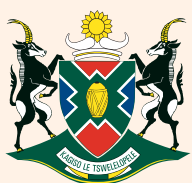


# BUDGET SPEECH

## 2017/2018



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Department:  
**Public Works and Roads**  
North West Provincial Government  
Republic of South Africa



# PROFILE OF KOLONG HOUSES



**Ms Kesebonye Sima's house**



**Ms Agnes Mokgosi's house**



**Ms Kedumetse Kokwe's house**



**Mr and Mrs Mokwena's house**



**Ms Kedibone Kgopodimetsi's house**



In 2015, the department awarded a contract worth R84m for the construction of the new two-way bridge in Kolong village, in the Greater Taung Local Municipality.

This bridge is along the P25/1 road which links Taung with the local town of Schweizer-Renecke.

The project was necessitated by the fact that the houses were on the path of the planned surfaced road linking the Kolong bridge with Manthe Village.

Construction of the houses commenced in May 2016. Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District was tasked to construct the five houses for the affected families.

The district deployed internal tradesmen i.e bricklayers, electricians, plumbers, carpenters and painters and also roped in tradesmen from Ngaka Modiri Molema District to assist.

The department requested the services of the contractor for the bridge, Makali Construction, to assist with purchasing of critical material which include, concrete, steel and bricks.

Makali Construction also assisted with site clearing and establishment.

Local labourers were employed through the main contractor. A total of up to 40 local labourers including youth and members of the affected families, benefitted from the project.

At completion of the housing project will cost the department a total of R 8.26m. This amount includes wages; material supply; protective equipments and medicals; tools and equipment; diesel for government vehicles on the project and accommodation for tradesmen.

**BUDGET SPEECH: DEPARTMENT OF  
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- ⊙ **F R I E N D S F R O M T H E M E D I A**

**INTRODUCTION**

**Honourable Speaker and Members,**

I rise to present this Budget Vote informed by the following realities – sluggish economic growth; a decline in tax revenues and a government that is cutting costs to live within its means.

Ordinary village men and women, workers at shop floor levels in mines and factories, youth in townships, small businesses in Small Towns and here in the City of Mahikeng, farmers and former Military Veterans; across the province at all levels are asking pressing questions. They want trafficable roads; they want job opportunities; they want economic opportunities; Madam Speaker they want to participate and contribute in the Bokone Bophirima's Economy.

On the other hand, I rise, Madam Speaker inspired by Chris Hani when he said “I've never wanted to spare myself because I feel there are people who are no longer around and died for this struggle. What right do I have to hold back, to rest, to preserve my health, to have time with my family, when there are other people who are no longer alive – when they sacrificed what is precious: namely life itself”.

**People of Bokone Bophirima,**

A better life for all is the driving force for all we do in this Budget Speech. Regardless of obstacles, opposition, and other counter influences, we draw inspiration from Chris Hani, Solomon Mahlangu and Oliver Tambo and we will not spare ourselves.





#### **PROJECTS COMPLETED FOR DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

Three Early Childhood Development Centres and one Substance Abuse Centre have been completed for the Department of Social Development and handed over to the client department in February 2017. They are: Mabule Early Childhood Development Centre constructed at the cost of R3m and the R3.4m Tshidilamolo Early Childhood Development Centre both in Ngaka Modiri Molema District. In Dr Kenneth Kaunda District we completed Witrand Substance Abuse Centre at the construction cost of R25.8m.





The Department of Public Works and Roads like all sector departments country wide has the following programmes that inform its operations: -

- ⊙ Administration
- ⊙ Public Works
- ⊙ Roads Infrastructure
- ⊙ Community Based Programme

### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN BRIEF

**People of Bokone Bophirima**, it is my pleasure to report that the Department during the 2016/17 Financial Year appointed a permanent Head of Department as well as the Chief Director: Transport Infrastructure and Director: Roads Implementation.

Under the Community Based Programme, the Expanded Public Works Programme projects implemented by the department have created 4, 163 work opportunities province wide through National Youth Service, Itirele Road Maintenance, Buildings Maintenance and Cooperatives Development Programme.

The Department has completed the construction of the 2-way Bridge in Kolong Village in Greater Taung in the Dr. Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District that connects the 2 Small Dorpias namely Taung to Schweizer-Renecke to the tune of R 84 million. Linked to this project, the department successfully delivered 5 houses for 5 families that were relocated due to their original houses being on the way of the new development. The construction of these houses was ably done by our own internal teams while materials, tools, protective clothing and wages for the 40 local

workers cost R 8.26 million.

Regarding delivery of infrastructure on behalf of our client departments, the department has completed the following projects: -

#### ⊙ **Social Development 3 projects: -**

- Mabule Early Childhood Development Centre;
- Tshidilamolo Early Childhood Development Centre; and
- Witrand Substance Abuse Centre.

#### ⊙ **Culture, Arts and Traditional Affairs 3 projects: -**

- Papi Ntjana Library;
- Khunwana Library; and
- Tlakgameng Library.

Honourable Speaker, we call on all our communities to use communication channels provided to them before engaging in community protests. It is worse when community **protests are violent and destruction of property is the order of the protests**. Government operates on the principle of Batho Pele and values the contribution of the communities on priorities and development of their communities. Peaceful protests should be the last option, only when government or government officials have failed to respond and engage properly.

