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Budget Vote Speech for the Department of Public Works and Roads delivered by MEC Gaoage Oageng Molapisi 01 June 2021

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- ⊙ **Deputy Speaker of the Provincial Legislature, Ms Viola Mocumi**
- ⊙ **Honourable Premier, Professor Tebogo Job Mokgoro**
- ⊙ **Honourable Members of the Executive Council,**
- ⊙ **Honourable Members of the Provincial Legislature, Chief Whip of the Majority Party**
- ⊙ **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,**
- ⊙ **The people of the North West Province,**

Honourable Speaker

Nelson Mandela ends his seminal walk, *Long Walk to Freedom*, thus, “I have walked that long road to freedom, I have tried not to falter; I have made missteps along the way. But I have discovered the secret that after climbing the great hill, one finds that there are many more hills to climb”.

As a government and a Department, we do not

have the luxury to remain in a permanent state of transition, naval gazing, as our people languish in conditions of hardships. We exist not for ourselves, but to ensure the fulfilment of the constitutional injunction ‘to improve the quality of life of all citizens and free the potential of each person’. In the circumstance, I am pleased to announce that for the first time in over five years (5) we spent our budget at over ninety six percent (96%) and spent our Provincial Roads Maintenance Grant (PRMG) at over ninety six percent (96%) as well for the 2020/21 Financial Year.

Madam Speaker, slowly the period of inception of the 6th administration is receding with memory, and is being replaced by legitimate impatience. But we are where we are because we have been where we have been. Including being placed under Section (100) (b) only ending in June. We present the following policy statement under circumstances none of us could have imagined a year or so ago. It is the winter of our times both literally and figuratively, and Coronavirus cases are increasing significantly.

I would like to applaud efforts to curb the spread of the Coronavirus as the Department of Health implements the second phase of rolling out the Covid-19 Vaccination Programme. I am hopeful that everything will run smoothly without hurdles, as planned by MEC Sambatha and his Team.

Honourable Members

With due regard to the struggling masses of the population of North West suffocating under the

choke of poverty and Covid-19 pandemic, only improvements in the delivery of services and availing opportunities that accrue from the execution of our mandate can assuage their hopes.

In the circumstance, we have consistently conveyed the message that the mission of the Department is **“to provide quality provincial infrastructure and ensure better service delivery”**.

Needless to say, the pedestrian performance of significant factors of production of the South African economy, worsened by the effects of coronavirus has had a detrimental impact in the availability of resources in the country and our Province.

But like Nelson Mandela, we dare not linger, for our long walk must still continue. We will put paddle to metal in our planning, design, and timeous implementation of development projects.

Accordingly, in the preceding financial year, budgets had to be reprioritised and some of our programs set for a later date. Undoubtedly this will unsettle the majority of our people, especially those in our rural areas who feel that they have been waiting for services for the longest of time.

Our plan includes the roll out of rural roads for purposes of massive job creation and accelerated inclusiveness of women, youth, and people living with disabilities in the economy in order to reduce inequality.

It is imperative for our plan to reflect the National Development Plan (NDP), 7 priorities of the 6th Administration, and our contract with the people of North West as enshrined in the ruling party's Manifesto. A capable state is without a doubt needed to co-ordinate and integrate all development planning through the District Delivery Model as we swiftly transform the lives of the people of the North West Province.

Honourable members

We made strides in improving on our performance and delivery to our people. As part of rolling out major infrastructure projects in the past two financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21, we successfully completed seventy (71) road infrastructure projects including upgrading and constructing of new roads. In some instances, our roads rehabilitation programmes meant that we restored the existing dilapidated road infrastructure to its original state.

Our roads Re-gravelling meant making our rural roads trafficable whilst Spot Maintenance involved patching potholes, opening water channels, grass cutting and de-bushing, including culverts and resurfacing of roads across the province.

Honourable members, in completing the above road infrastructure projects, we spent total amounts of eight hundred and ninety million, six hundred and eleven thousand rand (R 890 611 000 m) in the 2019/20 Financial Year and one billion, seventy-six million, seven hundred and sixty-eight thousand rand

(R 1 076 768 000 b) in the 2020/21 Financial Year respectively, and within the difficult operating conditions under Covid-19 strict regulations.

