

**BUDGET SPEECH FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE, VOTE 09, DELIVERED BY MEC NKAKARENG RAKGOALE  
ON 18 April 2023 AT THE LIMPOPO LEGISLATURE**

**Honourable Speaker and Deputy Speaker**

**The Honourable Premier**

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**Head of Department and CEO of RAL**

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**Comrades**

**All People of Limpopo Province**

**Thobela.**

I am here once again to table and present to you our Departmental Policy Budget Vote in an endeavour to bring back hope and assurance to the people of Limpopo that we are here to serve. We table this budget vote noting the challenges of service delivery in some of our communities and we remain committed in addressing those challenges.

**Honourable Speaker**, the ANC led government has made a firm commitment to ensure the reconstruction and development of our people and also to transform as many of our people as possible into conscious agents of change, for the construction of a winning and humane society to ensure access to a better life for all.

This was also demonstrated by sister departments that have already tabled their budget speeches and also made financial commitments all in a bit to realise improved service delivery in communities. As people we have every reason to be proud of our historic gains during our twenty-nine years of democracy.

**Honourable Speaker**

The Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure is among the strategic departments that are tasked to see to it that there is improved service delivery. It is my strong conviction that the Provincial Government under the stewardship of the Honourable Premier Chupu Stan Mathabatha, and his collective members of EXCO is continuing with the expansion of the frontiers of human fulfilment, of which President Mandela spoke about in 1994.

## **Honourable Speaker**

The fact is that our people are expecting more improved infrastructure investment in the province, and reality is that we are currently unable to address all service delivery concerns at a go, due to budgetary constraints. Our people need new roads, new clinics, new schools and the full rehabilitation and maintenance of the existing infrastructure. More than before, it is expected that we should do more with less and still maintain the high level of service standards.

**Honourable members**, also allow me to indicate that we are gathered here today, a few months after Limpopo was severely affected by floods. Eleven bridges were washed away across the province, with Mopani and Vhembe Districts being the hardest hit. Preliminary assessment reports also indicates that 202 roads are badly damaged. These floods have reversed the work of rehabilitation and patching of potholes that we launched in August last year through “**Operation Thiba Mekoti Ditseleng.**”

In the budget speech of the previous financial year we committed that RAL was going to sign service level agreements with municipalities and CoGHSTA. This is for the purpose of capacitating municipalities in terms of roads maintenance and all this is done in the spirit of Intergovernmental Relations and the District Development Model that seeks to ensure that there is well coordinated delivery of services among others. I am happy to reports that 10 contractors, for maintaining internal streets in some municipalities have been appointed.

## **Honourable Speaker**

### **ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE**

Roads Infrastructure challenges dominated the agenda of our business as a department and its entity RAL. This particular situation required everyone to work hard towards resolving some of the service delivery challenges.

During the year under review, we had given focussed attention to projects that we had committed to the people of Limpopo. We redoubled our efforts and embarked on a vigorous work of maintaining roads infrastructure, as part of our routine maintenance plan. In this regard, we have managed to register progress on the roads throughout the province. Following an outcry about the state of our roads in the province we have taken a conscious decision to put more focus on rehabilitation and maintenance of our roads infrastructure. This is an indication that indeed we are a listening government. Rehabilitation work is currently underway in the five districts.

### **Waterberg District**

In Waterberg District, we are rehabilitating 10 road networks that we are implementing in phases and we are currently doing phase one.

We have completed work on:

- Road P85/2, Settlers to Tuinplaas
- Road D626 from Pienaars river to Rust De Venter
- Road D1675, Lephalale to Steenbokpan

We are progressing well on:

- Road D3502 Magongoa to Mosesetjane at 96%
- D3110 Ga-Seleka to Shongwane at 90%
- D887 Tom Burke to Alldays at 80%

Rehabilitation work is also underway and currently progressing well:

- Road D192 from R101 Waterval to R18 in Marken at 30%
- D2702 from PPC to Dwaalboom at 57%
- P134/1 from Mookgopong to Lushof at 43%
- We have completed the design on Road D1435 from R101 Mokopane to Makapan Valley.

### **Vhembe District**

In Vhembe district we rehabilitated 12 road networks and currently have completed phase one on Roads:

- P94/2 from R521 to Pondrift,
- Road R521/P98/2 maintenance of road P98/2 in Vhembe, phase one is complete
- P277/1 from P135/1 Masisi to Thohoyandou;
- D3653, Boxahuku to Bevula
- P135/1, Bokmakirie to Bend Mutale;
- D959 from Makhado towards Air Force Base.