The department, has met with communities of Madipogopan, Madiba a Kubu in Ngaka Modiri Molema; Austry, Goodwood, Moswana, Stella and Piet Plessies in Dr. Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District. We have agreed that whilst their roads were not yet in the immediate plans of the department, the





### **NELSON MANDELA HIGHWAY**

The more than R127m first phase, was on the previously notorious and pothole infested section in the vicinity of Rooigrond prison. Dubbed the “Nelson Mandela Highway” the new-look 28.5km road project was officially unveiled to the public on “Mandela Day” in 2016 by the Premier of the province, Supra Mahumapelo in Mahikeng. From Danville township until Rooigrond Prison area, a new carriage way is on the cards to enable two vehicles to travel in one direction in separate lanes both ways. A traffic circle envisaged to have captivating themes like a fountain and decorations that talk to Mahikeng as a city of goodwill in order to enhance its status as seat of the provincial government is also part of the mix.





department will commence with the appointment of consultants to design these roads with a view to ensure that proper budgeting processes are followed.

The Department has heeded the Honourable Premier's clarion call during the State of the Province address, that: *"in the spirit of "bietjie-bietjie maak meer", no contractor in the Province will be allocated a road tender which is more than 20km with effect from the beginning of 17/18 Financial year"*. The department has advertised the following roads and are not more than 20 kms in length. They include: -

- ⊙ Rehabilitation of Road D 201 from Pampierstad to Sekhing for 8 kms;
- ⊙ Upgrading from gravle to tar of road D479 from N4 to Khunotswana for 5 kms;
- ⊙ Upgrading from gravel to tar of road D634 from Swartdam to Lebalangwe for 5 kms.
- ⊙ Upgrading of road D402 from Atamelang to Kopela of 23 kms;
- ⊙ Upgrading from gravel to tar of road D3462 from N14 to Dithakwaneng for 5 kms; and
- ⊙ Upgrading from gravel to tar of road D614 from Moretele to Lethabile for 5 kms.

Madam Speaker, going forward, we have to balance between our Provincial policy of minimum of 20km's and what the President pronounced during the SONA 2017 on 30% sub-contracting which has now been legislated through the Preferential Procurement Act.

#### **PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION:**

**R233,485 m**

#### **Honourable colleagues,**

This Programme is responsible for among others, strategic leadership and management support to the MEC; building an institutional culture that is accountable and development-oriented as envisaged in the MTSF and NDP; providing HR support and advice, legal advice and support, ICT systems support; communication support; financial management services and risk management.

The Department recognizes that, to radically transform the socio-economic landscape of Bokone Bophirima, it needs a human capital resource that can adapt and transform the way it delivers on the mandate in a way that makes a substantive, consequential and sustained difference to the better of those we serve.

To this end, the Department will continue to invest in its human resources, strive to create a stable and motivational working climate and through Saamwerk Saamtrek build on our successes and learn from our challenges.

#### **STAFF PROFILE**

Significant strides have been made to bring about stability in the core leadership of the Department. To this end, a substantive Head of Department was appointed in 2016/17.

Of the total number of SMS positions (28), 25 are filled. Positions that are vacant and which will be





### **MAHIKENG CLEANING**

The provincial government departments embarked on various campaigns in support of the 10-point campaign. This follows the directive from Office of the Premier to be part of the *Setsokotsane Focus Week*. The campaign is a partnership between the Mahikeng Local Municipality and the Office of the Premier. Officials from Department of Public works and Roads took to Mahikeng's busiest road, -Station Road- on a cleaning campaign. This road which is buzzing with activity has some of the biggest chain stores such Tag, Watloo and Mahikeng Mall. This street also hosts a taxi rank and used by commuters from villages and surrounding towns in and around Mahikeng.

This very street is also a workplace for many who are self-employed. It is populated with hawkers selling different products and offering different services, from fresh produce to shoe makers. There are salons, restaurants and bottle stores. Not only is this one of the busiest street in Mahikeng but also one of the dirtiest streets in town.





filled in 2017/18 are as follows:

- ⊙ Chief Director: Public Works Infrastructure
- ⊙ Director: Legal Services
- ⊙ Director: Security Services

Critical technical positions were filled during 2016/17 which assisted greatly in enhancing the in-house capacity and skills profile. With the approval of the Office of the Premier, 102 critical, funded posts were filled, inclusive of that of Chief Architect and of Chief Engineer (structural & civil). The process of filling posts that are critical for service delivery will continue in 2017/18.

## SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

### Honourable Speaker,

A skilled and capable public service requires sustained investment in skills development and training. Achievements in this regard realized in 2016/17 include the following:

- ⊙ 326 employees on salary level 1-5 including driver operators, cleaners, road workers' aids, gardeners and tradesmen aides have undergone skills training and development programmes in areas such as the Foundational Management Development Programme, landscaping, supervisory skills, basic computer skills, Batho Pele change management, records management, occupational health and safety training, driver operator training, customer care and preparatory training for trade tests.
- ⊙ 34 HRM practitioners were registered with the

South African Board of People Practices as professional HRM practitioners.