The roll out of road infrastructure projects demonstrated our commitment to economic transformation and job creation in that a number of temporary job relief and major economic spin-off for local contractors were stimulated.

Honourable Speaker

In the last quarter of the 2020/21 financial year we experienced floods which affected eighty two (82) roads across the province. We did an oversight visit with the Honourable Premier to assess the damage caused by floods in the Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District and we subsequently assessed roads in the Bojanala District.

Thirty four (34) roads were affected in Bojanala including Road Z559 between Dwaarsberg and Sesobe. The road was maintained and has been included in the application for rural roads grant, phase 2 of the Presidential Stimulus Package as we only have planned to upgrade Road Z559 the next financial year. Sixteen million, five hundred thousand rand (R16.5 m) was spent on interventions of all 34 affected roads in the district.

In the Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District, the Department spent a total amount of five million, one hundred thousand rand (R5.1 m) to attend to twenty four (24) roads that were damaged including the road(s) between Seweding via

Pampierstad to Matlapeng and Marotaneng via Gataote to Dithakong.

We spent ten million, eight hundred and seventy thousand rand (R10.87 m) to fix 24 roads in the Ngaka Modiri Molema District including repairing of roads in areas of Delareyville, Zeerust and Lichtenburg.

An amount of four million, three hundred thousand rand (R4.3 m) was spent on fixing 10 roads in the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District including Road D2061 between Potchefstroom and Oudedorp, the road between De Put and Kareepan, and bladed roads from respective farms to silos in Potchefstroom, Klerksdorp, and Ventersdorp towns. Thus, we spent a total amount of thirty six million, seven hundred and seventy thousand rand (R36.77 m) on flood damaged roads across the province.

Honourable members

In my engagements and interactions with communities, I assured them that we follow every cent that has been set aside for project implementation. And indeed, we can account for all the money spent on road infrastructure in each District. We officially handed over 8 completed roads infrastructure projects to communities during the 2020 October Transport Month; namely:

- ⊙ Road D221 from Road P25/1 in Taung, through the villages of Manokwana, Maphoitsile, to end of tar Magogong
- ⊙ Road P34/5 from Schweizer-Reneke to Christiana

- ⊙ Road P34/6 from Jan Kempdorp to Christiana
- ⊙ Road P175/1 from Potchefstroom to Vanderbjilpark
- ⊙ Road D170 from Khunwana to Geysdorp
- ⊙ Road P152/1 from N18 at Setlagole P34/3 in Delarayville
- ⊙ Repaired and Constructed Madidi Bridge Road D 637 over Sand River
- ⊙ Road P47/3 from P34/2 to Swartruggens

In **Ngaka Modiri Molema District**, four hundred and sixty-eight point seven kilometers (468.7 km) road projects were successfully completed including.

As for **Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati** we successfully completed two hundred and thirty-two point three kilometers (232.3 km) of our road network.

In **Bojanala District** two hundred and seventy-six kilometers (276 km) of roads projects were completed as it was mostly affected by potholes and we are undeniably seized with potholes.

In **Dr Kenneth Kaunda District** eighty-one kilometers of (81 km) roads were implemented.

Under the circumstance, the Department had targeted to empower seventy-six (76) local contractors with CIDB Grading 1 to 6 through direct and indirect targeting and we achieved 100 percent; of which forty-five (45) companies were Youth owned, whilst twenty (20) companies were women owned. The set target for two (2) companies which are owned by people living with disabilities was not achieved. We are

not doing particularly well when it comes to benefitting people living with disabilities in terms of economic empowerment.

Honourable Members

Certain outstanding projects from the previous cycle are still currently running as they could not be completed due to COVID 19 Regulations, community instability, and poor performance by some contractors. Amongst the causes for delays is criminality orchestrated by individuals masquerading as business people.

In the **Bojanala District**, nine (9) such projects are underway, three (3) in the **Dr Kenneth Kaunda District**, **Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District** has four (4) such projects while there are twelve (12) in the **Ngaka Modiri Molema District**.

Bagaetsho, the above twenty-eight (28) projects will be completed in the not too distant future.