We will soon complete rehabilitation work on the following roads:

- D4 Malamulele to Elim towards N1 currently at 80%
- D1483 Musina to Pondrift in Vhembe, currently at 99%
- P278/1 N1 to Willyspoort to Thohoyandou, currently at 88%
- D449, from N1 to Dopeni at 50%
- D1174 from Musina to Tshipise is at the detailed design stage
- D1021 from D744 Mopane to N1 Nzhelele Nature Reserve in Vhembe, the project's design is complete.

- **MOPANI DISTRICT**

In Mopani District, we completed phase one maintenance work on roads:

- D1292 from D1350 to R529 Nkambake, D3840 from Giyani to Phalaborwa and D3200 from R81 to Mokwakwaila

We are continuing maintenance work on:

- D3840 from Giyani to Phalaborwa progress is at 99%
- D11 Ga-Mamaila Kolobetona progress is at 90%
- D3873 Bokgaga to Lephephane in Mopani, phase one progress is at 75%
- D3880 Lenyenye to D4139 Mosoroni in Mopani, phase one progress is at 90%
- D3641 from D3812 Giyani to D3745 Altein in Mopani, phase one progress is at 92%

- D1909 from P17/4 to Timbavati the Mopani District, progress is at 39% completion.
- D3179 from Medingeng to Malematsa is at 25%

We are currently in design stage for roads:

- D548 Georges Valley from R36 in Tzaneen to R71 Haenertsberg
- D3180 from D447 Maraka to R71 Shayameriri
- P43/3 road leading from Letaba Ranch to Eiland designs completed.

### **Sekhukhune District**

In Sekhukhune district, we conducted phase one maintenance on roads:

- D856 from P95/1 Dennilton to R573 Moteti progress is at 100%
- D4356, Arabie to Petwane in Sekhukhune district, progress is at 100%
- P51/3, Groblersdal to Stoffberg progress is at 99%.
- D2923 Dennilton to Siyabuswa progress is at 95%.
- D2219 from R579 Ga-Moloi to R555 Ga-Malekana in Sekhukhune, the project is at the detailed design stage
- D2484 from R555 Tukagomo to Mapodile, progress is at 94%
- D4250 Apel to Malope to Mogalatsane in Sekhukhune, the project's design completed
- D1296 Steelpoort to Riba Cross in Sekhukhune, the project is at the preliminary design stage

- D4134 Seokodibeng to D4140 Penge in Sekhukhune, the project is at the detailed design stage
- P207/1 from Marble Hall through Roedtan Road to Siyabuswa progress is at 96%, we have commenced with phase two which is at 25%
- D4240 Maseven, progress is at 73% Completion.
- D4150 Bothashoek to Praktiseer, progress is at 68%.

### **Capricorn district**

In Capricorn district, in terms of phase one maintenance plan we have worked on the following roads:

- D1356, from N1 to Matseke to D879 Ramokgopa, which is complete.
- D3600, from Moletlane to Mehlareng is complete we have commenced with phase two which is at 25%.
- P18/2, from R518 (Zebediela cross) to Bergnek Village is complete.
- P54/1 Munnik to Morebeng progress is at 65%
- D19 from D544 in Polokwane to D5066 in Mathapo progress is at 95%
- D4070 from Moepeng to Shotalane, the project is at detailed design stage
- D3997 from D844 Sebayeng to D617 Ga-Moswedi the project is at detailed design stage
- D1200 from Mogwadi to Brookman the project's design completed D688 Bylsteel, progress is at 65%



- D4069 from Mashite to R37 progress is at 32%
- Phase two of Road D885 from Doornfontein to Immerpan progress is at 27%.
- D688 Bylsteel progress is at 65%
- The Maintenance of Road D4069 from Mashite to R37 is at 32%

We have also completed designs for the maintenance of additional 33 roads across the province. It is our intention to work towards ensuring that work on those roads commence, as and when there is budget available. We are encouraging Private sector to come on board to support this initiative.

### **Honourable Speaker**

Allow me to provide an update on the roads upgrading projects that we committed that we were going to focus on in the 2022/23 financial year. Contractors have been appointed for the following roads upgrading projects that will be carried out in phases in the coming financial year.

### **Vhembe District**

- D3669 Mavhunga access road
- D3671 Musekwa to Maranikwe

### **Waterberg District**

- D3561 from N11 to Segole 1 & Segole 2 to Ga-Rapadi

### **Capricorn District**

- D3278 Blouberg Hospital to Buffelshoek

- D3436, D3428, D5007 Ga-Ramoshwane, Ga-Rammetlwane, Ga-Ramotlwana

### **Mopani District**

- D3248 Thapane access to Nwamitwa

### **Sekhukhune District**

- D4283 Glencowie to Ga-Malaka

The following roads are at different levels of design stage for upgrading from gravel to tar. We hope to commence with the construction as and when budget becomes available.

