



Address by the Sedibeng District Municipality, Executive Mayor Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the Handover of Madiba Road in Lesedi held in Sedibeng, on the 18th April 2011.

Programme Director

Executive Mayor: Lesedi Local Municipality: Cllr Busisiwe Modisakeng

All MMC present here today

The community of Lesedi

Our Distinguished Guests

I feel greatly honoured for the opportunity afforded to me to come to this event. We have walked the path for the provision of services to our communities. Our communities have spoken and we have listened.

Executive Mayor Modisakeng, this road was virtually impassable in summer. It was even worse at the beginning of the year when we had flooding in the District. The community life was disrupted as they were unable to go on with their lives. The fact that Madiba Road is a collector road, with all the other roads spilling their water into it was not lost on us.

The development of this road, due to its particular circumstances, with most of the Streets here in Heidelberg Extension 23 draining into it, called for a different approach. It is for that reason that it was felt that it should be paved. If we were to tar it as we normally do, it would have disintegrated within year after the rains. This would have been as a result of bitumen wasting away as a result of rainwater.

An amount of R 1.7 m was sourced for the development of this road. Through the concerted efforts of the community members who were employed, the project to construct this road, took only three months. This goes on to show that together with our communities, we will indeed build a better future for all in our District.

We had to complete all the other roads first with Madiba Road being the last. Many jobs were created in the construction of this road. Youth and women were provided with work. It is only fitting that the youth and the women should benefit in the construction of the road named after the Father of the Nation, Former President Nelson Mandela.

Our role and duty today is a simple and a symbolic one. I know that the community of Heidelberg Extension 23, have had much pleasure in the use of this road.

The young children totally enjoyed the building phase if one had to see their joy from photos taken during that time. Our role as the Sedibeng District Municipality is to officially hand over this completed project, the Madiba Road to you as the Executive Mayor of Lesedi Local Municipality on behalf of the community of Heidelberg Extension 23.

I hope and believe that the community will derive as much pleasure in the use of this road as we had the pleasure of building it.

In conclusion, I would be failing in my duty if I forgot to remind the community of Lesedi, here at Heidelberg Extension 23, to take their rightful place in the nation of the free, to enhance the good work of Madiba, by casting their votes on the 18th of May in the 2011 Local Government Elections.

Their votes will ensure that the good work which went into the construction of Madiba Road continues. This is only possible if they can vote in their numbers to elect the Councilors who will be responsible to carry this good work forward.

I thank you.