (5) social development facilities that will cater for child youth care, impatient centre, two (2) old age homes, secure care centre and early childhood development. These renovations will ensure that the Social Development is able to execute the management and oversight over social security, encompassing social assistance, which aim to prevent and alleviate poverty in the event of life cycle risks such as loss of income due to unemployment, disability and old age.

The New Sefikile Early Childhood Development (ECD) is planned to be completed during this financial year, the Department is working around the clock to resolve the Electrical challenges with Eskom.

Furthermore, the Upgrades and Renovations of three offices in the districts, for Social Development will ensure that the officials are working in a safe, conducive and favourable condition and atmosphere.

An upgrade to Pilanesburg Airport Perimeter Fence (Phase 2) and Mafikeng Airport Ablution Facility, are to be completed in quarter four. This will ensure the safe guarding of the Airport facility.

Plans are underway to renovate and do minor maintenance of government offices, District depots, workshops and install perimeters fences to improve and extend the life span of the buildings. These are aimed at securing and safe guarding government assets in the four (4) districts. Furthermore, we also planned to install two (2) new standby generator and high mast lights for back-up power during load

shedding and to improve security at night in government buildings. Also back-up water tank projects have been planned alleviate the water crisis in different district offices.

## **IMMOVABLE ASSET MANAGEMENT**

### **Provincial Compliance to GIAMA prescripts**

#### **Madam Speaker**

In remaining relevant to the mandate of being the sole custodian of provincial state-owned immovable assets, and the implementation and compliance of Government Immovable Asset Management Act, (GIAMA). I would like to urge and encourage provincial Departments to submit their User Asset Management Plans (U-AMPs) so we can have credibility and completeness of the provincial Custodian Asset Management Plan (C-AMP) which is a consolidation of the U-AMPs received from various departments.

#### **Honourable members**

We are working on finalising the acquisition of an

integrated asset management system in order to fully account for immovable asset management value and ensure compliance with relevant legislation and reporting standards. The Department has registered a significant progress in creating a credible and verified record of immovable assets (facilities, land and buildings) for the Provincial Government. As a result of this, the Department has constantly been receiving clean audit with regards to immovable asset register.

The Department has been conducting vesting and physical verification of urban and rural land parcels which is aimed at updating the Immovable Asset Register (IAR). So far 317 out of 348 land parcels have been verified and the process will be concluded in due course.

### **Disposal of None Core Housing Stock**

A total of 476 none-core immovable assets in the form of redundant houses and vacant residential sites will be eventually disposed off. We are in a process of disposing 150 houses which were previously



advertised as phase 1 through local newspapers, the valuation of such houses has been concluded and as such the Provincial Treasury has also endorsed the valuation methodology. This is in line with the Provincial Revenue Enhancement Strategy as well as to mitigate against the increasing property rates and taxes.

We have registered the following progress to date on disposal of none-core immovable assets:

- ⊙ 150 houses advertised as First batch;
- ⊙ 40 subject to objections and verification;
- ⊙ 110 Deeds of Sale drafted and ready
- ⊙ All Agreements of Sale were signed duly by myself;

Currently we are engaging with the Office of the State Attorney for transfer and registration.

- ⊙ 161 houses advertised as Second batch;
- ⊙ Desktop verification and assessment was conducted;
- ⊙ Valuation has been conducted during Quarter one (1) of this financial year.

**Madam Speaker**

Thus far the Department has transferred a total of twenty one thousand two hundred and forty six (21 246) of the twenty one thousand, seven hundred and fifty five (21 755) hectares of farm land to the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development for settlement of various rural land claims. The following communities have benefited from the above transfers:

- ⊙ Bakgatla Ba Kgafela – Twenty thousand, three hundred and eight (20 308) hectares
- ⊙ Bakgatla Ba Moseitlha - Three hundred and fifty eight (358) hectares
- ⊙ Mooke Communal Property Association – Three hundred and forty seven (347) hectares
- ⊙ Mekingareng Communal Property Association - Two hundred and thirty three (233) hectares

## **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

### **Payment of Property Rates and Taxes**

I am pleased with a significant increase in the budget allocated for property rates and services as compared to the previous financial years. The Department processed payments worth of Three Hundred, Fifty Six Million, Four Hundred and Twenty One Thousand Rand (R356 421 million) to eighteen (18) local municipalities in the North West Province at the end of 2021/22 financial year out of the Three Hundred and Ninety Million (R390 million) that was allocated. Three Hundred and Ninety Million (R390 million) in lieu of payment of rates and taxes against two thousand eight hundred and eighty (2 880) provincial owned properties.

