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BUILDING A
NORTH WEST PROVINCE
THAT WORKS FOR ALL





2026/27 BUDGET POLICY SPEECH BY THE MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (MEC) FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND ROADS (NORTH WEST PROVINCE) HONOURABLE SEMPE ELIZABETH MOKUA, TABLED IN THE NORTH WEST PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE, 25 JUNE 2026

- Speaker of the Provincial Legislature, Honourable Desbo Mohono
- Deputy Speaker of the Provincial Legislature, Honourable Collen Maine
- Premier of the North West Province: Honourable Kagiso Lazarus Mokgosi
- The Chief Whip, Honourable Motlalepule Rosho
- Honourable Members of the North West Provincial Legislature
- Members of the Executive Council (MECs)
- Representative of the North West House of Traditional and Khoi-San leaders.
- Leaders of Political Parties
- Leaders of the Labour Movements
- Head of the Department (HoD) of Public Works and Roads
- Leadership of our client Departments in the province
- Senior and Middle Managers of the Department are present in the house.
- External/Secondary Stakeholders present
- People of the North West Province are following us on various media platforms
- Distinguished Guests
- Ladies and Gentlemen

It is an honour and a great privilege to be present before you today.

We table this Budget Vote at a time when both government and citizens continue to navigate a challenging economic environment.

South Africans continue to experience the pressures of a rising cost of living, increasing fuel prices, higher borrowing costs and persistent economic uncertainty. These realities affect households, businesses and government alike.

For a department whose mandate relies heavily on the deployment of machinery, the movement of goods and materials, and the operation of an extensive yellow fleet across our



MEC Elizabeth Sempe Mokuwa accompanied by Head of Department, Moses Kgantsi leads a delegation on an oversight visit to assess progress following the collapse of the bridge due to inclement weather on the P53/1 Road between R510 and R565 towards Mogwase in Moses Kotane Local Municipality, Bojanala District.



districts, increases in fuel costs directly impact the cost of infrastructure delivery and road maintenance.

Yet despite these pressures, the expectations of our people remain unchanged. Roads must be built and maintained and state buildings must be functional. Communities must have access to services. Infrastructure must continue to support economic growth and development.

Honourable Speaker,

We also deliver this Budget Vote at a defining moment in our democratic journey. Guided by the vision of the Seventh Administration, we remain committed to building a capable, ethical and developmental state that places the needs of our people at the centre of government action. Our responsibility is to ensure that public resources are managed with integrity, that governance systems remain strong and that service delivery reaches every community in our province.

Through ethical leadership, transparent governance and accountability at all levels, we continue to strengthen public confidence in government and advance our shared objective of building a North West that works for all.

As custodians of public resources, we are therefore called upon to exercise greater vigilance and responsibility than ever before. Every rand allocated to this Department must translate into tangible improvements in the lives of our people. Every infrastructure project must demonstrate value for money. Every decision we take must withstand public scrutiny.

This Budget Vote is therefore not merely a request for approval of expenditure. It is a commitment to accountability. It is a commitment to responsible governance. It is a commitment to ensuring that public resources are directed towards the developmental aspirations of the people of the North West Province.

As a provincial government, we remain guided by our collective vision of *"Building a North West Province that Works for All."* This is not merely a slogan; it is a commitment that informs our decisions, shapes our priorities and guides the manner in which we serve our



MEC Sempe Elizabeth Mokua, alongside other executive members, accompanied Premier Kagiso Lazarus Mokgosi to the flood-stricken regions of Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District to evaluate the extent of the destruction.

The accompanying image displays a section of the N18 from Vryburg to Kuruman submerged under water as a consequence of the recent downpours.



communities.

Through the programmes and projects contained in this Budget Vote, we continue to give practical expression to that vision by investing in infrastructure, improving service delivery, creating economic opportunities and ensuring that no community is left behind.

This is the reason why this budget speech has been made to reach a wider audience, you can scan the QR code provided to access an electronic version of this speech.

We therefore remain resolute in our efforts to build a capable, ethical and developmental state that responds to the needs of our people and delivers tangible improvements in their daily lives.

Honourable Speaker,

Against this backdrop, the Department of Public Works and Roads remains firmly committed to building a capable institution; one that delivers innovative quality infrastructure, safeguards public assets and creates the conditions necessary for inclusive economic growth.