- ⊙ 110 unemployed graduates and those who require Work integrated Learning (WIL) have been placed in the Department as part of the internship programme.
- ⊙ 21 matriculants have been awarded bursaries to pursue studies in the academic fields of real estate, quantity surveying, horticulture and civil engineering.

The skills development plan for 2017/18 includes the following initiatives:

- ⊙ Increase to 140 the number of unemployed graduates and those who require Work Integrated Learning (WIL) to be placed as part of the internship programme.
- ⊙ 20 unemployed youth will be placed in the Construction Road Worker NQF level 3 learnership programme.
- ⊙ 56 employees have been offered bursaries to study on a part time basis at different tertiary institutions across South Africa in fields that constitute the scarce and critical skills relevant to the Department's skills requirements.

## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Department has finalized its organizational structure and effected the changes proposed after consultative sessions with the Office of the Premier and the Department of Public Service and Administration. The Department has commenced with the job evaluation process in relation to the proposed new positions.





The province hosted a two-day quarterly meeting of the Government Immovable Asset Act Implementation Technical Committee (GITC) on 15 and 16 February 2017 in Rustenburg, Bojanala District. This was the third hosting of the committee by the department since its establishment in 2007. The GITC was established to develop and update Government Immovable Asset Act (GIAMA) implementation plan to give effect to all provision of the Act, ensure uniformity in management of immovable assets and the accounting thereof in the Immovable Asset Register





However, it should be noted that a parallel process of developing a generic structure for sector Departments implementing the Transport Infrastructure Programme was introduced in 2016/17 and this process must be concluded first in order for final approval to be given by the Minister of Public Service and Administration.

### **LITIGATION**

Honourable Speaker, the recent heavy rains and flood damage to our roads have exacerbated the challenges in relation to potholes and related damages. Claims for damages because of potholes continue to account for a substantial portion of our litigation bill. The department has worked very hard to ensure that work to eradicate this challenge is fast tracked as explained hereabove.

Not so long ago, companies that failed to win properly awarded bids used to take the department to court and win; this was due to the slack manner the department managed and administered bids. We are happy to account that it is all in the past. We have improved bid administration in total compliance with the laws and regulations.

### **30 DAYS PAYMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDERS**

The Department has performed well in 2016/17 in respect of the directive that service providers must be paid within 30 days. Instances where service providers were not paid within the prescribed period was occasioned by the disagreement in relation to

invoices which had to be resolved, certified and verified prior to payment being effected.

### **PROGRAMME 2: PUBLIC WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE: R920,907 million**

#### **People of Bokone Bophirima,**

The Programme is responsible mainly for the management of the property portfolio of the Provincial Government and to provide facility management services which include cleaning, landscaping, gardening, security and day-to-day building maintenance.

### **PROVINCIAL IMMOVABLE FIXED ASSET REGISTER**

Honourable Speaker, the Department has registered significant progress in creating a fixed asset register that constitutes a credible and verified record of the immovable building assets of the Provincial Government. As a result of this, the Department has progressed from a qualified audit opinion with regard to the fixed asset register to an unqualified audit opinion in 2014/15 and 2015/16.

Phase 2 of the project concluded in 2016/17 and Phase 3 will continue in 2017/18 which will include, inter alia, the capacitation of departmental staff to manage the register going forward.

The department requires R 59 million for condition assessment for the five (5) year cycle for the 2837



### **ENERGY SAVING**

In efforts to promote green building efficiency, the department has maintained its intentions to implement energy saving efforts. The initiative targets 10 high-volume energy-consuming buildings. These buildings include Old Parliament Complex, Garona, Legislature, Bophelong Hospital, Vryburg Mini-Garona, Health Office Park, Independent Stadium and the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District office. The trial run of the initiative, starting with our own Old Parliament Complex has been completed. A total of 30 timers, 200 Light Emitting Diodes (LED) lights and 200 boards have been purchased.





properties that constitute the property portfolio.

The preparation of a consolidated, comprehensive maintenance plan for all state-owned buildings is very much dependent on the condition of all properties having been appropriately assessed. The Department however will explore means of alleviating this challenge, one of which will be the creation of in-house capacity to do these condition assessments.

### ***PAYMENT OF RATES AND TAXES ON STATE-OWNED PROPERTIES***

The Department was allocated a budget of R195 058 million for the payment of rates and taxes for provincial owned properties in the financial year 2016/2017. Thus, an additional R80 million was made available during the budget adjustment process which increased the appropriation to R275 058 million. This clearly shows that the department requires increase on its baseline funding for rates and taxes.

However, Honourable Speaker, the amount is still not sufficient to satisfy the said contractual obligations towards Local Municipalities. The Department requires a budget baseline appropriation of R245 157 million to enable payment of current accounts plus an additional R100 000 million for unforeseen circumstances which entails arrears and addition of newly identified properties. The total requirement thus is estimated at R345 157 million per annum.

### **LAND MATTERS**

**Colleagues,**

The Department in its budget speech for 2016/17 reported on the processes related to the transfer of the Sonop settlement to the Madibeng Local Municipality. The process has not yet been finalized due to some of the complexities around the matter.

