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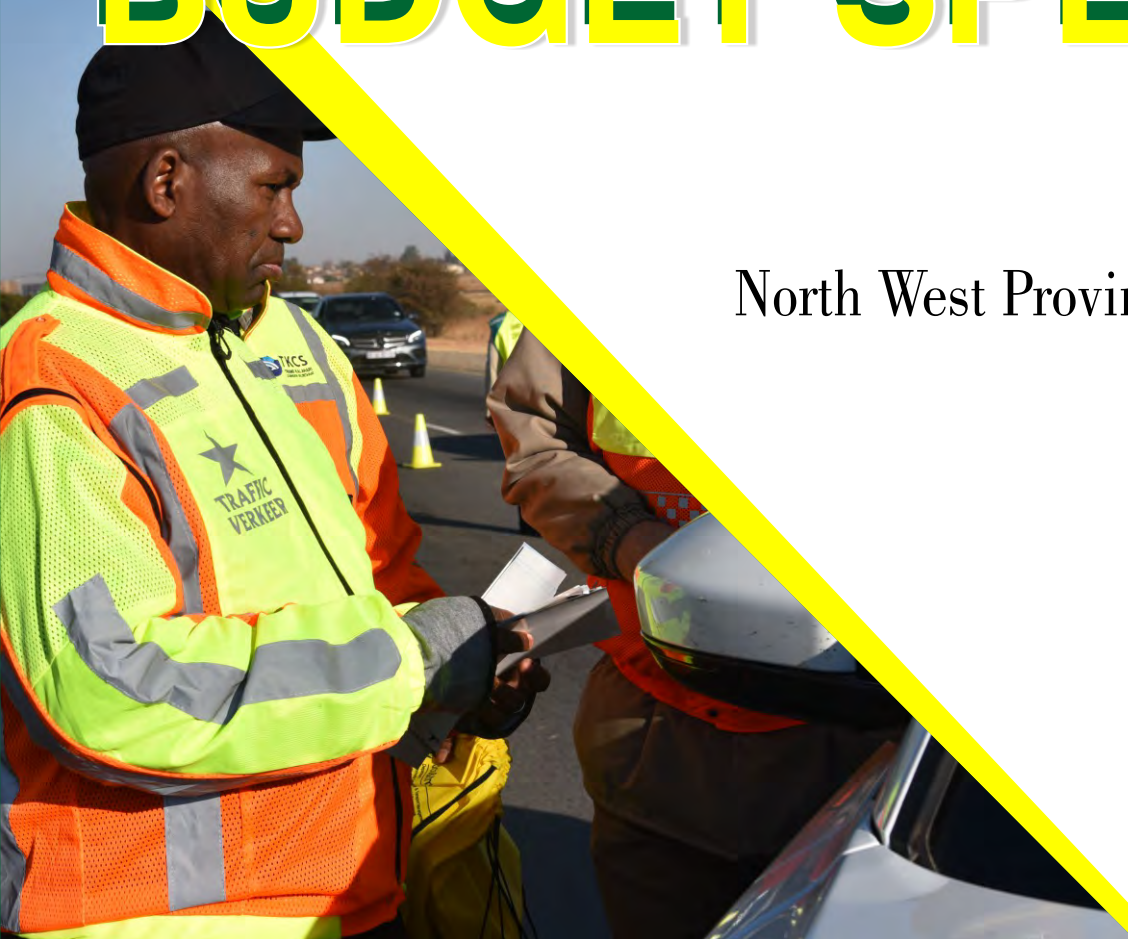
# BUDGET SPEECH

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Let's Grow North West Together

Department of Community Safety and Transport Management Budget Vote for the Financial Year 2021/2022, delivered by Member of the Executive Council, Honourable Jonas Sello Lehari at the North West Provincial Legislature; Mahikeng; 01 June 2021.