In the 2021/22 financial year, Provincial Treasury has ring fenced a further three hundred and sixty five million rand (R365 000 000 m) for rural roads. This will include a road that our people in Kagisano Molopo Local Municipality have been long waiting for.

Re lo uthwile bagaetsho. Le fa ledi le tlhabela re dira maleke ka gale go tliša ditirelo mo go lona. Ga re eletse go bona bana ba sa ye dikolong ka lebaka la go tlhoka tsela. As stated earlier, we exist not for ourselves, but to ensure the fulfilment of the

constitutional injunction 'to improve the quality of life of all citizens and free the potential of each person'. Needless to say, Nelson Mandela's prescient remark that the more we climb that great hill, the more we find that there are many more hills to climb, rings true.

Honourable Speaker, at the beginning of the financial year we undertook road shows to take communities on board about road infrastructure projects that will be implemented in the 2021/22 Financial Year. The exercise aimed to improve our communication with the people of our Province.

In addition, we have had success in establishing four (4) regional Roads Fora which consist of municipalities, farmers, and stakeholders in the road fraternity. This platform seeks to share information about priority roads and foster strategic partnerships.

Within this financial year, we will host a colloquium themed: ***"Together Striving for Better and Sustainable Public Infrastructure"***. The colloquium seeks to create durable partnerships to assure greater accessibility throughout the Province, and in the process expose government to available alternative material in the road industry. Related clusters will be invited to attend and partake in the event once the date has been finalised.

In an effort to stimulate the economy and create massive jobs in this financial year, the Department will implement a total of thirty-one (31) road infrastructure projects across the Province. Twelve (12) road infrastructure

projects are already out on tender, namely:

1. Upgrading of a 10.95km from gravel to surface standard of Road D520 from Makolokwe to Bethanie in Rustenburg Local Municipality.
2. Rehabilitation of 6.67 km of Road P31/1 from Gauteng border Pelindaba to P123/1 in Hartbeespoort Dam, phase 1, limit of scope from Gauteng border to the intersection with road R104 (Lanseria road) of 6.67 km in Madibeng Local Municipality.
3. Upgrading of Road P66/1 (Kgomo-Kgomo) to P65/1, Road D614 (P65/1 via Lebotlwane to Little), Road Z614 (Little via Lebotloane, Mmukubanye) to P66/1, Road Z619 (Lebotlwane to Tlholwe) and D639 from Moretele via Ga-Habedi to start of surface sealed road (Phase 3) in Moretele Local Municipality.
4. Rehabilitation of road and a bridge on Road P137/1 from N12 to Orkney including the investigation of the sinkhole in the Special maintenance of Road P13/4 from Wolmaranstad to Wesselsbron (Free State border)Haartebeesfontein - Phase 1 (Sinkhole repair and Intersection improvement) in Matlosana Local Municipality.
5. Rehabilitation of Road P175/1 from Potchefstroom to Vanderbijlpark Road (Gauteng border) of 35 km (Phase 1 15km) in JB Marks Local Municipality
6. Special maintenance of Road P13/4 from Wolmaranstad to Wesselsbron (Free State border) in Maquassi Hills Local Municipality.