### **Sekhukhune District**

In Sekhukhune District, designs were completed for roads:

- D4260 Malope to Phokwane
- D4180 Atok Mine to Ga-Selepe to Modimolle.

The engineer is currently working on detailed design report for road D4199 Apel to Ga-Nkoana to D4190.

### **Mopani District**

In Mopani, we have completed designs for roads D3734 in Tshatshama

### **Capricorn District**

We have completed designs for roads D4090, D4093, D4094, and D4096 Malemati.

**We have managed to appoint consultants for the following flood damaged bridges:**

- Bridge on Road D3505 near Thutlane community in Mogalakwena, within the Bakenburg area.
- Bridge on Road D3753 near Dzondo community in Thulamela and
- Bridge on Road D3817 near Wayeni community in Collins Chabane

Consultants have recently been appointed for designs of the following upgrading projects:

### **Sekhukhune District**

D4055 Mafefe to Moroke

D4227& D4230 Upgrading of Leolo access road

D4285 Maserumulepark, Leeuwkraal to Patantswane

D4328 Mohlalaotwane, Serithing to Ramogwerane

D4200 Mphanama to Ga- Nchabeleng

D2913 Magakadimeng to Mpheleng

D3200 Ga-Moroka to Mawa

### **Vhembe District**

D3661 Tshikonelo to Xikundu

D3710 Dzingahe to Tshivhazwaulu

D2677 Vleifontein, Nthabalala, Mpofu to Pfananani

D3746 D3746 between Schuynshoogte, Vyeboom and Davhana cross Vhembe

D3717, D3736, D3642 Hollywood to Gumbani

D3754, D3719 Bungeni to Tshipuseni and De Hoop to Nkuzana

D3640 Ga-Mphabo to Mdavula

### **Capricorn District**

D4032 Ga-Mothapo, Phomolong to Rampheri

D3135 Botlokwa old clinic to Sekakene village

D3370 D19 to Newlands, Setotolwane to Mapangula

D15 Thakgalane to Morebeng

D3287, D3292, D1589 from Corner D1589 to Eldarado to Ga-Dankie on  
D3292

D1809 Nobody to Laastehoop to Mothapo

D3613, D2614, D3595 Madisha Roads

D3332 Ga-Rankuwe to Ga-Moleele via Maribana

D5006, D3389 Percy Five to Mashashane

D23 Wolkberg Nature Reserve

D3397 R567 to Schoon to Lekhureng

D3617 Ga-Ledwaba

### **Mopani District**

D3804, D3805 Xikukwane to Mbatlo

P43/3 Letaba Ranch to Eiland

D3786 Mashishimale Road from R3 to R1

D3812 Homu 14B to Vuhehli

D3775 Mhangweni to Mafarana

D3164 Olifantshoek through Rotterdam to Senwamokgope and Itielene

D3641 Altein to Shangoni

### **Waterberg District**

D1231 Mashashane to Mokopane

D3505 Haakdoring to Segole 1

D180, D536 Alma

D4426 Belabela to Leeupoort

D3575 N11 via Monte Christo to Pollen

D19 Mamehlabe to Ga-Mathapo/Bavaria

### **Honourable Speaker**

I must emphasise that the work of consultants in the business of construction of roads, is quite important. These professionals, do project feasibility studies, environmental impact studies, material investigation, detail designs, compile Bills of Quantities (BoQ) and drawings to ensure quality of the services and work rendered, therefore, they are critical in the value chain of infrastructure development.

Consultants mentioned above, are expected to complete the design works before the end of the 2023/24 financial year.

### **Honourable Speaker,**

One of the ways we ensure our roads are in a drivable state is to do re-gravelling and blading of roads while waiting for upgrading. The reality is that we do not have sufficient budget to upgrade gravel roads of about thirteen-thousand kilometres of the backlog.

RAL will be collaborating with the Department in order to fastrack re-gravelling of roads in the five districts of the Province and these are as follows:

### **Mopani District**

Road D3247 from Nwamitwa via Babanana village

D3878 in Balloon next to Ga-Sekororo

D3187 Mokgwathi, Lekghwareng to Dzumeri

### **Waterberg District**

Road D794 from Marakele to Bakkerspaas (Alma)

Road D3550 Vlakfontein, Bakenburg

Road D1958 from N11 to Mmapela in Mogalakwena

D3534 Limberg to Ditlotswana this road connects the people of Waterberg and Capricorn Districts

### **Capricorn District**

D3332 from Ga-Rankuwe to Ga-Moleele via Maribana

D3959 in Sebayeng to Ga- Dikgale

D4016 Mamphaka to Spitzkop

## **Sekhukhune District**

Road D4328 from Mmotwaneng to Serithing

Road D4252 from Mmatshatsha to Mphanama

Road D4204 from Mmakopa to Ga-Seroka

## **Vhembe District**

D3685 from Matavhela to Tshikwadza

D3923 from Xihosana to Mdavuala in Collins Chabane Municipality

D3695 from Tshandama to Siloam

The total amount of R96-million will be spent on the re-gravelling of these roads. In addition to efforts we are making towards our roads to be in a drivable state, RAL has signed an MOU with 10 local municipalities to do Routine Road Maintenance and pothole patching. Work has already commenced in various municipalities.