Let me begin my speech by observing the following protocol in your August House

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SAPS Senior Managers

CPF (Community Policing Forum)PEC (Provincial Executive Committee)

Community Safety Forums (CSF)

NTI

POPCRU

SANTACO

SANSBOC

SATAWU

NEHAWU

Provincial Regulatory Entity

PSA

Chairperson of the House of Traditional Leaders; Kgosi Moshe Mabe

Members of the media

Fellow compatriots

Bagaetshothobelake re a lotšha

Madam Speaker, we are living in challenging times. We, however strive to find our way in an uncertain terrain. The pandemic has worsened the economic situation of the people.

In his poem written in 1895 British English Nobel laureate Rudyard Kipling said;  
“If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you;  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you, But make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting”

Honourable members, our mandate remains to promote community and road safety through community mobilisation, positively influencing road user behaviour through safety awareness and traffic law enforcement; oversight of the police and to coordinate public transport services. Whereas our vision is safe Communities and effective transport services.

As former President, Dr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela once said in decrying the level of challenges the poorest of the poor continue to face; *“As long as poverty, injustice and gross inequality exist in our world, none of us can truly rest,”*

Madam Speaker, as a Department we are striving to fight and reduce poverty in our communities, through our Departmental programmes.

On Transport Regulations, we have succeeded in fighting poverty; we managed to absorb the all Traffic Officers who were on a learnership programme. We are currently in a process of recruiting more Traffic Officers through a learnership programme. Through this programme, we also managed to appoint some rangers in different quarters of the Province who will be looking after animals for the safety of our road users.

On our effort at reducing conflicts in the public transport, we have gazetted a North West Public Transport Intervention Team to be appointed in July 2021. We managed to generate income for the Department through the operations that we manned during the festive season and the Easter Holidays.

On the Transport Operations we acknowledge challenges experienced and we are in the process of appointing new operators. The main challenge with scholar transport limited budget to cater for the unlimited needs. We are in a process of transforming the public transport sector, in the form of commuter buses.

We have succeeded in saving the NTI which was at the brink of collapse. The entity was removed from provisional liquidation, and this contributed a lot in saving jobs over one thousand of household heads.

On the Civilian Secretariat for Police, we are having a healthy working relationship with the SAPS. We have successfully established the Community Policing Forums and Community Safety Forums in most of the areas and we are continuing with the process of establishing them.

We have appointed a number of patrollers in our quest to fight crime and reduce poverty. These patrollers are deployed in school, shopping malls and areas with high crime rate. The Corporate Services plays a crucial role in ensuring that these interns, patrollers, rangers and skills development programmes are financed.

We are doing this through the programmes such as Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP), Work Integrated Learning (WIL) Programme, and the appointment of interns. Like any other sector, the transport sector was not spared the wrath of this pandemic, if not one of those hardest hit by it.

The scriptures in Hosea Chapter 4 verse 6, God says “*my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge*”, and in Hebrews Chapter 11 verse 1, the Apostle Paul says “*now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of the things not seen*”.

In this we remember with fondness our late colleague, Honourable Gordon Kegakilwe and other departed souls who succumbed to this pandemic. May all those who passed on as a result of this invisible enemy find eternal peace and their families find comfort in the Lord.

Madam Speaker, our key responsibilities as we interact with our communities include the following:

- ❖ Working directly with our communities to prevent crime and build safer communities;
- ❖ Ensuring that motor vehicles and owners are complying with applicable laws, and that our roads are safe to all users and;
- ❖ Ensuring that our people reach their destinations safely and on time

Our Registering Authorities and Driving Licence Testing Centres continue to experience high volumes and our staff members are working hard to assist our people. We are justifiably proud of the work done by our staff on daily basis as they are



patiently assisting our people. We are doing our best under these circumstances. Edmund Burke once said, and I quote, *“If we command our wealth, we shall be rich and free. If our wealth commands us, we are poor indeed.”*

This is indeed true as we are striving to satisfy unlimited needs with the limited resources at our disposal. As a governing party, our main mandate is to make the lives of the people we lead better, and this we can only achieve by eradicating poverty.