Gompieno ga ketle go neelana fela ka tekanyetso kabo ya Lefapha ya ngwaga ono wa dichelete, ke ema gape go tla go ikarabela mo baaging ba profense ka go tlhagisa tseo re di fitlheletseng go tswa mo miakanong ao rea dirileng jaaka lefapha mo nakong e fetileng.

This Budget Vote takes place at a time when our province continues to confront significant developmental challenges, including infrastructure backlogs, ageing public facilities and growing demands for improved services. These challenges have been exacerbated by recent natural disasters, with damage to roads, bridges, and public infrastructure across the province estimated at more than **R2 billion**. This reality stresses the need for strategic investment and resilient infrastructure.

This allocation comprises funding from the Provincial Equitable Share, Conditional Grants and the Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant.



Mokhuduthamaga Sempe Elizabeth Mokuwa a patilwe ke Tlhogo ya lefapha Rre Moses Kgantsi le batsamaisi ba lefapha mo kantoro kgolo le sedika sa Ngaka Modiri Molema, ba ne ba kopane le Kgosi Mogakolodi Masibi wa Batlharo Boo Tokwane ba ga Masibi le kemedi ya morafe kwa motseng wa Disaneng. Di ntlhakgolo ele go wa ga kantoro ya bogosi, go tlhabololwa ga tsela le go agiwa ga maborogo mo ditseleng tsa Z470 go tswa mo Bray Road go ya Disaneng le go tswa mo Disaneng go ya Kabe (Z473). Mokhuduthamaga o ikuetse mo bogosing go nna magatammogo le lefapha.



The Equitable Share allocation amounts to **R2.597 billion**, while the Provincial Roads Maintenance Grant (PRMG) amounts to **R1.415 billion**. The Department has further been allocated **R15.1 million** through the Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant for Provinces to support job creation and labour-intensive programmes.

The budget is allocated across the Department's programmes as follows:

PROGRAMME	ALLOCATED BUDGET	AMOUNT IN WORDS
PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION	R401 710 000	Four hundred and one million, seven hundred and ten thousand
PROGRAMME 2: PUBLIC WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE	R1 075 859 000	One billion, seventy-five million, eight hundred and fifty-nine thousand
PROGRAMME 3: TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE	R2 348 589 000	Two billion, three hundred and forty eight thousand, five hundred and eighty nine thousand
PROGRAMME 4: COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMME	R249 079 000	Two hundred and forty-nine million and seventy nine thousand.
TOTAL	R4 075 237 000	Four Billion, Seventy-Five Million, Two Hundred and Thirty-Seven Thousand

The budget before this House reflects government's commitment to maintaining public infrastructure, improving road networks, creating employment opportunities and strengthening the capacity of the state to deliver services to the people of the North West Province.

The budget is allocated across the Department's programmes as follows:

PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION (R401 710 000)

An amount of **Four hundred and one million, seven hundred and ten thousand rands (401, 710, 000)** has been allocated towards strengthening governance, strategy and systems, human resource development and management, financial management, legal support and institutional capacity.



Some of the candidate professionals attending their quarter mentor-mentee progress review to determine where intervention is need to help expedite the completion of their ultimate professional registration.



We have a total of 21 aspiring candidates who stand to benefit in the programme in different disciplines which include engineering, architecture; town planning and quantity surveying.



Honourable Speaker, before the government can build roads and maintain public infrastructure, it must first build an institution capable of delivering on its mandate.

This is because the effectiveness of any government institution depends on its ability to align its organisational capacity with its service delivery mandate. In this regard, we have achieved a significant milestone during the year under review through the concurrence of the organisational structure by the Minister for the Public Service and Administration.

For the first time in fifteen years, honourable speaker, the department has an organisational structure that is aligned to its mandate and core business.

This achievement lays a firm foundation for strengthening corporate governance, improving accountability and ensuring that the Department is adequately capacitated to deliver on its infrastructure mandate.

Following the easing of austerity measures, the Department accelerated the filling of critical vacancies, including key senior management posts, to enhance leadership, oversight, and operational efficiency across the organisation.

I am particularly proud that, as we strengthen institutional capacity, we are simultaneously advancing the transformation agenda of government. Women now occupy 46 per cent of senior management positions within the Department, compared to only 33 per cent when I addressed this House during the previous Budget Vote.

This progress demonstrates that the Department is deliberately creating opportunities for women to lead, influence policy and contribute meaningfully to the delivery of infrastructure and public services across our province.

The approved organisational structure will further enable the Department to progressively strengthen its technical, professional and administrative capacity, ensuring that it remains responsive to the infrastructure and service delivery needs of the people of the North West Province.