The following local municipalities have been identified:

Ba-Phalaborwa Local Municipality, Musina Local Municipality; Polokwane Local Municipality, Collins Chabane Local Municipality, Bela-Bela Local Municipality, Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality, Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality, Makhado Local Municipality and Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality and Modimolle Local Municipality.

## **Honourable Speaker,**

This is a continuation of the pothole patching initiative **Operation Thiba Mekoti Ditseleng**. This project saw road workers in all five districts in all cost centres going on the ground and do the work.

Through that process, we have been able to address some of the challenges and identify roads requiring major rehabilitation.

We have also appointed 22–Household Contractors who have been allocated to each local municipality to do maintenance of our roads.

In the 2022/23 financial year, they surpassed the target of 100 000m<sup>2</sup> and achieved 180 733,70m<sup>2</sup>. Nine-hundred and Sixty-three (963) jobs were created.

In 2023/24 financial year, the programme will continue with a target of 132 394m<sup>2</sup> and 1 941 jobs are targeted for creation.

It is work in progress, as the filling of potholes is a moving target due to the dire state of our roads as worsened by the recent rains. What we will continue to do is re-gravel and blade our gravel roads in order to make them drivable. To this end, there has been an allocation of R100-million for the 2023/24 financial year for the purchase of heavy machinery and equipment. We will continue to procure new plant for our cost centres during the next MTEF.

We are currently in the process of recruiting driver operators who will be responsible for the maintenance of our roads. Our commitment as a department is to deliver quality roads network that connects communities to economic mainstreams, of which key industries are agriculture, mining and tourism.

We are pleased with the fact that some in the private sector understand and support initiatives of government, appreciating the fact that together we can do more.



In the 2022/23 financial year, our strategic partners in the private sector have contributed about R400-million as a way of co-funding the development of the Province's roads infrastructure. For this, we are humbly grateful as it provides relief to the provincial fiscus.

### **Honourable Speaker**

Premier Chupu Stanley Mathabatha in his State of the Province Address alluded to one of the Public-Private partnerships, when he announced the rehabilitation and refurbishment of the single-lane steel bridge in Ga-Malekane Village in Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality. The Project is estimated to cost R127-million, as a result of investments from eight mining houses in the area, who honoured their social responsibility initiative and committed to refurbish the bridge, while also preserving the history behind it.

Let me also mention that in the year under review, the Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) together with the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL) signed a memorandum of agreement for the construction of the new road interchange on the R71 near the St. Engenas Zion Christian Church. R130- million is allocated for this project to commence soon. This will help to further ease traffic congestion on the R71 road between Polokwane and Tzaneen.

We have already seen noticeable improvement in terms of traffic flow after the completion of the other intersection at the ZCC along the R71 road.

## **SANRAL projects**

We are also working closely with SANRAL on the design and upgrading of the following roads:

D2919 Tshikanoshi to Malebitsa – Sekhukhune District

D3810 Thomo to Hlomela- Mopani District

D3878 Calais to Ga-Sekororo – Mopani District

D3187 Mageva to Makhuva – Mopani District

D3135 Botlokwa clinic access road - Capricorn District

D5013 Ga-Mampa Service Road - Sekhukhune District

Upgrading of R37 Section 1 from Driekop to Burgersfort construction is at 75%.

Routine Road Maintenance is ongoing for the following roads:

R37 from Polokwane to Driekop,

R555 from Ga-Mapodila (km 17.4) to Burgersfort (km 37.4)

N11 from Mokopane to Groblersbridge Border Post

N1 from Kranskop to Musina

## **Honourable Speaker**

As part of continuing to develop Musina- Makhado Special Economic Zone, there is an allocation of R30-million for the designs of the road network, which is a continuation of the good work already done in the area. These initiatives, honourable members are evidence that indeed it is all hands on deck as the province forges ahead with infrastructure development even under difficult economic climate.