*“As long as poverty, injustice and gross inequality exist in our world, none of us can truly rest,”* so said Dr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela.

Madam Speaker, the budget we are about to table today, it is solely aimed at eradicating poverty and better lives of our communities as espoused by the former president, Dr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela

### **Achievements**

Madam Speaker, as a department we had some achievements which I will now outline to this august house.

### **PROGRAMME 01: ADMINISTRATION**

Madam Speaker, during 2020/21 financial year, the Department successfully implemented training and capacity building programmes for the youth as planned, and this resulted in thirty eight (38) learners being put on the Work Integrated Learning (WIL) programme, twenty three (23) interns appointed over all the department programmes for a period of 24 months.

One of the Department’s former interns was appointed on a permanent basis through the normal recruitment process, sixteen (16) were further appointed on 12 months contract at salary level 5 and ninety-seven (97) Provincial Inspectors who were

previously on a learner-ship programme were absorbed permanently with effect from June 2020.

The Department also appointed eight hundred and twenty one (821) Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP) workers during the year under review, and the appointments were as follows:-

- ❖ 120 Cleaners
- ❖ 118 Road Safety Rangers
- ❖ 583 Community Safety Patrollers were appointed during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of the year due to COVID 19 regulations. The appointment was for a period of six months at a stipend of R100 per day.

### **PROGRAMME 02: PROVINCIAL SECRETARIAT FOR POLICE**

Honourable Members, the Department through the Provincial Civilian Secretariat was able to deliver on its mandate despite the challenges imposed by COVID-19 pandemic.

The various levels throughout the 2020/21 financial year meant that, the active participation of communities in the fight against crime was curtailed.

The Community Policing Forums (CPF's) could not be adequately assessed and fully supported as these core structures were brought to a halt. However, as the Alert Levels were decreased, some CPFs experiencing a high rate of Domestic Violence cases were funded to implement awareness programmes addressing Gender Based Violence.

The Community Safety Forum's (CSF's) work was severely disrupted as no community initiatives could be carried out. However, the Department carried out Safety Promotion programmes in Mmakau, Boitekong, Ikageng, Haartebeesfontein, Klerksdorp, Moretele, Potchefstroom and Rustenburg.

These activities included the distribution of personal safety alarms to deserving individuals and victims of crime and installation of safety gadget to vulnerable people. Furthermore promotional materials such as pamphlets were distributed at roadblocks which focused in Gender Based Violence, Human Trafficking, Stock Theft and awareness of other crimes.

Madam Speaker, de-bushing crime vested areas as part of promoting safety was done at Oukasie in Brits, Jouberton Ext 23, Alabama, Blydeville, Coligny and Vryburg. In all these activities, there was community participation, working together with NPI's and the Department demonstrating commitment in fighting crime. A total of twenty one (21) Non Profit Institutions were funded and activities carried made a huge impact in the communities.

A total of five hundred and eighty three (583) Patrollers were appointed across the 4 Districts as part of mobilization of communities to fight crime and creating jobs through EPWP.

The Patrollers were in some cases utilized to educate communities on the need to comply with COVID-19 regulations and protocols. Madam Speaker, the Department successfully conducted oversight over the SAPS. All eighty three (83) Police Stations were monitored through announced and unannounced visits.

The focus of the oversight had to be aligned to the Disaster Management Regulations as the Police were central to enforcing the regulations. The three focused key areas included but not limited to; Provision of PPE's to all the officers across the Stations in the Province, monitoring compliance to Domestic Violence Act; and processing of service delivery related complaints from community members against the SAPS.

The Department is still concerned with the unacceptable state of infrastructure at the following Police Stations – Kanana, Letlhabile, Boitekong, Ganyesa, Ipelegeng and Sun City and is working with the SAPS in order to find a solution.