7. Upgrading from gravel to surface standard of Road D327 from Ganyesa to Vragas to Madinonyane for 57 km Phase 2 in Kagisano Molopo Local Municipality.
 8. Special maintenance of Road P34/5 from Schweizer to Christiana, Phase 2. 30 km in Mamusa Local Municipality.
 9. Upgrading from gravel to surface standard of Road D201 from Pampierstad to Matlapaneng to N18 in Greater Taung Local Municipality.
 10. Special maintenance of Road P152/1 from N18 at Setlagole to P34/4 in Delareyville 58 km (Phase 2 28 km) in Tswaing Local Municipality.
 11. Upgrading from gravel to surface standard of road D415 from Gopane passing villages of Maphephane, Mmutshweu, Ga-seane to Lobatleng and D417 from Lobatleng to Motswedi, Phase 2 (km 18,7 to km 31.0) including construction of Bridge at km 20,077 in Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality.
 12. Upgrading of 13km from gravel to surface standard (tar) of Road Z482 from Madibogo through Madibogopan to the intersection at D1727 between Stella and Delareyville, in Ratlou Local Municipality.
- end of tar(3.3 km)
 2. Upgrading from gravel to surface standard of Road D2154 from Gamokgatla to Uitkyk
 3. Upgrading from gravel to surface standard of Road D 210 from Modimong to Taung (10 km)
 4. Special maintenance of Road P3/4(N12) between SANRAL end of limits in Wolmaraanstad town
 5. Special maintenance of section of Road P3/4 (N12) SANRAL end of limits between Taxi rank and Matlosana Mall in Klerksdorp
 6. Special maintenance on the sections of Nelson Mandela Road between Danville and Dada motors in Mahikeng town, approximately.
 7. Rehabilitation of the existing P2/4 dual-carriageway from R24 to Road D1641 and re-alignment and construction of the Kroondal bypass to the intersection with Road D1122 and reseal of the section of Road P2/4 from Road D1122 to Road D1830 across the N4 as well as rehabilitation of Road D1122 to Road D108 approximately.
 8. Re-gravelling of road from Moedwil to Ratsegae.
 9. Re-gravelling of Road D3545 from Mofine to Ditshilo.
 10. Patch and reseal of the 3km National School of Academy.
 11. Special maintenance of Road P48/1 Welbedacht to Swartkopfontein approximately Phase 2.
 12. Special Maintenance of Road P34/6 from Jan Kempersdorp to Christiana.

Bagaetsho, twenty (20) more projects will be implemented in this current financial year. The roads are namely:

1. Upgrading from gravel to surface standard of Road Z431 from end of tar to Kgora entrance (3,7 km) including Kgora training center internal road (2,2 km) and rehabilitation of Road Z431 from N18 to

13. Patch and reseal (sectional) of Road P117/1 from Delareyville to Ottosdal Phase 3.
14. Special maintenance of Road N4 Gopane to Motswedi.
15. Special Maintenance of Road P34/4 (R506) from Delareyville to Schweizer-Reneke.
16. Special maintenance of Road D109 (Bethanie) from P511 to R511 in Brits.
17. Special maintenance of lower-Majaekgoro approximately 2,5 km and upper Majeakgoro.
18. Special maintenance of Road R104 from Majakaneng to Hartebeespoort Dam.
19. Reseal of Road D3492 from Morwekweng to Bona Bona.
20. Pothole patching in large section of Road P23/1 from Schweizer-Reneke to Wolmaranstaad.

We are making strides in working with and supporting Municipalities within the bracket of the District Development Model. We are committed to reducing the cost of production through the use of alternative material for constructing roads. We are pleased to announce that in this financial year we are going to pilot the use of alternative roads material on the following roads:

- ⊙ Fifteen kilometres (15 km) of the road from Moedwil to Ratsagae
- ⊙ Ten kilometres (10 km) of Road D3545 from Setlopo, Utlwanang to Mantja village and
- ⊙ A small portion of Road D2166 from Verdwaal to Sephaku Cement. This is a

high traffic volume road and we should be able to test the durability of the alternative material.

In his State of the Province Address, the Honourable Premier Mokgoro was echoing our commitment when he said ‘we remain immensely committed towards economic transformation and job creation, apprenticeships, learnerships, internships’.

Honourable members

The Department had a target of eleven thousand (11 000) EPWP work opportunities for the 2020/21 financial year. By the end of the financial year the Department created eighteen thousand one hundred and twenty-two (18 122) work opportunities. This was additionally made possible with the introduction of the Presidential Employment Initiative.

The Presidential Stimulus Package was divided into two (2) streams namely: Contractor Development Programme with direct and indirect targeting as well as the Iterele Roads Routine Maintenance and National Youth Service in Roads.

A total of seven (7) directly targeted contractors are engaged and have additionally sub-contracted eighty-one (81) indirectly targeted contractors with a total of over two thousand four hundred (2400) EPWP participants employed. This honourable members, advances SMME development and localisation in ensuring that money circulates within the North West Province.

Under the Iterele RMP and National Youth Service in Roads, a total of three thousand (3 000) EPWP participants were employed. Through the Presidential Stimulus Package, the Department employed over five thousand four hundred (5 400). It is worth noting Madam Speaker, that to date, expenditure on the Presidential Stimulus Package stands at 100 percent of the allocated seventy million, eight hundred thousand rand (R 70.8 m).