## **Honourable Speaker**

The Department, through its agency will in 2023/24 and 2024/25 FY amongst other projects, continue with the rehabilitation of the following roads

### **Waterberg District**

D887 Tom Burke towards Alldays in Waterberg Phase 2

D3110 Ga-Seleka to Shongwane in Waterberg, Phase 2

### **Vhembe District**

D4 Malamulele to Elim towards N1 Phases 2 and 3

D1483 Musina to Pondrift in Vhembe, Phases 2 and 3

### **Mopani District**

D3840 from Giyani to Makhuva Phase 2

D11 from Lemondokop to Ga-Raphahlelo Phases 2 and 3

D3873 from Bokgaga to Lephephane Phase 2

### **Sekhukhune District**

P51/3, Groblersdal to Stoffberg in Sekhukhune, Phases 2 and 3

D2923 Dennilton to Siyabuswa in Sekhukhune, Phase 2

D856 from P95/1 Dennilton to R573 Moteti in Sekhukhune, Phase 2

## **Capricorn District**

D1356 from N1 to Matseke to D879 Ramokgopa, Phase 2

D4070 from Moepeng to Shotlone from D4066, Phase 2

D3997 from D844 Sebayeng to D617 Ga-Moswedi, Phase 2

## **Honourable Speaker**

As part of improving our roads infrastructure monitoring systems, we will through the entity venture into new technology, which will assist in recording the condition of the provincial network, including bridges, through photographic recording vehicles and drone technology. We will also be conducting research into new materials from mines for use in road construction supported by research companies, universities and mining industry.

We will further support job creation activities by focusing on development into the use of labour-intensive activities using block paving. This block paving method of construction will assist the province to deliver road infrastructure in a more cost-effective manner.

For the 2023/24 financial year, Road Agency Limpopo will receive from the Department's budget an allocation of R2.009 billion for roads maintenance, upgrading of roads, strengthening partnerships and other operational costs.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS**

### **Honourable Speaker**

Allow me to continue with infrastructure development activities that we have been doing on behalf of other Provincial Departments.

When we presented plans for 2022/23 we made a commitment that we will commence with the construction works for several traditional council offices, today I can confirm that indeed work has commenced in this multi-year projects and progressing well.

### **Traditional Council Offices**

- Bakone ba Matlala in Capricorn District is at 30% completion stage
- Raphahlelo in Mopani District is at 45% completion stage
- Bakwena ba Matsepe in Sekhukhune District is at 45%
- Manoke in Sekhukhune District is at 48%
- Construction progress at Davhana in Vhembe District and Majeje in Mopani District are at 14%.
- Bakone Traditional Council in Waterberg District is at 22% completion stage

I am also pleased to confirm that the Mogashoa Traditional Council Office in Sekhukhune District, which had encountered some challenges in its initial stage, is complete.

**Honourable members** this then means, we are on the right track in ensuring that we preserve the dignity of our traditional leaders, who are in essence an extension and critical partner in the governance of the people of Limpopo.

## **Education Infrastructure**

### **Honourable Speaker**

The Limpopo Province through its Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure`s mandate and long-term infrastructure plans is expected to deliver services in line with 131 school infrastructure programme.

The Department has been hard at work to deliver quality school infrastructure in the 2022/23 financial year. Our learners deserve to be taught in the completed, functional and safe school infrastructure facilities that are conducive for learning and teaching. We are working tirelessly with the Department of Education to build schools across the five districts in our Province. The Department has successfully achieved the following milestones:

### **Capricorn District**

- Alldays Primary School in Senwabarwana village is 100% completed in 2022/2023 financial year
- The following seven (7) schools have commenced with construction as part of education infrastructure roll out plan in 2023/24 financial year
  - Matsobane Primary in Seleteng - Ga-Mphahlele village
  - Rakgoatha Primary in Zebediela – Ga-Rakgoatha village
  - Rasema Secondary in Botlokwa - Ramatjowe village
  - Seale Secondary in Ramokgopa - Eisleben village
  - Sekete Secondary in Moletjie - Kanana village
  - Dikoloi Secondary in Senwabarwana village
  - Matsuokwane Secondary in Senwabarwana village

- The following five (5) schools are at final design stage and awaiting for approval to commence with construction advertisement as part of education infrastructure roll out plan in 2023/24 to 2024/25 financial years.
  - Potokela Primary in Senwabarwana
  - Thabakgone Primary in Ga-Mamabolo - Thabakgone village
  - Piet Hugo Primary in Polokwane - Ladana
  - Rethusheng Special School in Polokwane town
  - Chita Kekana Secondary in Zebediela – Moletlane village