The land on which the settlement is situated is registered in the name of the National Department of Public Works, however the state domestic facilities on the settlement such as schools and clinics are the property of the provincial Department of Public Works and Roads.

The National Department of Public Works is of the view that the Madibeng Local Municipality must acquire the land at a market related value, but the Local Municipality does not have the funds for this purpose.

Discussions are ongoing, no agreement has been reached on this matter with all relevant stakeholders. The Department can also report that the Land Claim Commission has approved the handing over of six portions of the farm Hartebeespoort (known as Oberon) to Mekgareng Communal Property Association.

Negotiations are in process to negotiate servitudes and access for the cleaning of the Dam by the Department of Water Affairs and Sanitation. The Department is also in the process of transferring the Klipvoor farm to Bakgatla Ba Kgafela Community Trust.



#### **MADIKWE SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE**

The department is in the process of constructing proper offices in the Madikwe Sub-District at the construction cost of R15m. The decision came after the potter camps that were used as offices had become dilapidated. The move was further influenced by the fact that the office space got smaller as the staff component increased. The project started in January 2015 and it is anticipated to be completed end of September 2017. The new office building will comprise of 30 offices, kitchen facilities as well as two meeting boardrooms. The inclusion of new abolition facilities in the contractor's scope will bring a sigh of relief to departmental staff as they currently use outside toilets.





## BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE

### Honourable Speaker,

Under the building infrastructure programme we would like to highlight major projects under implementation 2017/18.

### Department of Public Works and Roads:

Implementation of projects has been planned as follows: -

- ⊙ Energy Audit Project Phase 2: all non-efficient electrical equipment will be replaced with the newest efficient technology as a pilot project in the government buildings around Mahikeng: for example, Old Parliament Building.
- ⊙ Replacement of high voltage switchgear at Garona
- ⊙ Construction of State House to be used by the Premier
- ⊙ Lowe main building to be converted to offices

### Colleagues,

With regards to Clients Departments allow me to state the following – all strategic decisions pertaining to this infrastructure are made by the clients themselves including budget locations.

Department of Education and Sports Development:

Implementation of projects has been planned as follows: -

- ⊙ Kanana Primary School

- ⊙ Kgabaletsane Primary School
- ⊙ Marikana Secondary School
- ⊙ Sedumedi Primary School
- ⊙ Lichtenburg High School
- ⊙ Botshelo Primary School
- ⊙ Kgetleng Primary School
- ⊙ Tlakagameng Primary School
- ⊙ Tlokwe Secondary School
- ⊙ DirangKaNatla Primary School
- ⊙ Monchusi Secondary School

The Department will pilot the use of alternative building methods. This is a green technology construction method which comprise of recycled waste material manufactured into modular prefabricated wall unit panels.

The construction period is significantly shorter than the conventional (brick and mortar) method, and thus will improve the turnaround time of completion. This is part of our contribution to reducing the carbon foot print in our country. This method of construction will be piloted at the following schools in 2017/18:

- ⊙ Tlotlang Thuto Primary school
- ⊙ Rekgone Bapo Special School
- ⊙ Lerotlweng Primary School
- ⊙ Coligny Special School

### Honourable Speaker,

### Department of Culture, Arts and Traditional Affairs:





### **MATOOSTER TO RUIGHOEK ROAD**

Road P54/1 which was rehabilitated from 2013 until 2015 is approximately 31 Km long. The road was in a severely deteriorating condition. Road P54/1 is a regional distributor linking Rustenburg and the Pilanesberg area via Ledig, Matooster and Ruighoek. It branches off from the R565. It is a rural two lane surfaced road with lane widths of 3,7m and 1,5m gravel shoulders. The road passes through two villages and is mainly used by mines and public transport in the surrounding area. The road was at the centre stage of the October Transport Month in 2016 as it was officially opened during the launch of the focus month in that year.



Implementation of projects has been planned as follows: -

- ⊙ Redirile Library
- ⊙ Stella Library
- ⊙ Setlhabaneng Library
- ⊙ Tsetse Library
- ⊙ Barolong Ba Ga Molefe
- ⊙ Bahurutshe Ba Ga Shuping
- ⊙ Bahurutshe Ba Ga Moiloa

#### **Department of Community Safety and Transport Management:**

Implementation of projects has been planned as follows: -

- ⊙ Taung Vehicle Testing Centre; and
- ⊙ The Provincial Aviation Academy led by the Premier of the Bokone Bophirima Province. The Provincial Government is in partnership with Denel Technical Academy to set up a new satellite campus in Mahikeng during this financial year. The Academy will have an initial intake of 40 students in four different trades.

#### **Department of Social Development:**

Implementation of renovations and upgrade projects has been planned as follows: -

- ⊙ Boikagong Registry (NMM)
- ⊙ Reamogetswe Secure Care Centre (Bojanala)
- ⊙ Kobie Van Zyl (Rustenburg)
- ⊙ Vryburg District Office (Dr. RSM)
- ⊙ SONOP (Bojanala)

## **TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **Honourable Speaker and Members,**

The overall budget allocation for Transport Infrastructure for the 2017/18 is R 1.2 billion for capital and maintenance programmes. The bulk of the funding comes from the Provincial Roads Maintenance Grant (PRMG) at R 932 million with the rest coming from Equitable Share at R294 million. The department has a funding shortfall of R 2bn. The R 2bn funding would be able to ensure that all our roads are trafficable to acceptable standards. The provincial reliance on Conditional Grant Funding for the roads network is not healthy; it needs to be corrected progressively.