On a positive note, the Department is pleased to announce Honourable Speaker that, the three (3) new Police Stations, that is, Makgobistad, MoekaVuma and Dwarsberg, that remained unused for a while are now being refurbished and will be ready for use in no time.

The Department was able to carry out monitoring and oversight on cases of Gender Based Violence identified during the Court Watching Briefs Pilot Project. The process was carried out at seven (07) Police Stations falling within four (04) Magistrate Courts.

The Police Stations that were visited included Vryburg and Huhudi; falling under the Vryburg Magistrate Court, Lichtenburg Police Station; Under the Lichtenburg Magistrate Court, Pudumoe and Taung Police Station; both falling under the Taung Magistrate Court and Mafikeng and Mmabatho; both falling under the Mmabatho Magistrate Court.

Concentration was placed on cases withdrawn at court due to various reasons; including but not limited to cases not at court.

### **PROGRAMME 03: TRANSPORT OPERATIONS**

Madame Speaker, the Department managed to complete the development of Integrated Transport Plans (ITP's) for the two District Municipalities (Dr. Kenneth Kaunda and Bojanala Platinum) as well as Integrated Public Transport Networks (ITPN) for the three (3) Districts (Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, NgakaModiriMolema and Dr. Ruth SegomotsiMompoti).

During these processes, the Department capacitated Youth with knowledge and experience on collecting Data and conducting surveys on movement of public transport. The plans assist in identifying needs for transport services and infrastructure provision, and are integral part of the Municipal Integrated Development Plans.

They must be considered as a guide for both Provincial and Municipal planning. The Department also managed to convene Provincial Transport Forum meetings to receive reports on progress made in the provision of services to our communities.

The department was also able to implement the various reports with regard to learner transport. We are glad to inform this August House that the implementation of verified kilometers and revised rates resulted in the Department saving 36, 5 percent of tax payers money.

The process of verification of kilometers was completed in 2019/20, with the result that most of the kilometers claimed by operators were inflated. Furthermore, the contract signed by NTI in 2017 was successfully set aside by the High Court in December 2019 which also gave Department an opportunity to enter into new month to month contracts and a new contract as directed by the high court. The process to procure these services has commenced.

Madame Speaker, with the support of the Department of Transport, the Department managed to donate 1555 bicycles to learners walking more than three kilometers to school in Dr Ruth SegomotsiMompoti, NgakaModiriMolema and Bojanala Platinum districts.

We also engaged public transport operators with a view to have them transformed in compliance with the National Land Transport Act. We are serious about transformation of this sub-sector. New contracts will have to show positive movement in this regard.

#### **PROGRAMME 04: TRANSPORT REGULATIONS**

Honourable Members, the following were achieved through the programme during the year under review as part of the service delivery improvement:

- ❖ The Department through its Transport Regulations Programme established additional new revenue collection sites for the renewal of motor vehicle

licenses around the Province, including the full licensing functions at some of the big South African Post Offices (SAPO) sites. The NaTIS configured to care for the combination of the areas of registering authorities into one Provincial grouping.

- ❖ Renovation of the Mogwase Registering Authority started in the 2020/21 financial year, with an allocated budget of R450, 000 (Four hundred and fifty Rand). This was one of the infrastructure projects aimed at assisting the Department to create a more conducive environment for the employees and motorists.

There is however some outstanding work which will be to be completed in the new budget year.

- ❖ The Department Intensified COVID-19 Cluster road blocks were conducted to ensure strict compliance to the Disaster Management Act Regulations.
- ❖ Law enforcement capacity was strengthened through permanent appointment of the ninety seven (97) unemployed youth as Traffic Officers.

Madam Speaker, in contributing towards poverty alleviation, job creation and at the same time reduction on number of crashes involving stray animals within rural communities across the Province, the Department significantly increased the number of Road Safety Rangers appointed through the Expanded Public Works Programme to one hundred and eighteen (118) with only ninety four (94) currently in operation.