### **Mopani District**

- Gidela Secondary School in Blinkwater village is 100% complete as part of infrastructure roll out plan in the previous year 2022/2023 FY
- The following six (6) schools have commenced with construction as part of education infrastructure roll out plan in 2023/24 financial year
  - Diphuti Primary in The Oaks village
  - Chameti Secondary in Mushiyani village
  - Napsadi Secondary in Makgaung village
  - Ngwana Makhutswe Secondary in Sofaya village
  - Ramatimana Secondary in Bolobedu – Molototsi village
  - Sehonwe Secondary in Bolobedu – Sedibeng village
- The following six (6) schools are at final design stage and awaiting for approval to commence with construction advertisement as part of education infrastructure roll out plan in 2023/24 to 2024/25 financial years.
  - Ooghoek Primary in Ooghoek village
  - Runnymede Primary in Nwamitwa village
  - Ukuthula Primary in Ka-Rhangani village

- Vallambrosa Primary in Mokgwathi village.
- Makgopele Secondary in Skhiming village
- Matimu Secondary in Khujwana village

### **Sekhukhune District**

- The following three (3) schools are at various stages as part of education infrastructure roll out plan in the previous financial year 2022/2023 financial year
  - Leduma Mahume Primary School in Maserumule park village under Nebo is 100% completed in 2022/2023 financial year
  - Mahlagaume Primary in Bothashoek village is 100% complete in 2022/2023 financial year
  - Naledi Ya Meso Secondary in Dikgalaopeng is at 55% construction stage and previous contractor was terminated due to poor performance. The Department is in the process to finalise the procurement of the replacement contractor.
- The following four (4) schools have commenced with construction as part of education infrastructure roll out plan in 2023/24 financial year
  - Seboeng Primary in Manganeng village
  - Dikgalaopeng Secondary in Dikgalaopeng village
  - Rebone Secondary in Maleetse village
  - Saint Paul Secondary in Luckau village
- The following nine (9) schools are at final design stage and awaiting for approval to commence with construction advertisement as part of education infrastructure roll out plan in 2023/24 to 2024/25 financial years.
  - Kopanong Primary in Maleetse village
  - Phaphamani Primary in Monsterlus village
  - Thabane Primary in Mabotsha village



- Hututu Secondary in Makgatle village
- Kopa Secondary in Tafelkop village
- Lekoko Secondary in Ga Marishane village
- Mahwetse Secondary in Maretlwane village
- Moleshatlou Secondary in Maila Mapitsane village
- Nkgonyeletse Secondary in Ga Mashabela village

### **Vhembe District**

- Marude Secondary School in Thohoyandou is 100% completed as part of infrastructure roll out plan in the previous year 2022/2023
- The following 3 schools commenced with construction as part of education infrastructure roll out plan in 2023/24 financial year
  - Masikhwa Primary in Ha-Luvhimbi village
  - Mphakani Primary in Mangweni village
  - Vutivi Primary in Hlanganani village
- The following 3 schools are at final design stage and awaiting for approval to commence with construction advertisement as part of education infrastructure roll out plan in 2023/24 to 2024/25 financial years.
  - Pfumbada Primary in Mamohohi village
  - Mayeke Primary in Xikundu village
  - Nkatini Secondary in Shigalo village

### **Waterberg District**

- The following 4 schools have commenced with construction as part of education infrastructure roll out plan in 2023/24 financial year
  - Suswe Primary in Bakenberg – Esselsdrift village
  - David Scara Secondary in Modimolle (Informal Settlement)
  - Matsibe Secondary in Malepetleke village

- Mmaphuti Manamela Secondary in Modimolle (Informal Settlement)
- The Mokhari combined school is at final design stage and awaiting for approval to commence with construction advertisement as part of education infrastructure roll out plan in 2023/24 to 2024/25 financial years.

The Department will continue with its support to other departments through provision of education infrastructure. **The construction of twenty-six (26) new schools projects has commenced** and prioritised to be completed in 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years respectively. The schools are prioritised as indicated below:

**Ten (10) new schools projects to be competed in 2023/24 financial year across the province;**

- Masikhwa Primary
- Dikoloi Secondary
- Matsibe Secondary
- Napsadi Secondary
- Ngwana Makhutswe Secondary
- Rasema Secondary
- Seale Secondary
- Sekete Secondary
- Gidela Secondary
- Naledi Ya Meso Secondary

**Sixteen (16) new schools projects to be competed in 2024/25 financial year across the province;**

- David Scara Primary School

- Mphakani Primary
- Matsobane Primary
- Rakgoatha Primary
- Suswe Primary
- Vutivi Primary
- Sehonwe Primary
- Seboeng Primary
- Diphuti Primary
- Chameti Secondary
- Dikgalaopeng Secondary
- Matsokwane Secondary
- Mmaphuti Manamela Secondary
- Ramatimana Secondary
- Rebone Secondary
- Saint Paul Secondary

**The total of Twenty-four (24) new school projects are at final designs stage and prioritised to advertise for construction in 2023/24 financial year;**

