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## We're delivering...

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For two years in the row, North West has hosted the Minister of Transport during October Transport Month celebrations.

This is unprecedented, but may also be interpreted as a sign of renewed confidence and acknowledgement of our ability to host national events.

On the flip-side, flashes of brilliance are starting to show, especially in the Transport Infrastructure sector in spite of Section 100 (1) (b) invocation by Cabinet in 2018.

Since then, the department has been placed under administration by both national departments of Transport as well as Public Works and Infrastructure.

In October 2021, the department showcased completed bridges, several rehabilitated roads, turned sods for the implementation of surfaced roads in rural areas.

The cherry on top, is a commitment, to also roll-out at least 14 more projects across the province in months to come.

This is informed by the Provincial Ten-year Road Master Plan developed by the department.

While the scorecard in terms of improved road infrastructure in the province is generally satisfactory, serious challenges continue to haunt the planned implementation of projects on time and within the allocated budget.

Lately, a culture has developed whereby construction works on awarded tenders are disrupted by some sections of communities and formations demanding a stake in the project.

The biggest challenge, is the huge historical backlog we have in terms of maintenance of the existing road infrastructure which requires more than R 37 billion to adequately address.

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