We will continue to work with other municipalities such as Rustenburg Local Municipality where twenty seven (27) properties out of eighty four (84) were not paid because they didn't appear in their Municipal Valuation Roll.

**Madam Speaker**

We are committed to assisting Municipalities in ensuring that payments due for rates and services are made timeously.

### **Honourable Members,**

The provincial government is attempting to acquire a Multi Tenancy Office Complex consisting of an estimated twenty eight thousand square meters (28 000m<sup>2</sup>) around Mahikeng / Mmabatho area to strengthen the administrations. In order to reduce exorbitant rentals and resolve the long overdue office crisis.

This acquisition which will cost the Province and estimated Three Hundred and Twenty Million Rand (R320 million) will eliminate the current Head Office leasing burden of Departments. This initiative will bring about a saving of an average of Seventy Six Million Rand (R76million) in year one (1) and Two Hundred and Forty Five Million Rand (R245 million) over the next MTEF. Discussions with the Provincial Treasury are at an advanced stage.

**Madam Speaker**

The majority of office accommodation leases in the Provincial portfolio have been expiring at a faster pace than the department can handle by means of open tender procurement, causing repeated irregular expenditure for all affected client Departments. Open tender procurement processes take up to 120 days, often with no guarantee of success. The Department has often been forced to rely on short term lease extensions; about seventy percent (70%) of the total Provincial lease portfolio are legacy leases. The cost of which has now escalated above what can be considered as market price.

The current state of the leases as recorded indicates that the private sector market owns 70% of the leased portfolio while government owns only 30%. The intention is to improve government ownership to 40% while reducing the leased portfolio to 60%

We are working together with the Provincial Treasury to implement the new lease dispensation that will resolve majority of these historical leases while at the

same time ensuring that the new leases are entered into at market price. This will alleviate the burden of irregular leases that we are currently running in the province.

**Honourable Members**

In responding to our mandate, the Department will be implementing a phased approach of the total facility management programme. I have been inundated with calls and complaints by honourable members especially for Ga-Rona Building, Lowe Complex, and Houses for members of the Executive, Old Parliament Complex, and Embassy VIP Section.

**Madam Speaker**

I am pleased to announce that the Department has already made interventions to restore the essential services at Lowe Complex which includes water supply, electrical problems and other essentials. The feedback received indicates that the majority of the residents are pleased. Similar interventions will be done in other prestige precincts. We will keep on improving as we go.

The Department has appointed the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) to pilot implementation of Total Facilities Management (TFM) for above mentioned buildings. A budget has been made available for the project and it is intended to start in the first quarter of this financial year. This programme (TFM) is aimed at optimising the efficiency of the maintenance assets and operations of state-owned facilities and equipment.

### **PROGRAMME 3 - TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### **Madam Speaker**

The roads infrastructure allocation of three hundred and eighty (R380 million) from the equitable share remain insufficient and it goes without saying that the Province will not be able to reach its developmental goals of upgrading roads across the province from gravel to surface standard. We can here state unequivocally that the current funding basket has an innate buffer against the attainment of massive road upgrading across the province.

Within the current funding formula, and the road upgrade cost from surface to tar, indications are that only fifty three kilometers (53km) of the presently unpaved road network can be upgraded in the current financial year. This gives us an average of six to seven (6-7) roads which can be upgraded per annum, depending on their length in kilometres and thus leading to an average of 500 kilometres in ten (10) years.

Against this background, we need to strengthen efforts to establish strategic partnerships with the private sector to raise additional funding for upgrading of roads. In its 1996 discussion document entitled 'The State and Social Transformation', the governing party emphasised the need for mobilisation of 'the surplus' both domestically and internationally.