- Potokela Primary
- Thabakgone Primary
- Piet Hugo Primary
- Ooghoek Primary
- Runnymede Primary
- Ukuthula Primary
- Vallambrosa Primary
- Kopanong Primary
- Phaphamani Primary
- Thabane Primary
- Mayeke Primary
- Pfumbada Primary

- Chita Kekana Secondary
- Rethusheng Special School
- Makgopele Secondary
- Matimu Secondary
- Hututu Secondary
- Kopa Secondary
- Lekoko Secondary
- Mahwese Secondary
- Moleshatlou Secondary
- Nkgonyeletse Secondary
- Nkatini Secondary
- Mokhari combined school

The Department is currently looking at the innovative infrastructure plans to ensure that projects are provided with an alternative energy source such as solar panels and lithium batteries, prior completion. The cost benefit analysis will be undertaken during design and project budgeting processes.

The successful planning and implementation of the above education infrastructure projects will be realised through commitment and dedication of technical teams within the Department.

The Department's priority is to provide quality, sustainable and safe education infrastructure facilities to all learners in the Province.

### **Health Infrastructure**

**Honourable Speaker**, the department is still committed to ensuring that health care-services are able to function through quality infrastructure provided by this department. We have made significant strides to unblock the problems on the construction of Maphutha-Malatjie Hospital OPD project. The project is at 92% completion stage. We are pleased to announce that construction works have resumed this month of April

2023 and we anticipate to complete the project during the current financial year.

We have completed construction works of the new 36- bed female general ward, renovation of the existing 26 bed female ward, Helipad and waste water management at Letaba Hospital.

Work is progressing well at Bosele Emergency Medical Service Centre and construction is at 95%.

The Lebowakgomo Emergency Medical Centre is at 50% completion stage, we acknowledge Honourable speaker that this project is behind schedule, we will move with speed to recover the lost time on this project.

### **Transport Infrastructure**

The Department continues to manage construction works at the Limpopo Traffic College in Tshilamba, in the Vhembe district. Residence accommodation Block B is at completion stage and in the 2023/24 financial, the Department will be completing the construction of residence block C. Construction works for the canteen/kitchen block will commence in April 2023. The Department is also implementing K53 testing station where Thohoyandou K53 is under construction and Seshego K53 is planned to commence with construction by end of first quarter 2023/24 financial year.

### **Sport, Arts and Culture**

On Sport, Arts and Culture, the Department awarded and handed over sites for four libraries which are in Vleifontein, Tshaulu, Sekhukhune and Botshabelo. However, three contractors were terminated due to under performance. Processes are underway for the appointment of

replacement contractors in the first quarter. One library, Botshabelo is at construction stage, planned to be completed in the financial year 2023/24.

**Honourable Speaker,**

The construction of Schoemansdal Museum is at completion stage.

Furthermore, the Department is at the final stages of planning and design for the construction of Limpopo Theatre. We are currently busy optimizing the designs to acceptable budget. Construction is

scheduled to commence during the fourth quarter of 2023/24 Financial year.

**Nature Reserves**

The Department is also responsible for the refurbishment and maintenance of Nature Reserves in the province. The Maintenance of Letaba Nature reserve is at completion stage while the maintenance of access road to Makhutsi camp and Lekgalameetse has been completed.

The construction of tourist chalets at Nylsvlei Nature reserve is at 77% as well as the new base camp at Wolkberg Nature Reserve. Construction works is now at 82% at the new staff accommodation at Blouberg nature reserve. These projects are implemented through the Development Bank of South Africa (DBSA).

**Honourable Speaker,**

**Properties and Facilities**

In terms of managing the provinces government land and buildings, the Department will in 2023/24 proceed with the task of ensuring that the province continues to grow its property portfolio by procuring buildings in

Polokwane in order to reduce the lease portfolio, this is a strategic move by government to cut down on office accommodation spend. During the third quarter of 2022/23, we have been able to procure the Limpopo Gambling Board building and in this coming financial year we have an allocation of R100-million for the purchase of another building as part of implementing the Executive Committee Resolution taken on that matter.

As the landlord of the provincial government, we will be embarking on an exercise to install prepaid electricity meters in state owned properties in order to manage government spend on electricity. We have started with the process of identifying such properties, including buildings used for residential purposes, in order for the tenants to pay for own consumption.

Moving forward, honourable speaker, where residential properties are concerned, we are engaging with RISIMA Housing Finance to assist in the management of that portfolio, in order for this government to start generating revenue which is equal to the efforts and other resources put in to managing these accommodation facilities.

We are currently busy with doing tenant audits in our districts in preparation for the handover to begin. We urge those who are defaulting in rental payment to start making means to honour the contract as things will start being very difficult for them. The intention is to ensure that we are able to provide quality accommodation with the assistance of the revenue collected, in order to maintain and even upgrade buildings that will respond to current needs brought about by the factors in the micro and macro environment.

