



Address by the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the Provincial Transport Summit, 27th November 2009, at Saul Tsoetsi

Programme Director

The MEC for Roads & Transport: Mr. Bheki Nkosi;

Emfuleni Local Municipality Executive Mayor: Cllr. Assistance Mshudulu;

All Members of the Mayoral Committees from our District and Local Municipalities present;

Fellow Councillors;

Members of the Press & Media;

All Officials, Ladies & Gentlemen, and

Relevant stakeholders present;

The people of Sedibeng;

I wish to thank the office of the MEC for Roads and Transport for inviting us to this important Summit. It is with pride and joy that we accepted the invitation.

Honorable MEC, it is for this reason that I took the opportunity to honour your invitation, as it is of paramount importance that we engage with communities in the way we are doing today. This will enable the government to understand community concerns, issues and assist in the interfacing with Government's Programmes of Action.

This important Summit comes at the time when the country is observing the 16 Days of Activism Against Women & Children Abuse. The campaign that actually runs throughout the year but revived annually around this period, I hope we will heed the call and assist in the achievement of its objectives.

It is further taking place at the time when the Sedibeng District Municipality was engaged in its finalization process of its Annual Report and the July – September 2009 Quarterly Reports. These Reports will assist us to assess as to whether there is progress made in bettering our people's lives

I report on these matters because they are important for our people to know that, while we are faced with service delivery protests, there is work done and light at the end of a tunnel, just as we have promised and committed to do in our Elections manifesto. We will be publicizing this report for all our people to assess us as your servants.

I will however touch on the areas related to developments around Roads, Transport & Infrastructure in our Region as I believe that this is what you may be expecting.

I am pleased to report that the Sedibeng Regional Transport Summit has been scheduled for today, the 27 November 2009. This Summit was initially scheduled for April 2009, but was postponed due to the General Election as well as the delay in the ITP development.

The ToR for the upgrading of the Taxido Junction is complete and will be submitted for the procurement process.

The site handover meeting for the **Ring Road** took place on the 16 November 2009 at MSDC and the contractor will be establishing site within a week.

The Contractor has taken site in October 2009 to complete the **Sekwati Road** project. The **Tea-Tea Road** project is complete and the retention period will expire in December 2009.

The **Mathanzima Road** is complete and we are aware that the road surface is already failing, it has developed potholes and random patches. We have since written to the Engineer and the Contractor for an explanation of the road surface failure and are still awaiting response.

Going forward, the Cluster responsible for roads, transport & infrastructure is developing a Policy document for the project management of capital projects.

It is very encouraging to note that this important Summit is held in our District. This shows that the time has come for government to come to the people and we will be doing that regularly.

I am aware that while roads & transport infrastructure are being put in place in various areas within our District and in particular in Emfuleni, much work still needs to be done and are committed to doing such

I have since adopted the slogan that says *“A new work culture must prevail. We recommit ourselves to doing things differently. Hard work; efficiency; speed and quality service to both our Branches and constituencies alike must definitely be the order of the day”*

Baahi ba Sedibeng, le ha mosebetsi o bonahala o le mongata, mmoho le lona re tla ka hohle hore mosebetsi ona o be bobebe. Ke ka hona re leng kwano, ebile re sa ntsa re tla.

In conclusion MEC, I take this opportunity to wish this Summit a success, fruitful engagement and deliberations.

I take this moment to inform you all that in few days from today, the Sedibeng District Municipality will be holding its Mayoral Imbizo at the Evaton Sports Grounds on the 3rd December 2009 to further consult you on issues of service delivery.

I thank you!