Accordingly, the document called for the democratic state to harness the "driving force to ensure that the state and capital work in concert, balancing and meeting the interests of these forms of social



organisations”

Whilst acknowledging that the relationship with private capital will sometimes be antagonistic with the interest of the people, the document further acknowledges that “what stands out as the defining element that enables the strategic partnership between the democratic state and capital, is the progress [that can be] achieved through new investment to increase the capacity to create improved material conditions”. Towards this end, I plead with the private sector further to be part of this initiative when we consult on the 10-Year Roads Master Plan to which we earlier alluded.

Needless to say, we have made strides in securing partnerships with individual businesses and partake in the Premier's strategic efforts with the North West Chamber of Commerce.

In the circumstance, a partnership agreement has been reached with Noord Wes Kooporasie (NWK), and the Department wherein the NWK has pledged to

buy graders to assist with the blading of roads in Ngaka Modiri Molema and Dr. Ruth Segomotsi Mompati Districts.

This is most welcome as it will augment the yellow fleet plant which we have already have. A Public-Private arrangement has been finalised with Bogosi jwa Baphalane ba ga Ramokoka through Batlase Development Trust in the Moses Kotane Local Municipality. They will contribute Twenty Million Rand (R20 million) for the upgrading from gravel to tar of Road D514 between Bojating and Pylkop.

Madam Speaker

It was with a sense of regret to note that the Department only spent 68% of the PRMG by the end of March 2022, on the total allocated budget resulting in us making a request for roll-over of Two Hundred, Ninety One Million, and Six Hundred Thousand Rand (R291.6 million). The rolled-over funds will still be utilised in the current financial year to implement the delayed projects.

The low expenditure performance was as a result of project late start or award due to procurement challenges, litigations and delays in issuing work permits by the Department of Labour. In order to curb under expenditure the following will be considered:

- ⊙ An improved procurement strategy of using numerous committees and/or outsourcing of some supply chain responsibilities as to improve performance.
- ⊙ Ensure programme plans are aligned with APP and IDMS as to avoid under performance.
- ⊙ We will be interacting with the Department of Labour to ensure that work permits are issued within 30 days as prescribed.

**Madam speaker**

In the 2021/22 financial we completed 11 projects to the value of four hundred and ninety eight million, five hundred thousand rand (R498.5 million). Comprising of five (5) capital projects (upgrades) and six (6) special maintenance projects as follows:

1. Special Maintenance of 12.5km of Sections of Road D1263 from Brits to Sonop Phase 2
2. Upgrading of 43km of road of P66/1 (Kgomo Kgomo to P65/1) and road D614 / Z614 (P65/1 to Lebotlwaane to Tlholwe) and 10km at Ga – Habedi, Phase 2
3. Sectional light rehabilitation and reseal of road Z640 in Madidi
4. Upgrading of 15km from gravel to surface standard of road D479 from Khunotsoana village to T-Junction of N4 and 27km at Tweefontein Phase 2
5. Upgrading of 5km of road D634 from Swartdam to Jonathan
6. Upgrading of 19km of Dwarsberg Derdepoort road - P124/1 (Dwarsberg Limpopo) – and 18.8km of Road D53 (P124/1 to Molatedi) including 50% bridge widening Phase 2, and 11.4km from road P124/1 to Molatedi village
7. Regravelling of Road Z483 and D433 from Makouspan to Nooitgedacht

8. Sectional light rehabilitation and reseal of Road D136 from P28/4 (Rooigrond) to R49 in Buhrmansdrift
9. Upgrading of 16km of Road D402 through Manamolela to Kopela.
10. Upgrading from Gravel to surface Standard of Road D415 from Gopane passing Villages of Maphephane, and D417 from Lobatleng to Motswedi, Phase 1, Construction of Bridge and Major Structures and 2km section of Road
11. Patch and reseal (sectional) of road D139 from N4 Zeerust to Jacobsdal

Lichtenburg to Gelukspan and a portion of road D2095 to road P183/1 passing through Dundefield and Sephaku mines

- ⊙ Special maintenance of 28km of Road P152/1 from N18 at Setlagole to P34/4 in Delareyville (Phase 2)

Due to our infrastructure being affected by the recent floods, in his state of the province address the Honourable Premier Maape assured our people of the twenty (20) roads that will be given priority.