Please allow me to present an overview of the state of the provincial road infrastructure network.

- ⊙ Bojanala has 1799 km paved roads and 2369 km unpaved.
- ⊙ Dr Ruth S Mompoti District Municipality has 825 km paved and 6366km unpaved.
- ⊙ Dr Kenneth Kaunda 878 paved and 2255km unpaved roads.
- ⊙ Ngaka Modiri Molema has 1623 paved roads and 3671 unpaved roads.

In the entire roads network province wide, the worst roads conditions are found in Dr Ruth S. Mompoti District at 18% of the road network whilst Dr Kenneth Kaunda District has 12% of the road network. This situation has been made worse by the severe rains that most parts of the province have experienced lately.





### **HEBRON BRIDGE**

Repair work on the bridge in Hebron has been completed. The bridge was damaged by floods in 2009. The bridge is on Road Z636 that is the main access road into Hebron from road P62/1 between Mabopane and Garankuwa. This road also serves as a main route to the Hebron Police Station and various schools in the vicinity. There is a large pedestrian movement across this bridge particularly by school kids crossing. The scope of work under this contract included, among others, reinstating the low-level crossing by cleaning the inlet and outlet to the structures, reinstating and strengthening the approaching roads, erosion protection, and constructing drains. Excess flooding occurs regularly due to increased run-off from newly established areas and paved roads with improved stormwater systems. Therefore, the scope of the work included the increase of the capacity of the low-level bridges by adding additional cells.



**People of Bokone Bophirima,**

## **FLOODS DAMAGE**

Due to floods, communities including school kids are completely cut off from accessing areas of economic activities and government services such as schools due to damaged roads and bridges. The effect of this is endless community protest, where communities block roads.

The demonstration by taxi owners in the Letlhabile area under the Madibeng Local Municipality is a case in point.

To address these challenges with urgency they deserve, the department has only one option. This option is to re-prioritize our current commitment from the approved list of projects. In other words, some of the projects that are planned for implementation this current financial year will be deferred to next financial year, to allow the budget to be spent on addressing these problems. Urgent works include re-gravelling, repair of bridge structures, pothole repairs and resealing of various road surfaces across the districts.

Preliminary estimates on floods damages are R 800 million; the full extent of damages is being assessed and quantified. The Department is engaging the National Department of Transport with a view to ensure that all hands are on deck and all possible resources are reprioritized and deployed.

**Honourable Madam Speaker and Colleagues,** the impact of the recent floods on roads infrastructure was destructive and harmful to our efforts for a better life for all our people. I take this opportunity to report that the department currently is busy rehabilitating and repairing our roads and has invested R 108 million across the province. 32 Critical roads are inclusive of: -

### ⊙ **Dr. Mompoti District: -**

- Road P25/1 from Christaina to Jankemp;
- Road P34/5 from Schweizer-Reneke to Christiana
- Road P34/6 from Manthe to Tlapeng
- Road D968 from Stella to Piet Plessis
- Road Z203 from N18 to Free State Border
- Road D208 from Pitsong to Dikhuting to Crasspan to Molelema
- Road Z235 from Upper Majeagoro to Lower Majeagoro to Plessis

### ⊙ **Bojanala District: -**

- Road P63/1 from Brits to Lethabile to Jericho to Hebron
- Road P251/1 from Damdoryn to Pelindaba
- Road D612 from Ngobi to Cyferkuil
- Road D608 from Bosplaas to Carousel View
- Road P53/1 from Sun City to Mogwase to Moruleng
- Road D1263 from Brits to Sonop
- Road Z608 in Maboloka Village
- Road D506 in Dwarsberg
- Road D1235 from P51/1 to P16/2 in Rustenburg



FROM TAUNG HOSPITAL  
LE TO MAGOGONG 21.7KM  
JULY 2016



### MANOKWANE TO MAPHOITSILE ROAD

Upgrading of road d221 from road P25/1 in Taung through the villages of Manokwane, Maphoitsile, to end of tar at Magogong in Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District has commenced. The 22km project site was handed over to the contractor in September 2016. The project is expected to create 110 employment opportunities and will take about 18 months. The road is in one of the most impoverished areas so it will reduce unemployment and make it easier to do business especially for SMMEs.



⊙ **Ngaka Modiri Molema District: -**

- Road Z414 in Majemantsho Area
- Road D3546 from Mareetsane to N18
- Road P117/1 Delareyville to Othosdal
- Road D322 from Pachdraai Area n Ramotshire Moiloa
- Road D415 in Gopane Area in Ramothsire Moiloa
- Road D419 from Swartkop border gate to Supingstat

⊙ **Dr. Kenneth Kaunda District: -**

- Bridge repair and embarkment on Road P23/2 in Leuudoringstad
- Road P117/1 from Othosdal to Hartbeesfontein Matlosana
- Road 13/4 from Makwasi to Wesselsbron
- Bridge repair on road D642 in Makwasie
- Bridge repair on road D1910 in Makwasie
- Culverts repair on road D274 and road D828 in Makwasie
- Sinkhole repairs on road D1150 in Makwasie
- Repairs in road D859 in Makwasie
- Road D2541 from Potchestroom to Mooibank
- Sinkhole and repairs road P137/1 from N12 to Orkney.