The department's current organisational framework is now in sync with its mandate and primary functions. This structure has received the concurrence of the Minister for the Public Service and Administration, following dedicated work by the Organisational Development Division and direction from the Office of the Premier (Organisational Development).

The department has accelerated the filling of critical vacancies, including key senior management positions, which are expected to bolster leadership, supervision, and operational effectiveness throughout the organisation.

During the current financial year, the Department will continue to prioritise the filling of critical vacancies within available budgetary resources to support a capable, ethical and service-oriented public administration.

Honourable Speaker,

Building a capable institution requires more than filling vacancies; it requires deliberate investment in the next generation of professionals who will design, build and maintain the infrastructure of our province.

In this regard, the Department continues to implement its Candidacy Development Programme as a strategic intervention aimed at strengthening technical capacity and advancing professionalisation within the built environment.

The Department remains committed to strengthening mentorship as a key pillar of professional development within the built environment. Through the Candidacy Development Programme, 21 candidates are receiving structured guidance, workplace exposure and practical support from both registered professionals within the Department and external partner organisations.

This intervention is intended to accelerate professional registration, strengthen technical capacity and build a sustainable pipeline of future professionals for the public sector.

Working closely with the Council for the Built Environment, the Department has also undertaken a comprehensive technical skills audit and developed a professionalisation action plan aimed at accelerating mentorship, professional registration, skills development and technical capacity building. This partnership will further support mentorship, professional registration, continuous professional development and access to the tools required by young professionals to succeed within the built environment sector.

Honourable Speaker,

The Department remains committed at upholding the principles of good governance, accountability and the rule of law in the execution of its mandate.



To mark Youth Month, the Department, in collaboration with Construction Education Training Authority (CETA) and South African Road Federation, organised an Occupational Health and Safety Training Programme for 20 young individuals working in the construction industry. This programme provides participants with essential skills for workplace safety and aligns with the Department's dedication to fostering youth empowerment in construction, a commitment stemming from the Youth Summit held last August.

Attendees were also given a certified Occupational Health and Safety Learner Workbook that corresponded to NQF Level 2. This workbook offers hands-on and fundamental insights into workplace safety, evaluating risks, and regulatory mandates, thereby empowering participants to enhance their grasp of sector benchmarks.

Whilst the Department continues to manage litigation matters relating to historical procurement processes and road accident claims which have an impact on our diminishing financial resources, we remain steadfast in protecting the interests of the State and ensuring that public resources are safeguarded through diligent political and legal oversight.

To strengthen efforts aimed at preventing irregular and duplicate claims against the State, the Department continues to work closely with the Road Accident Fund and other stakeholders to improve verification processes and mitigate potential fraud.

Equally, the Department has intensified collaboration with law enforcement agencies in combating corruption and criminal activities committed in the name of the government.

These efforts have yielded positive results, including the recent arrest and prosecution of individuals allegedly involved in tender-related fraud linked to the Department.

We remain resolute in ensuring that those who seek to defraud government, disrupt construction projects, extort contractors or destroy public infrastructure are identified, investigated and brought to book. There can be no place for corruption in an administration that seeks to serve the people of the North West Province.

PROGRAMME 2: PUBLIC WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE (R1 079 859 000)

An amount of **One Billion, Seventy-Five Million, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Nine Thousand Rand (R1 075 859 000)** has been allocated towards the management, maintenance and development of public infrastructure and immovable assets across the province.

Honourable Speaker,

Whilst this allocation may appear substantial, it is important to appreciate the financial obligations that accompany the government's extensive immovable asset portfolio.

Approximately **R300 million** of the Programme's budget is directed towards the payment of municipal property rates and taxes. These payments are essential to ensuring compliance with legislative requirements, supporting the financial sustainability of municipalities and



Deputy Minister Sihle Zikalala, MEC Elizabeth Sempe Mokuwa, and Head of Department, Moses Kgantsi, alongside departmental officials, carrying out inspection tours of unlawfully occupied state properties as part of Operation Bring Back. This endeavour is integral to the government's pledge to reclaim public assets, reinforce governance, and guarantee that state-owned infrastructure is safeguarded and utilised for its designated function. Operation Bring Back underscores the critical need to protect public resources.

maintaining the government's standing as a responsible property owner.

I am pleased to report that the Department has maintained a clean record in the settlement of rates and taxes during the financial year under review, demonstrating our commitment to sound financial management and responsible governance.