On the other hand, **Bagaetsho**, the Provincial Expanded Public Works Programme for the 2020/21 financial year achieved 96 percent of its overall target, bringing us to a shortfall of four (4) percent. The plan was to create thirty-eight thousand nine hundred and forty-four (38 944) work opportunities. By the end of the financial year, thirty seven thousand five hundred and eighty four (37 584) work opportunities were achieved.

The demographics of these created 37 584 work opportunities are as follows: -

- ⊙ Women have benefited at a total of twenty-three thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven (23 927) work opportunities
- ⊙ Youth have benefited at a total of eighteen thousand four hundred and two (18 402) work opportunities; and
- ⊙ People living with disabilities have benefitted at a total of two hundred and eighty-seven (287) work opportunities.

Provincial departments have created thirty thousand three hundred and forty-four (30 344)

work opportunities across all sectors of the Programme and Municipalities have created seven thousand two hundred and forty (7 240) work opportunities across all sectors of the Programme. We can still do better. It still remains a major challenge to recruit people living with disabilities and I am certain that we are all working together to permanently overcome this hurdle.

Madam Speaker

Through the National Youth Service Programme (NYS) and in partnership with the Construction Seta, the Department has facilitated training on Artisan Development in the trades such as bricklaying, painting and decor, plumbing, electricity and carpentry.

A total of two hundred and seventy (270) EPWP NYS participants enrolled in the Programme, and the following was achieved:

- ⊙ Bricklaying: Twenty four (24) learners are competent artisans, thirty (30) learners are awaiting trade testing with five (5) non-competent learners
- ⊙ Painting and Decor: Fifty four (54) learners are competent artisans and no learners are awaiting trade testing, eight (8) are non-competent learners
- ⊙ Plumbing: Thirty-seven (37) learners are competent artisans, one (1) learner is awaiting trade testing and five (5) learners are non-competent
- ⊙ Electricity: all forty-four (44) learners are awaiting trade testing

- ⊙ Carpentry: Fifty-six (56) learners are competent artisans, one (1) learner is awaiting trade testing and learners five (5) are non-competent

Honourable members, this then brings us to a total of one hundred and seventy-one (171) competent artisans, seventy six (76) learners awaiting trade tests, and twenty three (23) learners declared non-competent.

In heeding President Ramaphosa's State of the Nation injunction to 'accelerate building sustainable jobs', the Department is committed to seeking creative pathways for the productive use of the competent artisans to build state capacity and becoming a part our Public Works Infrastructure Team.

In the near future we are expecting to issue certificates through a graduation ceremony for those that did well.

Madam Speaker and Honorable Members

We are determined to fight the burden of underdevelopment, poverty, and unemployment. Hence, this financial year we have applied for funding of the second phase of the Presidential Stimulus Package under the Semelela Programme.

We therefore intend to bring about sustainable livelihoods and employ over eight thousand (8000) additional workers through the following Public Employment Programs and Interventions:

- Semelela Rural Roads Routine Maintenance Program expected to create six thousand (6 000) work opportunities;
- Small and Medium Enterprise Programme through direct and indirect Contractor Development Programme via sub-contracting of local and community-based businesses expected to create one hundred and twenty (120) business opportunities for contractors through direct and indirect targeting;
- Rural Youth Employment on Brickmaking and Paving Labour-Intensive Project expected to create one thousand (1 000) opportunities for youth in brick manufacturing and paving of rural roads through direct and indirect targeting; and
- Youth Employment – to create one thousand (1 000) work opportunities dedicated to Youth Employment and Empowerment through the Youth Service and Intervention Model.

Significantly, the Department registered progress in the implementation of Infrastructure Delivery Management System (IDMS), and the application of the Framework for Infrastructure Delivery and Procurement Management (FIPDM) as prescribed by National and Provincial Treasury.

We are pleased to report that client Departments are submitting their User Asset Management Plans (U-AMPS) which enables the Department to compile a Custodian Asset Management Plans (C-AMPS) for the North West Province. I must

say, that the Department is steadily improving its relationship with client departments who are now submitting B5 Project lists, Infrastructure Programme Management Plan (IPMP) and Service Level Agreement (SLA).

