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PREMIER MOKGOSI HIGHLIGHTS KEY ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIES FOR 2026 DURING SOPA

Mahikeng: The Premier of the North West Province, Lazarus Kagiso Mokgosi, has reaffirmed government's commitment to advancing infrastructure development and improving service delivery. Premier Mokgosi who was delivering the 2026 State of the Province Address at the Official Opening of the Provincial Legislature, outlined a range of priority projects scheduled for implementation in the 2026/2027 financial year.

Premier Mokgosi announced that the Department of Public Works and Roads will work in partnership with the provincial Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism to strengthen waste management and road maintenance initiatives. This collaborative approach forms part of government's broader drive to ensure a clean, safe and healthy environment for residents across the North West Province.

He further emphasised that road infrastructure development is gaining significant traction, with more than R1 billion earmarked for catalytic projects in Phelindaba, Makwassie, Verdwaal and Ramokokastad. These targeted investments are intended to stimulate local economies, improve mobility and restore connectivity within communities.

"We have prioritised the upgrading of Nelson Mandela Drive in Mahikeng Local Municipality, allocating over R700 million for the project. The work will include widening the existing bridge to serve as a carriageway, with construction expected to commence in April 2026," said Premier Mokgosi.

Construction will also resume in the new financial year in Dwarsberg and Pitse Disulejang in Moses Kotane Local Municipality, Komkruil, as well as along the Lebotlwane-to-Tlholwe route in Moretele Local Municipality. These roads were severely damaged by floods, disrupting access for learners, workers and surrounding communities. Their rehabilitation reflects government's continued commitment to restoring critical infrastructure and ensuring reliable access to essential services.

In addition, Premier Mokgosi announced a Public-Private Partnership initiative aimed at eliminating potholes across the province while tackling youth unemployment.

"The provincial government is finalising a Memorandum of Understanding with the Central University of Technology, to roll out pothole repair programmes in our municipalities, with a focus on empowering 7 000 unemployed young people" Premier Mokgosi announced.

Furthermore, Premier Mokgosi committed the Department of Public Works and Roads to providing asphalt for designated municipalities to fast-track project delivery. This intervention will enhance alignment across national, provincial and municipal road networks, expand access to economic opportunities and improve mobility for residents throughout the province.

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