We remain committed to sustaining this performance during the 2026/27 financial year whilst continuing to engage municipalities on matters relating to billing accuracy, property valuations and account verification.

The Department continues to strengthen its role as the custodian of provincial government immovable assets through improved asset management, accountability and optimisation of state-owned properties.

For the 2026/27 MTEF period, the Department is preparing a new cycle of condition assessments on state-owned health facilities across the province and 60 health facilities have been targeted for this current financial year condition assessment.

The Provincial Immovable Asset Register remains a critical governance tool in ensuring transparency, accountability and proper stewardship of public assets. Through ongoing verification and reconciliation processes, the Department continues to improve the integrity of the provincial property portfolio and support informed decision-making regarding government-owned assets.

In his in his State of the Province Address this year, Premier Lazarus Kagiso Mokgosi said *“Furthermore, we will dispose two hundred and eighty-eight houses of government that were built on tribal land. Preference will be given to current tenants who are rightful occupants to ensure security of tenure and orderly regularisation.”*

Following this commitment by the Premier, I can safely report that we have commenced verification and validation processes aimed at ensuring the donation of these houses. These houses are spread throughout in the province across areas such as Mabeskraal; Moruleng; Masebudule; Madibogo and Taung, to mention just a few.



Chief Directorate: Immovable Asset Management hosted their first Provincial Government Immovable Asset Management (GIAMA) Forum meeting for 2026/2027 financial year in Mahikeng, Ngaka Modiri Molema District.

Held on a quarterly basis, GIAMA is a South African legislative framework designed to ensure the efficient, effective, and transparent management of immovable state properties (such as buildings and land) by national and provincial government departments

This further related to 27 farms and 77 vacant stands that have been earmarked for disposal as part of the revenue enhancement strategy. However, the Executive Council has approved the donation of 25 vacant stands to JB Marks Local Municipality to address housing accommodation for military veteran's programme.

Honourable Speaker,

Government remains committed to ensuring that state-owned assets continue to serve developmental objectives. In this regard, the Department is working in collaboration with the Department of Higher Education and Training to explore opportunities for the repurposing of closed educational facilities into facilities that support skills development and community empowerment.

The Department is also making significant progress in implementing Cross-Border Protocol Agreements relating to immovable assets situated outside the provincial boundaries of the North West Province.

The verification process of identified cross-border properties is nearing completion.

Priority has been given to state domestic facilities such as educational facilities, health care facilities, and road infrastructure, in this regard, a verification process has been concluded and these properties will be transferred to Gauteng province in particular. The second phase of this project includes farms, vacant sites and underutilised state buildings.

Honourable Speaker, Members of the House,

The Department continues to assess the condition of state-owned facilities to ensure that maintenance planning is informed by credible data and infrastructure needs. This will assist in reducing the provincial government private portfolio which is costing the province more than R450 million according to the annual provincial treasury statistics.

Whilst significant maintenance backlogs remain across the provincial building portfolio, we continue to prioritise critical facilities to ensure that limited resources are directed towards infrastructure that supports frontline service delivery.



Progress on the Construction of Coligny Special School hostels in Ditsobotla Local Municipality is at more 90 percentage physical completion with a few items remaining on the snag list.

The scope of the project included constructed of new hotel blocks; new guard house; nurses residence; staff accommodation; learner's clinic and kitchen facilities all at a combined cost of R 233,8m

The Department has also continued to address office accommodation challenges across government by providing suitable workspaces that enable departments to deliver services efficiently and effectively.

We are continuing with multi-tenancy and have finalised office accommodation leases for Department of Agriculture and Rural Development as well as Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs. The Department of Agriculture and Rural Developments is finally relocating to TEB building in Mahikeng and the waiting is now over.

Buildings, Infrastructure, Construction and Maintenance

Honourable Members,

During the year under review, the Department continued to invest in the maintenance, refurbishment and construction of public facilities despite fiscal constraints and competing demands on limited resources. While several planned interventions were affected by budget reprioritisations arising from historical contractual obligations, the Department maintained a strong implementation trajectory and recorded expenditure of approximately 98 per cent against its allocated budget.

The Department also made significant progress on strategic infrastructure projects, including improving security infrastructure at the Old Parliament Complex, and preparing to develop a multi-tenant government office complex in Vryburg to reduce the government's long-term rental expenditure.