**Honourable Speaker and Members,**

The roads transport infrastructure plays a pivotal role in the movement of goods and passengers in this province. From Villages, Townships and Small Dorpies, our people are dependent of roads to assist them meet their daily existential needs such as earning a living and reaching government services

such as clinics and schools. In implementing the 5th Administration's 5 concretes, the department will continue to prioritize the rehabilitation and upgrading of gravel roads to tar or surface standard within the VTSD areas.

These would contribute to socio-economic upliftment of the predominantly poor areas in the province; contribute to broader provincial economic growth, job creation and the empowerment of small and medium enterprises. The provision of rural infrastructure has a direct bearing on enhancing and protecting the socio-economic rights of the rural people in the province. Critically, the department must ensure that its roads expenditure focuses on the following areas: -

- ⊙ Roads maintenance;
- ⊙ Rural development through the Village, Townships and Small Dorpies Policy of Government;
- ⊙ Job creation coupled with skills development.

**ROADS PROJECTS HANDED OVER IN 2016/17**

In the last quarter of the 2016/2017 financial year, the Department handed over for construction these projects: -

- ⊙ Rehabilitation of road D408 from Itsoseng to Mareetsane through Springbokpan and Gelukspan of approximately 48 Km;
- ⊙ Upgrading of road D221 from road P25/1 in Taung through the villages of Manokwane, Maphoitsile, to end of tar at Magogong and
- ⊙ Upgrading into a dual carriageway, rehabilitation and widening of road P28/4 between Mahikeng





### **ESTABLISHMENT OF COOPERATIVES**

Establishment of cooperatives respond to the social and economic needs of the community. This programme is expected to create 17 cooperatives (Ngaka Modiri Molema District) with projected work opportunities expected to be around 250. For Dr Kenneth Kaunda District 13 cooperatives are projected to create at least work opportunities for 200 people while 15 are for Dr. Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District with expected 300 work opportunities. Ten cooperatives are for Bojanala District with 160 work opportunities envisaged. The department has put in place a mentorship and incubation platform and programme. It is comprised of access to advice; access to infrastructure and premises to operate from where possible; access to marketing and procurement; access to training; possible access to finance and financing opportunities and encouragement and support.

The Department has aligned this programme to be at the centre of the vision of the 5th Administration focusing on the Village, Townships and Small Dorpies (VTSD) Strategy.



and Lichtenburg (phase 2) approximately 28.5 Km.

The cumulative value of these projects is R 622,616 000 and are planned to be implemented over the 2017/2020 financial years. These projects will create 778 job opportunities.

### **People of Bokone Bophirima,**

#### **ROADS PROJECTS IN CATEGORIES OF REHABILITATION AND UPGRADING**

In the past year, the Department has continuously rallied behind successful implementation of the key multi-financial year projects in categories of rehabilitation and upgrading. These include: -

- ⊙ Upgrading of road D413 from Setlopo to Meetmekaar (28 Km);
- ⊙ Upgrading of Road D201 from Mmamutla to Kgomotso (18 Km);
- ⊙ Upgrading of Road Z566 from Road D515 to Road D514 via Bojating Village;
- ⊙ Repair and Upgrade of the bridges at Madidi (on Road D637 and D621 over sand river) and bridges at Hebron (on road Z636 over Sand River);
- ⊙ Upgrading of Road D313 from Morokweng to Vosterhoop (Phase 1, 34km to Tseoge);
- ⊙ Rehabilitation of Road P23/1 (R504) from N12 at Wolmaranstad to P12/1 at Schweizer-Reneke;
- ⊙ Rehabilitation of Road P54/1 from Matooster to Ruighoek;
- ⊙ Upgrading of road D509 in Leeudoringstad in Dr Kenneth Kaunda District;

- ⊙ Rehabilitation, Repair and Reseal of Road P3/4 from P56/1(R503) to P32/1 (R30) and P3/5 from P32/1(R30) in Klerksdorp to end of section(Limit);
- ⊙ Emergency Repair of Bridge 979 at km1.93 on road P110/1 (Brits to Thabazimbi) and Bridge and Culverts on road D1263 (Bridge km 1.17 and Culvert km 1.3) (Sonop) and Bridge on road D1088 (Brits to Pylkop)

#### **MAHIKENG RENEWAL AND REVITALIZATION PROGRAMME**

Mahikeng is a city of the Bokone Bophirima Government and we view the state of the roads in the city in serious light. The department will assist the Mahikeng Local Municipality with the rehabilitation of key roads network within town. Discussions are at an advanced stage between the Department and this municipality.