This notwithstanding, we considered additional roads owing to the magnitude of the damage caused by hailstorm and rain across the province.

We had advertised twelve projects in the past financial year, and I am pleased to inform you that we will be continuing with the implementation of all of those, including two (2) additional roads bringing the total to fourteen (14) road projects to the combined value of One Billion, Six Hundred and Sixty Eighty Million Rand (R1, 68 billion) to be implemented in this current financial year. These include amongst others:

Accordingly, a total of thirty-two (32) roads will be up for maintenance while the remaining eight (8) will be upgraded from gravel to surface standard and also rehabilitation. Included in the list are the following road projects:

- ⊙ Rehabilitation of 40km of road D933 from

- ⊙ Special Road maintenance of the N12 road in

Wolmaranstad town, which the Department ceded to SANRAL to assist due to capacity.

The first tranche of payment has been made to SANRAL last week.

- ⊙ Patch and reseal of the road from Schweizer-Reneke border to Wolmaranstad
- ⊙ Patch and reseal of road D521 from road P51/1 in Segwaelane to Wonderkop
- ⊙ Pothole patching and reseal of road D604 and Z607 Makaunyana. approximately 7km
- ⊙ Reseal of road D3492 from Morokweng to Bona Bona
- ⊙ Special maintenance of sections of road P47/2 including Koster town and sections of road P34/2 approximately 48.1km

Professional Consultants have been appointed to start with designs on the following roads:

- ⊙ Upgrading from gravel to surface standard to tar of the road from Gamokgatla to Uitkyk
- ⊙ Upgrading from gravel to surface standard to tar of the road from Modimong to Taung
- ⊙ Special maintenance on the section of Nelson

Mandela Road between Danville and Dada motors in Mahikeng town, approximately 4km

- ⊙ Rehabilitation of the road from Delarayville to Schweizer-Reneke
- ⊙ Reseal of the road from Morokweng to Bona Bona
- ⊙ Special Maintenance on Road D5117 from Dr Beyers Naude road in the Lichtenburg Industrial Area.

Work opportunities envisaged from the infrastructure sector is estimated at creating twelve thousand six hundred and seventy five (12 675) work opportunities. This will also yield economic spin offs for the province.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

We continue to explore the use of alternative building material for construction of our roads. The following methods were considered:

- ⊙ The use of SLAG a bi-product of ferrochrome for re-gravelling is still to be used.



- ⊙ The use of Plastic Roads for road construction-this technology will still be tested on a small stretch of roads, and discussions are ongoing with suppliers
- ⊙ The use of Polymer Roads- a nano technology for dust suppression and seal-the material failed the test, and cannot be used.

#### **PROGRAMME 4 – COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMME**

The Department had a target of Thirteen Thousand (13 0000) EPWP Work Opportunities to be created jointly under the Transport and Public Works Infrastructure for 2021/22 Financial Years. By the end of the financial year, the National EPWP preliminary report indicates that the Department has managed to create Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Seven (13 857) work opportunities.

The target that the Department set for itself exceeds the National approved EPWP Phase IV implementation targets, which are set at Eight

Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Nine (8 989) for the 2021/22 financial year. This was made possible by the introduction of continuing Contractor Development, Itirele Roads Routine Maintenance programme, National Youth Service Roads (NYS), Covid-19 Screeners just to name a few.

This goes to show that the Department is dedicated to uphold the objectives of EPWP Phase IV that focuses the mandate on three (03) core performance areas namely:-

- (i) Employment creation: Acquiring work-based skills and workplace experience enhancing their potential to find future work in the formal or informal sector.
- (ii) Income Support: Earning an increased income and improving their social security
- (iii) Development of community assets and the provision of services: Benefiting from improved service delivery and the delivery of infrastructure in their communities through labour-intensive construction methods.

To date 100% of the EPWP Integrated Grant allocation of Twenty Million, Two Hundred Thousand (R20 200 000.00) has been spent.