Madam Speaker

The Department has also registered good progress in the appointment of consultants, because of a policy that has been finalised and approved in the Department, which forms part of the IDMS alignment framework.

This then brings us to Projects that are planned under Building Infrastructure for the 2021/22 Financial Year.

We will renovate Moretele Office Park phase 2b (repairs and renovations to offices). The project is intended to be completed in Quarter 4. The improvements will ensure that all the Provincial Departmental officials, are accommodated in a safe and habitable environment.

The House of Traditional Leaders Refurbishment project will be completed in the first quarter.

Madam Speaker under the following GIAMA categories; Upgrades, Renovations and Refurbishments the Department is planning to implement projects at the four Districts as follows:

In the **Bojanala District** we intend upgrading the Koster Road Camp: Replace High Mast Lights at Brits Sub-District Office. We will install

High Mast Lights at Swartruggens Service Point and Install high mast lights at Mogwase Sub-district office in this quarter.

In the **Dr. Kenneth Kaunda District**, the Upgrades, Renovations and Refurbishment projects are planned as follows; Installation of fences at Unit M Offices Residences. We will also set perimeter walls at 76 Kruger Street Wolmaranstad, and apply changes to roofing structure of paint store at Public Works and Roads in 149 Kruis Street in Potchefstroom.

Furthermore, we will extend the office in number 12 River Street in Klerksdorp and convert offices into Computer Lab at 149 Kruis Street in Potchefstroom.

In the **Ngaka Modiri Molema District**, the upgrades and renovations projects are planned as follows:

Construction of offices at Gelukspan Road Depot and perimeter wall at Geoscience building.

In the **Dr. Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District**, we are upgrading a wall at 20 Malt Street, Vryburg. We will also upgrade the Mechanical Workshop in Ganyesa with three (3) Offices and toilets.

We will further construct four (4) Offices and Training Hall at Morokweng Roads Camp for Public Works and Roads.

Various projects will be implemented for Client Departments as follows:

Social Development, the Department will complete the New Sefikile ECD in this quarter.

Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, in the 1st quarter we will complete the New Bahurutshe Ba Ga Shuping Traditional Offices and Community Hall.

Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation, we will complete two projects in this quarter namely; New Southey and New Lethabong Community Libraries.

Honourable members

For client Departments, under New Facilities, we have created a new performance indicator through which to measure our output.

Three (3) new school projects are planned to be completed as follows:

1. Lichtenburg English Secondary
2. Phiri Secondary School,
3. Tigane Secondary School (Earth Works)

Furthermore, under eradication of pit toilets projects, the department has planned the implementation of sanitation projects for schools as follows:

- ⊙ Renovation of Boitumelo Primary Sanitation,
- ⊙ Renovation of Kopanelo High Sanitation,
- ⊙ Renovation of Mokgoloa Primary School Sanitation,
- ⊙ Renovation of Sesamotho Primary School Sanitation,
- ⊙ Renovation of Manogelo Primary School Sanitation,
- ⊙ Renovation of Loselong Primary School Sanitation and
- ⊙ Renovation of Diatleng Intermediate Sanitation Project, all of the above

mentioned projects to be completed in Quarter 2.

Similarly, we will complete the following sanitation projects in the third and fourth quarter:

- ⊙ Ntshelang Primary School Sanitation Project
- ⊙ Renovations of Pelonomi Intermediate School Sanitation,
- ⊙ Renovation of Kayaletu Primary School Sanitation,
- ⊙ Renovation of Mamoratwa Combined School Sanitation Project, Renovation of Edisang Primary School Sanitation and
- ⊙ Renovation of Reabona Secondary School Sanitation Project

For Repairs of Building Structures, Othaile Primary School is planned to be completed in Quarter 1, and the Renovations and Repairs to Ikageleng Technical School is planned to be completed in Quarter 3.

For Community Safety Transport Management (**COSATMA**), renovations and upgrading of Pilanesberg Airport fencing around boundary precinct lines for security and against stray animals is planned to be completed in this quarter.

For **Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation (ACSR)**, renovations and upgrading of Haartesbees and Reagile Community Libraries are planned for completion in the 1st quarter.