On behalf of client departments, substantial progress was recorded on education infrastructure projects across the province, with the following schools (Monchusi, Tlokwe, Tigane and Coligny Special School) being occupied and reaching practical completion and already being utilised by learners, thereby contributing towards improved teaching and learning environments.



The department's continuous dedication to fostering and empowering its technical personnel for efficient service delivery has been articulated by Moses Kgantsi, the Head of Department. This statement was made during a discussion held with technical employees from the Building and Transport Infrastructure units. The meeting provided an opportunity to investigate strategic methods for tackling issues within the candidacy programme, considering policy aspects, adapting organisational frameworks to current industry demands, and reinforcing governance procedures. According to the Head of Department, the candidacy is essential for boosting departmental effectiveness and elevating service provision throughout the province.

Honourable Speaker,

The 2026/27 financial year marks a significant shift in how the Department approaches infrastructure maintenance and investment planning. The provision and maintenance of public infrastructure remain central to the government's ability to deliver services efficiently and effectively. It is worth noting the budgetary challenges we are faced with due to shrinking fiscal due to the economic challenges. To this end, only R100 million is allocated to build and maintain this public facilities.

For the first time, the government now possesses credible and comprehensive condition assessment data on 137 public facilities across the province, providing an evidence-based foundation for infrastructure planning, maintenance prioritisation and future investment decisions.

The assessment has revealed the extent of maintenance pressures facing the provincial building portfolio and provides the government with a clear roadmap for intervention.

The findings indicate that ageing infrastructure continues to place significant pressure on available resources, with an estimated maintenance requirement of approximately R1.9 billion across assessed facilities. While current fiscal allocations do not fully address this backlog, the Department has adopted a targeted approach that prioritises facilities requiring urgent intervention to preserve service delivery capability and prevent further deterioration.

In the current financial year, the Department will implement priority maintenance and refurbishment projects across government facilities, including Ventersdorp, Klerksdorp, Moretele, Kagisano Molopo, Swartruggens, Mamusa and Matooster service points. These interventions will improve working conditions for public servants and ensure that government infrastructure remains functional, safe and fit for purpose.

The Department will further advance strategic projects aimed at improving government accommodation and preserving public assets, including the upgrading of the main entrance at the Old Parliament Complex and refurbishment projects within the provincial property portfolio.



MEC Sempe Elizabeth Mokuia hosted the Portfolio Committee on Public Works and Roads, led by Honourable Paul Sebegoe, for their inspection of the major upgrades being made to the Potchefstroom Agricultural College's Research Building.

The scope of work included the installation of a new elevator, and refurbishment of dump lifts.

Further works included the installation of Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioners (HVAC) refurbishment of fire hydrants, fire/smoke detectors and gas installation.

The purpose of the visits was to enhance accountability and transparency in government while also monitoring the progress of ongoing projects.



Honourable Speaker,

As the implementing agent of choice for provincial government, the Department will continue to support client departments in delivering infrastructure that improves the lives of our communities.

During the current financial year, the Department will oversee the completion of key education infrastructure projects, including Dirang Ka Natla Primary School in Khuma township. and Kagiso Barolong Secondary School in Logageng village which are at 75% and 30% respectively while continuing to support the completion and commissioning of schools.

The Department will also support the delivery of libraries, traditional council facilities, aviation infrastructure and other public facilities that contribute towards community development, social cohesion and economic growth across the province.

Recent support secured through Infrastructure South Africa for development of business case for Pilanesburg Airport for possible funding presents an opportunity to position the province for future investment and growth.

PROGRAMME 3: TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE (R2,348, 589, 000)

Honourable Speaker,

An amount of **Two Billion, Three Hundred and Forty-Eight Million, Five Hundred and Eighty-nine Thousand Rand (R2 348 589 000)** has been allocated to Transport Infrastructure during the 2026/27 financial year. This investment will support the preservation, maintenance and upgrading of the provincial road network whilst strengthening economic growth, regional connectivity and access to essential services.

The province is experiencing challenge of roads that are mainly in fair to poor state and require extensive maintenance works. An estimated **R28.233 billion** is required to address the total accumulated maintenance backlog for the provincial road network. With the current budget allocation trends, it means we will take decades to address the 14 000 gravel roads backlogs against a total provincial network of 19 000km.



MEC Sempe Elizabeth Mokuu turned the sod to mark the commencement of the rehabilitation of Road Z608 and Z606 and the upgrading to surface standard of Road Z606 in Maboloka, 30km North of Brits in Bojanala District at a combined length of 8km.

This project also include the upgrade of three existing bridges.

