



MEDIA RELEASE PSA supports Mpumalanga Premier's program for province-wide road maintenance

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) commends the initiative by the Premier of Mpumalanga to enhance the province's road infrastructure.

The Mpumalanga Government has launched the *Kubhunya-Lutfuli* Program, aimed at significantly improving road maintenance across the province. This province-wide initiative integrates resources from provincial and local governments to improve road access, particularly by reducing the reliance on gravel roads. According to the Office of the Premier, the program is expected to stimulate job creation and bolster transportation infrastructure, with a special focus on roads leading to public facilities and critical trade routes. These including road connecting to Mozambique and the Kingdom of Eswatini.

The PSA eagerly awaits further details regarding project timelines and the specific routes to be prioritised. The PSA, however, urges the Premier to ensure that in addition to provincial routes, essential community thoroughfares, particularly those in underserved areas, are included. These roads are often neglected owing to municipal infrastructure challenges, exposing communities to poorly maintained, unsafe roads.

Whilst the PSA welcomes this step by the Premier, it must be emphasised that this program should not be used as a vehicle to advance corruption. Transparent processes, ethical practices, and accountability must underpin the execution of this initiative to ensure its success and long-term impact on the province.

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