#### **COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMME**

##### **Honourable Speaker and Members,**

The main mandates are implementation, coordination and monitoring of poverty alleviation interventions through creation of the temporary work opportunities as part of the Expanded Public Works Programme; capacity building and skills transfer for the unemployed through targeted and deliberate youth interventions and SMME development approaches.





**BLOEMHOF BRICKMAKING PLANT:** 15 Temporary local jobs was created. This plant can produce 25 000 bricks per day per shift double the amount in two shifts. A maximum of 80 EPWP work opportunities can be created. EPWP Beneficiary to be trained as brick making; Brick Paving and Business Skills. Cooperatives on Brickmaking and Brick paving to be developed.



**LEBALANGWE BRICKMAKING PLANT:** 20 temporary local jobs were created. The plant can produce up to 10 000 bricks per shift and double the amount in two shifts. A maximum of 100 EPWP work opportunities can be created. EPWP Beneficiary to be trained as brick making; Brick Paving and Business Skills. Cooperatives on Brickmaking and Brick paving to be developed.



**CHRISTIANA BRICKMAKING PLANT:** 10 temporary local jobs were created. The plant can produce up to 5 000 bricks per shift and double the amount in two shifts. A maximum of 40 EPWP work opportunities can be created. EPWP Beneficiary to be trained as brick making; Brick Paving and Business Skills. Cooperatives on Brickmaking and Brick paving to be developed.



## **PROVINCIAL COORDINATION AND MONITORING OF THE EXPANDED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME**

The Expanded Public Works Programme aims to provide work opportunities and income support to poor and unemployed people through the labour-intensive delivery of public and community assets and services, thereby contributing to development.

In the spirit of intergovernmental relations as envisaged by the constitution, the Department of Public Works and Roads takes pleasure to report that the Bokone Bophirima Administration has created 25,690 work opportunities. The contribution by all spheres of government is as follows: -

- ⊙ National Government – 10 442 work opportunities
- ⊙ Provincial Government – 11 133 work opportunities
- ⊙ Local Government – 4115 work opportunities

The department would be supporting 31 Public Bodies (municipalities and provincial departments) for the coming financial year across all spheres of government to ensure that the EPWP work is improved and up scaled.

## **EPWP vs DISPLACEMENT OF PERMANENT JOBS AND MUNICIPALITIES**

The success of this programme is severely threatened by a perception from organized labour and its beneficiaries that it is being used to displace or replace

permanent and decent low level jobs at municipalities that are critical for service delivery.

Such jobs include refuse removal, street sweepers, storm water blockages etc. Municipalities are encouraged to ensure that permanent low level posts critical for service delivery are not displaced by the EPWP work opportunities.

## **POLITICAL OVERSIGHT**

### **Colleagues,**

The Honourable Premier of Bokone Bophirima has agreed that the Premier's Coordinating Council that he chairs would have the EPWP as the standing item in its agenda. It is hoped that this would ensure that the EPWP is coordinated and monitored at the highest levels of government with a view to improve accountability and oversight.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

For the 2017 financial year, the department has set itself a target to create 4000 work opportunities through the following programmes: -

- ⊙ Itirele Road Maintenance;
- ⊙ Cooperatives development;
- ⊙ National Youth Service;
- ⊙ Buildings Maintenance;
- ⊙ Facilities Management;
- ⊙ Roads Construction.





**DRYHARTS BRICKMAKING PLANT** 10 Temporary local jobs was created. This plant can produce 10 000 bricks per day per shift double the amount in two shifts. A maximum of 40 EPWP work opportunities can be created. EPWP Beneficiary to be trained as brick making; Brick Paving and Business Skills. Cooperatives on Brickmaking and Brick paving to be developed.



**MORETELE BRICKMAKING PLANT:** 15 temporary local jobs were created. The plant can produce up to 10 000 bricks per shift and double the amount in two shifts. A maximum of 80 EPWP work opportunities can be created. EPWP Beneficiary to be trained as brick making; Brick Paving and Business Skills. Cooperatives on Brickmaking and Brick paving to be developed.



**VENTERSDORP BRICKMAKING PLANT:** Temporary local jobs were created. The plant can produce up to 5 000 bricks per shift and double the amount in two shifts. A maximum of 40 EPWP work opportunities can be created. EPWP Beneficiary to be trained as brick making; Brick Paving and Business Skills. Cooperatives on Brickmaking and Brick paving to be developed.

**People of Bokone Bophirima,**

## **INNOVATION AND EMPOWERMENT**

This government under the leaderships of President Zuma in 2013 signed a Youth Accord that set out a joint commitment to prioritise youth employment and youth training with the government, private sector and civil society. In pursuit of this commitment, the Department has set itself some ambitious targets

in partnerships with the Services and Construction Education and Training Education (CETA) Sector Education and Training Authorities (Setas).

Madam Speaker, the Department in partnership with Services Seta is presently rolling out 367 learnerships and 120 apprenticeships for 487 youth. It is my pleasure to report that together with the CETA, we will rollout 112 learnerships and 423 Apprenticeships for 523 youths across the province. The recruitment and contracting of the 523 learners has been completed and the CETA is at the last stages of contracting  
T r a i n i n g P r o v i d e r s .