The project with a combined value of R 146,7 million is expected to be completed within 20 months after site has been handed over to the contractor.

In addition, our province remains one of those with the highest rates on unemployment, especially among the youth. To this end, we have taken a conscious decision to ensure the increased use of block paving, particularly at intersections and in our road projects. This will ensure the increase of job opportunities through the use of less machinery.

Furthermore, our running and new projects, with estimated value at **R1,6 billion** have the potential to create approximately 8 000 job opportunities by the end of the current financial year whilst also benefiting small businesses who have the potential to have their Construction Industry Board grading improved through sub-contracting. Our new intake of learner contractors will also benefit from these projects through the set aside policy.

These projects will not only create job opportunities, but will offer accredited training opportunities for participants whilst also equipping them with portable skills to improve their access to job markets and entrepreneur opportunities.

As part of the commitments made by Premier Lazarus Mokgosi during this year's State of the Province Address, the Department continues to make significant progress on strategic road infrastructure projects valued at over **R1.3 billion**. These include the Phelindaba, Makwassie, Lichtenburg to Gelukspan and Ramokokastad roads.

The Phelindaba Road project has reached 92 per cent completion and is expected to achieve practical completion ahead of schedule. The Wolmaransstad through Makwassie to Wesselsbron Road was completed in May 2026, while the Lichtenburg to Gelukspan project has reached practical completion.

Progress on the Ramokokastad Road, implemented in partnership with Valterra Platinum, currently stands at 65 per cent.

Honourable Speaker,

During the current financial year, the Department will further complete strategic projects in Berseba, Bethanie, Brits, Mogwase, Segwaelane, Wonderkop, Majakaneng and Sun City, with a combined investment exceeding **R442 million**.



The rehabilitation and resealing of Road P13/4 from Wolmaranstad in Maquassi Hills Local Municipality in Dr Kenneth Kaunda District to Wesselsbron (Free State Border) has reached completion, marking a significant milestone in the department's ongoing efforts to improve road infrastructure, enhance road safety and strengthen connectivity between communities

The Department remains particularly encouraged by the growing participation of the private sector in infrastructure delivery. In Bojanala District, a Memorandum of Agreement has been concluded with Valterra Mines for the upgrading of Road D105 between Ramokokastad and Brits at a value of **R98 million**. This partnership demonstrates the importance of collaboration between government, traditional leadership and the private sector in accelerating development.

A ke tseye tshono eno go leboga Kgosi ya Baphalabe Baa Ramokoka, Kgosi Manotshe Ramokoka go nna mongwe wa baeteledi pele bao ba tswelletseng go etletsa lefapha ka go thusa go senka matlole mo ditheong tse eseng tsa puso. Go fitlhela ga jaana re na le ditsela dile pedi tseo re di tsweleditseng ka ntlha ya matsapa a ga Kgosi Ramokoka. Re ikuela go Magosi a mangwe le dikgwebo go tshwaragana le puso go tokafatsa maemo a ditsela mo profeseng ya rona.

Honourable Speaker,

Government's programme to revitalise towns and preserve strategic road infrastructure continues to yield positive results.

In Koster, the Department successfully completed Phase 1 of the Special Maintenance Programme at a value of **R104 million**, which included the rehabilitation of Road R509, stormwater improvements and the resealing of surrounding streets. The project has improved road safety, mobility and the overall appearance of the town.

Similarly, in Mahikeng, the Department completed the special maintenance of Road D424, Visser Street and surrounding internal roads at a value of **R68.8 million**.

In Ngaka Modiri Molema District, attention will now focus on the completion of Road D479 in Khunotswana, which experienced delays arising from community-related challenges and flood damage. The Department remains confident that the project will be completed before the December builders' shutdown.



The Department completed the special maintenance of Road D424, Visser Street in Mahikeng and surrounding internal roads at a value of R68.8 million.

Honourable Speaker,

The North West Province occupies a strategic position within the regional economy, serving as a gateway to neighbouring provinces and countries. To strengthen these linkages, the Department continues to invest in strategic economic corridors.

These include the rehabilitation of Road R509 between Magaliesburg and Koster valued at approximately **R780 million**, the upgrading of Road D414 connecting Mahikeng and Bray valued at over **R300 million**, and the planned construction of Nelson Mandela Drive in Mahikeng, which carries an investment commitment exceeding **R500 million**.

These multi-year projects will improve mobility, support trade, unlock tourism opportunities and strengthen the province's competitiveness as an investment destination.