The provincial performance is standing at Thirty-Four Thousand, Two Hundred and sixty Two (34 262) against a set target of Thirty Nine Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety Eight (39 698), which is an achievement of Eighty Six percent (86%) against target with a shortfall of fourteen percent (14%). This observed pattern of none achievement of targets is being discussed in various fora for remedial action. The non achievement of targets is mostly observed at Local Sphere of Government, hence more efforts on co-ordination and support should be diverted towards Municipalities.

The demographics of these created 34 262 work opportunities within the province are as follows:-

(i) Women: Twenty Three Thousand and Fifty Six (23 056), that is Fifty Eight percent (58%) against target

(ii) Youth: Fifteen Thousand, One Hundred and Thirty One (15 131), that is Thirty Eight (38%) against target.

(iii) People With Disabilities: Two Hundred and Thirty Five (235), that is (0.6%) against target.

It is worth noting that the province can still do better through proper institutional arrangements within Public Bodies and necessary support from Accounting Officials.

**Madam Speaker**

In addressing the challenges of unemployment and Skills development that can respond to the needs of the province, the Department would like to report the successful completion of Apprenticeship Programme for two hundred and seven (207) learners.

Learners in bricklaying, painting, décor, and carpentry. Furthermore, forty seven (47) Electrical participants are still to undergo trade tests. Amidst the high unemployment rate, the Department prides itself as these learners were given accredited training and

will exit the Programme with necessary skills that opens doors for them in the job market.

A ceremony for awarding successful Apprenticeship learners with Trade Test Certificates is planned for June 2022.

Being an EPWP coordinating department within the Province, the Department has started to engage with Infrastructure Departments that are under-reporting to assist during the planning and design phase of projects in order to align their tendering and procurement processes to EPWP. This intervention will ensure that all Departments are reporting accordingly and the province will thus reach its performance targets.

To this end, the National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure and Provincial Public Works and Roads have provided municipalities with templates on how to develop policies including roles and responsibilities as well as capacity building for proper EPWP implementation at municipal level for adoption

by municipal councils. Some councils have adopted these policies but have not translated to improved EPWP outputs i.e. meeting job creation targets

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure and Roads both nationally and provincially have provided municipalities with:

- ⊙ Technical Support inclusive of engineers and technicians.
- ⊙ The provision of Technical Support to those public bodies includes the following areas:
  - ⋆ Developing plans to meet targets;
  - ⋆ Identifying suitable projects and programmes
  - ⋆ Design of projects and programmes;
  - ⋆ Implementation support; and reporting
  - ⋆ This includes assistance from ILO Advisors

**Madam Speaker**

As a responsible Department we agree with the conclusion by the recently released National Infrastructure Plan 2050, released by the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure in March 2022, in its resolve that:

“Infrastructure development is critical to attaining South Africa's long-term economic and social goals.

In the context of a developing country seeking significant structural change, the public sector must lead this effort.

Public infrastructure investment is central to achieving greater productivity and competitiveness, reducing spatial inequality and supporting the emergence of new job-creating sectors. It is therefore one of the non-negotiable foundations of transformation”.

This notwithstanding, as we conclude, we implore all our people and public representatives to work with us

to ensure the safety of the limited infrastructure that we have placed at their disposal for their consumption.

In this regard, Madam Speaker, Honourable Premier and members of the Legislature, we take off our caps in homage to the People of our province for their resilience and determination to protect our public and private assets during the winter unrest of July 2021.

**Madam Speaker**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Premier Maape, for his continued guidance and support. I am sending my gratitude to the Speaker of the Provincial Legislature, Honourable Dantjie.

Sincere gratitude is due to the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Public Transport, and Public Works and Roads, Honourable Medupe and Members of the Committee for always keeping us in check in ensuring that we deliver quality and sustainable services to the people of the province.

I would like to thank the Administrator, Mr Moremi and his team of Senior Managers, Staff in my office, and all Departmental Staff. Your dedication to service delivery is greatly appreciated. I wish to extend my appreciation to my wife and family for their undying, consistent support and love.

I don't know if I would manage to discharge my responsibilities if it were not of you. I am greatly humbled by the movement of the people, and my sincere gratitude goes to them, the African National Congress (ANC) my political home, for its believe in me by consistently demonstrating their trust in me to discharge its mandate. We are not moving on our own, in you we move and have our being, to the lender of breath, I am grateful.

I thank you









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