## **LABOUR INTENSIVE BRICK-MAKING PROGRAMME**

**Honourable Speaker and Members,**

This programme is one of the Premier's brain child on **Radical Economic Transformation**. It will ensure that government plays an active lead role in manufacturing of bricks.

This will ensure that Bokoni Bophirima is no longer just a **distributor of bricks with very minimal manufacturing**.

To this end, the department is currently rolling out Labour Intensive Brickmaking Plants in Bloemhof, Christiana, Moretele, Ventersdorp, Mahikeng (Molopo and Ramatlabama), Taung and will also roll plants in Ratlou and Kagisano Molopo municipalities. These plants are expected to create 1000 work opportunities during the brick manufacturing stage and are expected to add another 1000 during brick paving stage of the programme.

The Department of Public Works and Roads will implement these brickmaking plants as part of the cooperatives development programme. They are aimed at enhancing community based programmes that must improve community participation, alleviate poverty through job creation, provide skills transfer and development through partnerships with the Services and Construction Setas.

These interventions are expected to contribute towards sustainable livelihoods for the rural and marginalised communities as part of Village, Townships and Small Dorpies VTSD policy of the Bokone Bophirima Provincial Government.





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**POTHOLE PATCHING ON SUN CITY TO MOGWASE ROAD BY INTERNAL STAFF**

The department's rapid response team caught in action doing pothole patching on the road between Sun City and Mogwase in the Moses Kotane Local Municipality. Road R556 is a high traffic volume road as the area is a tourist attraction with many motorists using the road to drive to tourism destinations such as Sun City, Bakubung Game Reserve and Pilanesburg airport.

## COOPERATIVES

### People of Bokone Bophirima,

The 53rd National Conference of the African National Congress, resolved that government must continue to encourage the creation of new businesses, cooperatives and the expansion of small businesses by making it easier for enterprises to do business with government.

It is with great pleasure to announce here today that the Department of Public Works and Roads continues to rollout the Cooperatives Development Programme across all four districts. This programme fosters a culture of co-operation, self-help, self-reliance and solidarity among co-operative beneficiaries.

These cooperatives are offering various services including roads and buildings maintenance, landscaping, office cleaning services, sewing, cleaning detergent, carwash and brickmaking etc.

At its peak, this programme would in the Ngaka Modiri Molema District create 17 cooperatives with projected work opportunities expected to be around 250 people; while the Dr Kaunda District would create 13 cooperatives with projected work opportunities expected to be around 200 people; the Dr. Mompati District would create 15 cooperatives with projected employment expected to 300 people and Bojanala District would create 10 cooperatives with projected work opportunities to be around 160 people.

The Department of Public Works and Roads has put in

place a mentorship and incubation platform and programme. This platform aims to help these cooperatives defy the market failure possibility that threatens all small business in the country particularly cooperatives.

## CONCLUSION

### Honourable Madam Speaker and Members,

Oliver Reginald Tambo, Southern Angola, 1977, said "Comrades you might think it is very difficult to wage a liberation struggle. Wait until you are in power. I might be dead by then. At that stage, you will realize that it is actually more difficult to keep the power than to wage a liberation war. People would be expecting a lot of services from you. You would have to satisfy the various demands of the masses of our people. In the process, be prepared to learn from other people's revolutions...Learn from the enemy also. The enemy is not necessarily doing everything wrongly...You may take his right tactics and use them to your advantage. At the same time, avoid repeating the enemy's mistakes"

Madam Speaker, let me take this opportunity on behalf of the Department thank and appreciate the oversight role played by the legislature through the Portfolio Committee chaired by Honourable Maphefo Matsemela , members of the portfolio committee, appreciate the constitutional role played by Auditor General's Office and the Provincial Audit committee .

My sincere gratitude goes to the African National Congress for deploying me to this Legislature and the





### **YOUTH DIALOGUE**

The National Department of Public Works in partnership with various agencies embarked on a Youth Dialogue at Sarafina, outside Potchefstroom. The session meant to expose the youth to opportunities available to them as offered by the department being the infrastructure arm of government in the country. During the dialogue session, the youth of Sarafina appeared to be more concerned about unemployment, the uncertain state of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), opportunities for those over 35 years old, as well as being lack of qualification. This concerns and questions were responded to through exposure of opportunities available to empower them.



Honourable Premier who has appointed me to serve in this portfolio.

My sincere appreciation to the SACP, COSATU, SANCO and PYA for their continued revolutionary support and political guidance offered to me and the department.

I thank the dedicated men and women of the Department of Public Works and Roads led by the Head of Department Mr. P. Mothupi and the MECs Office Staff.

Finally, I present the Departmental Budget Breakdown as follows: -

<b>Programme</b>	<b>2017/2018</b>
	<b>(R)</b>
1. Administration	233 485 000
2. Public Works Infrastructure	920 907 000
3. Transport Infrastructure	1 671 657 000
4. Community Based	69 014 000
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>2 895 063 000</b>





### **MAKGORI PROJECT**

The early learning centre and road camp office are but some of the examples of how the department can still construct quality buildings using internal teams. The two projects, located in Makgori in the Ratlou Local Municipality are done by the team of Ngaka Modiri Molema district and have been alternating between the projects.