Honourable Speaker,

The Department has appointed two contractors for the upgrading of Roads D506, Z559 and D332 from gravel to surfaced standards in the Moses Kotane Local Municipality.

Covering approximately 33 kilometres between Dwarsberg, Pachsdraai and surrounding communities, this investment of more than **R600 million** Medium-Term Expenditure Framework period will improve accessibility, enhance road safety and unlock economic opportunities within the area.

In the Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality, construction will commence during the current financial year on Road Z456 in Nyetse and Road D2279 connecting Lekubung, Mosweu and Dinokana. These projects form part of government's response to the remedial actions of the Public Protector and represent an investment exceeding **R350 million** over multiple financial years.

Honourable Speaker,

In the Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipality, our focus remains on the completion of the Road D206 connecting the villages of Molelema and Matsheng. Following challenges of experienced with the previous contractor, corrective measures have been implemented to safeguard public funds and ensure the successful completion of this important project.



The Road P 31 / 1 rehabilitation, stretching from the Gauteng border to P 123 / 1, along with appurtenant works like bridge construction and repairing bridges, is almost finished, with over 90% of the work physically done.

This 22-kilometer road project is situated within Madibeng Local Municipality's jurisdiction, in the Bojanala District.



A total of 23 local businesses have been given opportunities through sub-contracting in this project, with some of them improving their CIDB grading in the process.

The Bray Road Corridor remains one of the province's strategic priorities. Beyond serving local communities, the corridor strengthens agricultural activity, eco-tourism and cross-border trade with Botswana and Namibia. Government's investment in this corridor exceeds **R300 million** over the MTEF and reflects our commitment to unlocking economic opportunities in rural areas.

Honourable Speaker,

In the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, construction is progressing on roads linking Schweizer-Reneke, Wolmaransstad and Delareyville. These projects will improve mobility, support agricultural production and strengthen regional connectivity. Government's investment in these strategic roads exceeds **R400 million** over the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework period.

Honourable Members,

Recent floods have once again highlighted the vulnerability of infrastructure to extreme weather conditions.

To strengthen disaster resilience, the Department has secured **R50 million** for the construction and rehabilitation of seven strategic bridges, including projects in Moretele and cross-border routes linking the North West and Free State provinces.

The Department continues to implement projects funded through the **R100 million** disaster recovery allocation received during the 2025/26 budget adjustment process. Contractors have already been appointed for nine of the twelve identified projects, while procurement processes for the remaining projects are at advanced stages.

To further support local government, the Department has set aside **R115 million** for the Municipal Roads Intervention Programme.

This initiative will support rehabilitation works, pothole repairs, drainage improvements, road markings and resealing projects in municipalities experiencing critical road infrastructure challenges.



The 26-kilometer segment from Road P51 to the P2/4 (R104) connecting Majakaneng and Berseba in Madibeng Local Municipality has reached a 41% completion milestone. These efforts involve applying an asphalt overlay to specific areas and undertaking patch and reseal work on the rest of the road. MEC Sempe Elizabeth Mokuu's oversight visit on this road project in the Bojanala District was aimed at monitoring progress.



Honourable Speaker,

The Department remains committed to responding swiftly to infrastructure emergencies. Following the collapse of the bridge on Road P53/1 between Mogwase and Kwa Maritane, a contractor and consulting engineer were appointed to undertake emergency repairs at a cost of **R11.9 million**. The project is expected to be completed within two months and will restore this critical transport link for residents, businesses and visitors alike.

PROGRAMME 4: COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMME (R249 079 000)

Honourable Speaker,

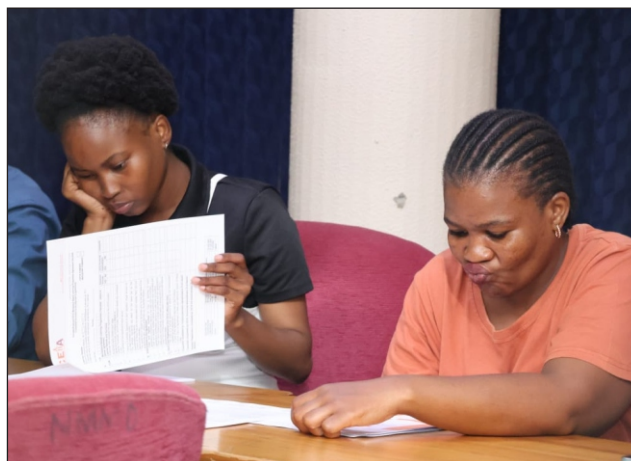
Infrastructure must not only be built; it must create opportunities for the people who build it. To this end, the Community-Based Programme remains one of government's most important instruments for combating unemployment, developing skills and creating pathways into the construction sector, particularly for young people, women and persons with disabilities.