Allow me honourable speaker, at this stage to mention that it becomes critical for the province to start exploring green building. As the Limpopo

Province is in the quest of addressing the climate change adaptation by having energy and electricity as one of the Provincial Strategic Priorities, it becomes important for this Department to explore strategies that will mitigate climate change issues such as, undertaking a Green Building Efficiency Programme to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions in the built environment.

We further commit, honourable members, to ensure that we spend the allocated R150-million in paying municipal rates and taxes and urge our municipalities to continue working with us and provide quality assured invoices in order for payments to be effected timeously.

On this matter, it is both our responsibility to ensure that our people get the service that they need at local government.

The Department will also continue with efforts to move Sekhukhune government offices from Lebowakgomo in Capricorn District to Jane Furse in the Sekhukhune district. The identified land has been surveyed and while awaiting finalisation of the diagram, there is a court interdict. We are hopeful that the matters will be resolved.

## **EPWP**

### **Honourable Speaker,**

Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) is one of governments' interventions to fight against poverty and unemployment by creating temporary work opportunities and address issues of skills development in the communities.

The Department through its Expanded Public Works Programme provincial coordination function has overseen the creation of 99716 work opportunities by various Implementing Bodies namely, Departments and



Municipalities against the annual target of 95735 in 2022/23 financial year, which translate to over achievement on the target. In terms of demographics, 75% of beneficiaries were women, 32% were youth and one percent were people with disabilities. Although we have achieved more than 100%, we do acknowledge that there is still challenges in the attaining of the 2% target for people with disabilities in all the sectors. We are committed to ensure that we achieve our demographic targets as EPWP jobs are matters of bread and butter for the majority of South Africans, including people with disabilities.

To this end, we have collaborated with DEAFSA Limpopo as well as South African National Council for the Blind in Limpopo and through that, 141 work opportunities have been created.

Furthermore, 87 Artisans have been successfully produced, through partnerships with the Office of the Premier and merSETA. These Artisans were trained in electrical, Fitting, Welding and Diesel Mechanic trades.

In the 2023/24 financial year, as a coordinating department for EPWP, we will continue to provide support to implementing bodies and ensure that we get people of working age, involved in the economic activities of this province through programme and project implementation across departments and municipalities.

## **Administration**

Honourable Speaker

The Department is currently implementing the approved organisational structure, as at 28 July 2021, this will assist the Department in achieving its mandates and strategic goals.

We are in progress to implement the approved 2023/2024 recruitment plan and capacitate the Infrastructure, Finance and ICT units as these were the areas of concern raised by the oversight bodies.

The Department has received unqualified audit opinion for the past three (03) years.

With the current appointments, the Department is empowered with requisite capacity to discharge and deliver on its mandate. We believe we will be able to turn the corner and achieve a clean audit.

The Department will put efforts and measures to improve on SMS employment equity targets and persons with disabilities.

We will continue to maintain and submit quarterly reports to oversight bodies, as these reports are audited and findings raised, have assisted the Department to improve on Performance Information.

### **Honourable Speaker**

Let me take this opportunity and thank the Premier of this Province, Honourable Chupu Stanley Mathabatha for steering the ship of service delivery to people of the Limpopo Province. We are also grateful for the support we receive from our oversight bodies that strives to keep us on track and be able to make the department accountable to people of Limpopo through our oversight committees.

We continue to appreciate the work done by the Portfolio Committee chaired by Honourable Makoma Makhurupetje, as well as the Standing

Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA), chaired by the Honourable, Donald Selamolela.

I also thank the Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure family led by the Head of the Department, Ntate Timothy Dikgole Seroka, for traversing this journey with me. Equally, I am grateful for the support given by the entity leadership, Chairperson of the board Mr. Matome Ralebepe and the Chief Executive Officer Mr. Gabriel Maluleke. The journey continues, our work does not end here, we must continue to engage with our stakeholders on issues of service delivery and implement our plans within budget and in the timeframes that we have committed.

I hereby present the budget allocation for vote 09 as follows:

### **Budget Allocation**

For the Financial Year 2023/24, the Department receives a budget of R4,950 billion

**Programme 1- Administration:** R462,501 million

**Programme 2- infrastructure Operations:** R1, 009 billion

**Programme 3 – EPWP:** R84, 547 million

**Programme 4 – Roads Infrastructure:** R3, 394 billion

**Amount transferred to RAL from the programme 4 allocation - :**  
R 2,009 billion

In 2023/24 financial year, we must leave no one behind.

I thank you

Ha Khensa

Ndo Livhuwa

Ke a leboga

Baie Dankie

Aah.