Madam Speaker, the Department has registered a significant progress in the

implementation of projects by the **Development Bank of South Africa (DBSA)**. This Initiative has assisted the Department in ensuring that gaps in the technical capacity are closed, and to date, we can positively report that three (3) capital projects have been handed to contractors and progress is at 20 percent for the following projects:

- ⊙ Mamodibo Secondary School
- ⊙ Tlokwe Secondary and
- ⊙ Tlakgameng Primary Schools.

Honourable members

Significant progress has been registered 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 in respect of immovable asset register.

The Department has annually conducted vesting and physical verification of state land which is aimed at updating the Immoveable Asset Register (IAR). So far, three hundred and fifty-six (356) properties were physically verified during the 2020/21 financial year. To date, one thousand one hundred and ninety-four (1 194) properties are vested.

We are committed and giving a special attention to obtaining an integrated asset management system in order to fully account for immovable asset management value chain, and to enable compliance with relevant legislation and reporting standards.

Honourable members,

Progress is being made in obtaining office space around Mahikeng / Mmabatho in order to consolidate the provincial headquarters, thereby providing habitable and fit for purpose government buildings.

The Public Investment Corporation (PIC) has approached the Department for a possible sale of their office buildings around Mmabatho and Mahikeng, considering that the provincial departments are tenants.

The department will, in collaboration with the Provincial Treasury, pursue the above and this august house will be kept abreast with latest developments. Significantly, the Land Bank advertised the sale of their office buildings, which has also attracted our interest.

Engagements are ongoing between the Land Bank with the Department in collaboration with our Provincial Treasury. This august house will be kept abreast of developments in this respect.

Madam Speaker, the payment of property rates and taxes is forever increasing due to municipal tariff hikes and the increasing number of facilities and properties acquired from various institutions in line with departmental mandate. In the 2020/21 financial year, a total of three hundred and eighty three million rand (R 383 m) was paid towards rates and taxes and this current financial year, three hundred and ninety million rand (R 390 m) is set aside for payment of rates and taxes.

One hundred and twenty million (120M) was paid to Mahikeng Local Municipality alone in the 2020/21 financial year for rates and taxes; making it thirty one point nine percent (31.9%) of our provincial rates and taxes expenditure and eighty one percent of the (81%) of Ngaka Modiri Molema District expenditure. It is expected that this expenditure will be reduced by the process of disposing non-core assets mainly made up of residential properties.

The above is due to a high number of office buildings and residential houses owned by government around Mahikeng/Mmabatho which were inherited from the previous administrations. As indicated, we plan to reduce this expenditure by disposing of non-core assets mainly made up of residential properties.

Honourable members

The Department is in the process of disposing one hundred and fifty (150) houses which were previously advertised as phase 1 through local newspapers. The valuation of such houses has been concluded, and the Provincial Treasury has also endorsed the valuation methodology. This is in line with the Provincial Revenue Enhancement programme as well as to mitigate against the increasing property rates and taxes.

Six (6) farm portions around Hartebeespoort Dam have been transferred to Mekgareng community.

Sixty-nine (69) out of eighty-seven (87) farm portions around Pilanesberg Nature Reserve have been transferred to Bakgatla ba Kgafela

Tribal Council, while various farm portions are in the process of being transferred to Klipvoor and Mooke communities.

Over twenty-one thousand seven hundred and fifty-five (21 755) hectares of farm land will be transferred to the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform towards the settlement of outstanding land claims. This constitute our contribution to the national government's land reform objectives thereby assisting efforts towards alleviation of poverty, job creation and redistribution of wealth.

Honourable members

We are committed to having a professional workforce that is accountable. The Special Investing Unit (SIU) has started with its investigation as we fight corruption and improve on material irregularities. Though the SIU is yet to make contact with the office of the MEC, I have nevertheless been told that the investigation in the Department is ongoing.

In building a capable and professional workforce, we have filled eighty-two (82) vacant positions in the last financial year and they include filling of four (4) critical Senior Management positions as follows:

- ⊙ Chief Financial Officer
- ⊙ Director - Legal Services
- ⊙ Director - Supply Chain Management and
- ⊙ Director - Ngaka Modiri Molema District

Three (3) infrastructures technical Candidates who participated in the departmental Candidacy Development Programme have successfully obtained their professional registration in Architect and two (2) candidates obtained development in Quantity Survey.