The Department has been allocated **Two Hundred and Forty-Nine Million and Seventy-Nine Thousand Rand (R249 079 000)** for the 2026/27 financial year to support job creation, skills development and contractor empowerment initiatives across the province.

Through the Expanded Public Works Programme, the Department exceeded its target of **10,000** work opportunities by creating **11,893** opportunities through infrastructure construction and maintenance projects.

Working together with provincial departments and municipalities, the Province achieved **95 percent** of its target. This is translated into the creation of **37,091** work opportunities against a target of **39,022** during the second year of Phase V of the Expanded Public Works Programme.

While the target was not fully achieved, the performance reflects the continued commitment of government institutions to utilise public programmes as instruments for employment creation despite prevailing fiscal constraints, project implementation delays and the impact of adverse weather conditions that affected the rollout of some planned interventions.



The department selected beneficiaries from the Itirele programme to participate in the Construction Education and Training Authority (CETA) Workplace-Based Learnership Programme for 2026.

This programme aims to bridge the skills gap in the construction sector by combining theoretical training with practical on-the-job experience.

The programme which involves a hybrid model of 4 months in a classroom setting and 6 months in a working environment, is designed for unemployed youth, focusing on key trades within the built environment.

Fifty participants from Ngaka Modiri Molema have already registered with the assistance of CETA appointed service provider, Franklin Global. A total of 230 participants across the four districts will benefit from this programme and will receive a nationally recognized NQF-registered certificate upon successful completion.



The Department continues to invest in developing the next generation of artisans, supervisors and construction professionals. During the year under review, **216** learners participated in accredited built-environment training programmes, while a further 230 learners are currently enrolled in the Further Education and Training Certificate in Supervision of Construction Processes through funding provided by the Construction Education and Training Authority.

To strengthen economic transformation and support emerging contractors, the Department continues to implement the Vuk'uPhile Contractor Development Programme and will establish dedicated procurement panels to create opportunities for women, young people, persons with disabilities and military veterans.

The Department will also continue modernising the administration of the Expanded Public Works Programme through digital systems that strengthen accountability, improve transparency and ensure that opportunities reach their intended beneficiaries.

Through these interventions, government remains committed to ensuring that infrastructure investment creates not only public assets, but also sustainable livelihoods, skills and economic opportunities for the people of the North West Province.

CONCLUSION

Honourable Speaker,

As I conclude, allow me to extend my sincere appreciation to all those who continue to contribute to the success of this Department.

To the Head of Department, Mr Moss Kgantsi, thank you for your visionary leadership. To my Office, the staff in the office of the MEC, and the dedicated officials who support me daily, thank you for your professionalism, loyalty and commitment to service excellence.

To the senior management team and the entire staff of the department, our "winning team", thank you for your dedication in advancing the Department's mandate and delivering infrastructure that changes lives.



Head of Department and some managers who represent the department's personnel across all levels, whom MEC Sempe Elizabeth Mokuva fondly dubbed the "Winning Team".



To the Premier of North West, Honourable Lazarus Kagiso Mokgosi and the entire Members of the Executive Council, thank you for your continued support and collective commitment to building a better North West Province.

To the Portfolio Committee, the Standing Committee on Provincial Public Accounts, and all oversight structures of this Legislature, thank you for your guidance and for holding us accountable to the people we serve.

To my political home, the African National Congress, under the leadership of Provincial Chairperson Comrade Dumile Nono Maloyi, thank you for the confidence and trust bestowed upon me to serve the people of this province.

To my husband and our children, thank you for your love, sacrifice and unwavering support. Your strength continues to sustain me through the demands of public service.

Honourable Speaker,

As we execute this mandate, we do so with humility, knowing that our success depends not only on our plans and resources, but also on God's grace and guidance. I am guided by Philippians 4:13: *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"* which is my constant reminder to serve with diligence and integrity because I yield all my dependence on the Almighty.

The budget we have tabled today is more than a financial allocation; it is a commitment to building a North West Province that works for all.

Together, let us continue to build roads that connect communities, infrastructure that restores dignity, and opportunities that improve the lives of our people.

I thank you.



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