These community members are contracted for twelve months to assist the Department with the management of movement of stray animals on specific roads across the Province and paid a stipend of R2 415 .00 per month without any absenteeism recorded.

To date the Province has recorded a reduction in number of road crashes involving stray animals especially on roads that have been identified as hotspots.

An amount of R 2, 9 million has been allocated for this project in the 21/22 financial year. Members of the Provincial Legislature, the Department in partnership with Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) identified and engaged with the existing/ active Youth structures, Non-Profit Organisation (NPO's), Faith Based Organisation (FBO's) which are involved in road safety matters.

The purpose of this exercise was to ensure the involvement of the youth in addressing road safety challenges within their communities.

These engagements will strengthen the Provincial efforts in involving the youth on road safety matters and further ensure the development of road safety youth programmes which are responsive to their needs and challenges.

One hundred and sixty eight (168) Road safety awareness activities were conducted with specific focus on Pedestrian safety, Passenger and Driver Safety, Stray animals and cyclists' safety.

As already stated, we held joint operations in which SAPS, Provincial Traffic, Municipalities, Health Operator, License and Permits participated to ensure compliance with COVID-19 protocols as well as related laws and regulations.

These include checking operator licenses against the Operator License Administration System.

On the other hand the Department participated in the programme of disinfection of the taxi ranks across the Province as well as distribution of the Personal Protective Equipment to the public passenger transport operators.

Madam Speaker, the Department held four Districts taxi Makgotla, one Provincial Lekgotla and participated at national Lekgotla.

The fundamental objectives of Makgotla were to encourage transformation and unity of the taxi industry. The Makgotla had four pillars, namely Regulation, Professionalization, Empowerment and Customer care.

### **PLANS FOR THE 2021/22 FINANCIAL YEAR**

Madam Speaker, having accounted for the moneys that were generously allocated to us in the previous financial year, allow me to now outline our objectives and plans for the Financial Year 2021 to 2022.

#### **PROGRAMME 01: ADMINISTRATION**

##### **Transformation issues**

The current Departmental staff complement is 1478 and it has a total number of 25 senior managers members 11 of which are women and 14 men, which represents 44% women and 56% men.

The 50% target of women at senior management level has not yet been achieved and the Department is committed to, where possible fill some of the vacant and funded senior management positions by women in line with the Employment Equity Plan.

##### **Job creation**

The Department will continue to participate in the Road Traffic Management Learnership Programme, at which unemployed youth are recruited and trained on a 12 months Learnership Programme and trained at any one of the thirteen (13) approved Traffic Training Colleges in the country.

Upon successful completions, learners are awarded a Traffic Officers Diploma and based on posts and budget availability, they get appointed as Traffic Officers (Provincial Inspectors).

The following capacity building programs will be implemented during the 2021/22 financial year:

PROGRAMME	NUMBER
Examiner of Motor Vehicle and Examiner of Driving License Learnership	08
Road Traffic Law Enforcement Learnership	53
Work Integrated Learning (WIL)	15
Internship	20

### **PROGRAMME 02: PROVINCIAL SECRETARIAT FOR POLICE SERVICE**

Madam Speaker, with the easing of the lockdown, the National Development Plan's vision of improving safety of communities, mobilizing communities in the fight against crime and actively participating in their own liberation towards a better and safer environment will be carried out without delay.

The Department is alive to the difficult year ahead, as the Local Government Election preparations have a way of swaying the attention to the local issues; however it also provides a positive platform for implementation of Crime Fighting Programmes.

In doing this, the Department commits to spend the one million, two hundred and thirteen thousand Rand (R1,213,000) allocation towards funding Non Profit Organizations (NPO's) including CPF's to carry out activities aimed at creating crime awareness, educating communities on safety promotion as well as highlight government services on Gender Based Violence.