One hundred and eighty-three (183) employees on various salary levels including elementary workers on salary level 1-5 have been trained on various skills programmes in terms of the departmental workplace skills plan.

Honourable Members, like all sectors of society, we have been grappling with the effects of Covid-19 in the workspace. This notwithstanding, have put measures in place in line with the relevant Covid-19 directives and regulations to mitigate the impact of risk of infection on the health and safety of employees.

Structures have been set up to continuously monitor and report on the implementation of the departmental COVID-19 Risk Management Plan

In the 2021/22 financial year we will through our Internship Programme capacitate and train one hundred and forty (140) unemployed graduates and those who require work integrated learning will be enrolled.

We are also going to implement the Plumbing and Electrical Apprenticeship training for twenty-five (25) aspiring Artisans.

We will expedite the filling of one hundred and eighty (180) advertised critical vacant posts, inclusive of three (3) Senior Management

positions; that of the Head of the Department (HoD), Chief Director: Buildings and the Director Bojanala District.

There are currently nine (9) disciplinary cases that will be brought to finality as we root out fraud and corruption. Specific attention is paid to clear audit findings.

Honourable members

The Department is allocated a total Budget of three billion three hundred and forty-nine million five hundred and thirty-nine thousand rand (R 3 349 539 000 b) which is more or less the same allocation as the prior year and does not take into consideration the impact of consumer price index (CPI).

As per the MTEF allocation we see a reduction of one (1) percent (R30 m, thirty million) of the current year allocation in 2022/23 it is only in the outer year 2023/24, whereby the total allocation will slightly increase by forty-eight million (R48 m) which is one point five (1.5) percent.

Bagaetsho

Let me take this opportunity to present the 2021/22 Budget Vote for the Department of Public Works and Roads as follows:

Programme one (1): Administration: We have allocated two hundred and twenty-two million, five hundred and fifty-six thousand rand (R222 556 000 m).

Programme two (2): Public Works

Infrastructure: We have allocated nine hundred and eighty-nine million, nine hundred and sixty-three thousand rand (R 989,963,000 m).

Programme Three (3): Transport

Infrastructure: We have allocated one billion eight hundred and sixty million, two hundred and thirty-five thousand (R1, 860, 235, 000 b)

Programme four (4): Community Based

Program: We have allocated two hundred and seventy-six million, seven hundred and eighty-five thousand rand (R 276, 785,000 m)

The 2021/22 budget is allocated as follows:

PROGRAMME	BUDGET 2021/22 R'000
Administration	222 556
Public Works	989 963
Transport Infrastructure	1 860 235
Community Based Programme	276 785
Total	3 349 539

Honourable members

In the chapter preceding the one we quoted and ascribed to Nelson Mandela at the beginning of

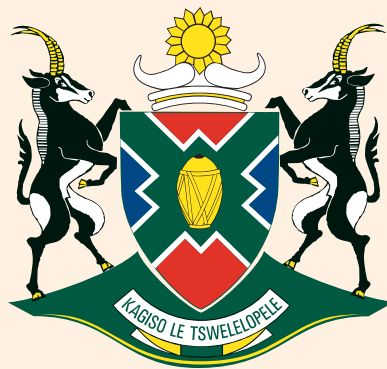
this address, he says: “The truth is we are not yet free; we have merely achieved the freedom to be free, the right to not be oppressed. We have not taken the final step of our journey, but the first step on a longer and more difficult road”. Thus, for as long as our people's impatience is simmering, we dare not linger, for our long road is not yet ended.

In the final analysis, the inauguration of the sixth (6th) administration handed us the sceptre of leadership of the people of the province. But though we are mortals and will err along the way, we dare not fail them.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the following:

- ⊙ The Almighty God
- ⊙ African National Congress, the party that deployed me
- ⊙ The Premier for affording me the opportunity to lead the department.
- ⊙ The Chair of the Portfolio Committee and the committee
- ⊙ The Administrator and the Public Works and Roads team
- ⊙ MEC Support staff
- ⊙ My family

I thank you.



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