



MEC SPEECH DURING THE SOD TURNING CEREMONY OF LEBOTLWANE ROAD IN PHEDILE VILLAGE: 06 OCTOBER 2017.

Date: Friday, October 06, 2017

Program Director
Your Royal Highness: Baphuthing ba Nawa
Dikgosi that are present here
Hon Mayor
Hon Speaker
Councillors
Dikgosana tsa Baphuthing
Head of Department: Mr Mothupi
Leadership of the ruling party
Leadership of SANCO
Distinguished guests
Ladies and gentlemen

Baphuthing ba ga Nawa, allow me to start by sending my sincere condolences to your Royal house. Few months back, the nation was shocked by the sudden passing of Kgosi Nawa wa Baphuthing ba ga Nawa. It was a sad day to the community of Lebotlwane but more painful to the family. Therefore it is befitting that before we start with our occasion today, that we pay our respect to the departed soul.

We are here today to witness the history in making in the village of Lebotloane. I feel extremely happy to be part of this auspicious occasion that touches the lives of our people and bringing dignity to the forgotten people of the deep rural village of Lebotloane.

We gathered here today, Honorable Mayor because of the passionate leadership of the Late Kgosi Nawa. Kgosi Nawa loved his village and the people very much that on every occasion that you meet with him, he will raise developmental issues of Lebotloane.

The project that we are launching here today was one of the projects that were closer to his heart. It's unfortunate that he is not with us today to witness his effort in ensuring that we bring dignity to Baphuthing. However we believe that his spirit is with us wherever he is resting.

The fifth administration, under the leadership of Premier SOR Mahumapelo has embarked on the process to Rebrand, Reposition and renew the people's province of Bokone Bophirima by focusing on the Villages, Township and Small Dorpies.

The Department of Public Works and Roads in Bokone Bophirima is here in Lebotlwane to invest thirty eight million seven hundred and eight thousand rands on the first phase of the project which will be the six kilometres while the department is in the process to advertise for another 6.5 kilometres for the second phase.

The upgrading of this road networks will include the Kgomo-Kgomo road, Lebotloane to Tlholwe and Moretele to Ga-Habedi which will be implemented in phases. Therefore, we request community members to be patient with us.

Honourable Mayor, we want to indicate to you that the Department of Public Works and Roads will be camping in your municipality for the next five years. We are in the process of getting engineers for the upgrade of Road D634 from Swartdam to Jonathan and we hope that by next year March the contractor will be on site. We have further completed the design for the upgrading of Road D608 from Mathibestad to Mogogelo.

Program Director, here lies the essence of the current administration's determination that working together we can do more. We call upon community members to allow the contractor to do his job. We have challenges of potholes around the province because unqualified people will insist to be sub-contractors and end up giving us poor quality work and we are unable to hold the contractor accountable. However, if there are really qualifying sub-contractors with necessary grading, will be considered.

My plea to Baphuthing ba ga Nawa is that, you wanted the tar road; allow us to deliver the tar roads.

To councillors of ward 1 and 4, you have been waiting for this project for too long; therefore the issue of who becomes the CLO must not delay the progress in the implementation of the road.

To the community of Lebotlwane, you took to the street demanding the road; we are here with the contractor to build the road, let there be no unnecessary delays on the project.

To the municipality, this may be a provincial road, but remember, the province does not have a ward, wards belong to the municipality, the project is within your municipal boundary, and therefore it is equally your project. Let us work together until the final phase of the project.

We have taken a decision as the department that if the Contractor can be stopped from building the road for more than two weeks, we will take the project to another village where it is mostly needed and we will come back when the community has resolved their issues.

We are a rural province with a serious road backlogs, therefore we won't keep the contractor doing nothing here while the demand is high out there.

In conclusion program director, let me take this opportunity to thank Baphuthing ba Nawa for

being patient with the fifth administration. We commit to work together with you and the municipality to bring many changes to the people of this municipality.

We are happy that you have resolved the land issue relating to the building of the library. The contractor will be on site soon to start with building of the library which will also create much needed jobs both temporarily and permanently.

I thank you
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