Appointment of Patrollers in crime hotspot areas to fight crime will also be implemented at a total of four million and nine hundred thousand (R4, 900,000) and all four (4) districts in province will benefit. Madam Speaker, the CCTV Infrastructure installed by the Department in and around the areas of Mafikeng will be functional



again. A budget of three million, five hundred and thirty thousand Rands (R3, 530,000) has been set aside to resuscitate the project.

This project is projected to create a minimum of 12 jobs. This Multi-stakeholder project has had enormous impact and will be the eyes of the SAPS in the fight against crime in the Capital City.

The Department will strengthen collaboration with all primary stakeholders in all districts for greater impact.

Programmes such as: distribution and installation of safety gadgets, School safety awareness initiatives to fight Gangsterism, bullying and other forms of abuse; De-bushing crime hotspots areas, prevention of violence against vulnerable groups including Lesbian, Gays, Bi-Sexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) awareness programmes and Substance Abuse programmes will be carried out.

The assessment and Monitoring of Community Policing Forums (CPF's) and Community Safety Forums (CSF's), the monitoring of Non Profit Institutions Funded by the Department will continue during the financial year alongside all other programmes to be carried out.

Madam Speaker, all the eighty three (83) Police Stations will be visited to monitor Implementation of Departmental Recommendations by the SAPS. The process will also include monitoring the Provincial Operational Plan of the SAPS.

Reports will be made available to this August house through the relevant Portfolio Committee.

Domestic Violence Act Compliance by the SAPS will remain a priority during the 2021/22 financial year. Police Stations will be visited to assess the level of compliance to the Act; all issues identified will be dealt with and addressed with SAPS Management. The process will ensure that there is an improved compliance to the Act and National Instructions.

The Department will further conduct Awareness programmes to highlight Domestic Violence and Gender Based Violence incidents at all the four districts, as part of empowering communities needing to report cases in this regard. To give effective expression to the Inter-Governmental Relations (IGR), the Department will resuscitate the MuniMec Structures per District, at technical and Political levels. This approach embraces the District Development Model and shall ensure that each District received adequate intervention to improve the safety of communities.

The reports from the District MuniMec meetings held per quarter will be consolidated for reporting, providing a clearer state of safety and security in our Province.

Madam Speaker, the total budget allocated to the Provincial Civilian Secretariat for the 2021/22 Financial Year amounts to forty eight million, five hundred and fifteen thousand Rand (R48,515,000).

### **PROGRAMME 3: TRANSPORT OPERATIONS**

#### Public Transport Services

Madame Speaker, the Department will be continuing with route designs so that it can be able to appoint new commuter bus operators in the Province whilst ensuring empowerment and integration. This will be done either through competitive bidding or negotiations as prescribed by the National Land Transport Act of 2009. The new contracts will seek to service new settlements and rural areas which still struggle to access public transport and this will depend on affordability by the Department.

The budget allocation for Public Transport is six hundred and eighty-twomillion, five hundred and twelve thousand (R682, 512,000), of which one hundred and thirty one million, two hundred and fifty eight thousand (R131, 258,000) is the grant from the National Department of Transport and five hundred and fifty one million, two hundred and fifty two thousand (R551, 252,000) is from the Equitable Share.

Communities will continue to access subsidized public transport through the current system until new contracts come into place. As stated above, transformation of this sub-sector will be sacrosanct as we implement the new contract system.

Madam Speaker, for the department to ensure that there is a value for every cent we spend in the provision of subsidised public transport, we are looking at introducing an electronic monitoring system. This system will produce real time reports on all commuter bus operations and improve monitoring of the service rendered by contracted operators.

#### Non-motorized transport

Through partnership with Department of Transport, the department will be issuing 895 bicycles to learners in the various schools in the Province. This is part of the implementation of the National Rural Transport Strategy.

#### **Government Motor Fleet**

Madam Speaker, the Department in the year 2020/21 experienced serious challenges in the management of the white fleet which even resulted in negative audit findings. Some of these challenges came from previous financial years but were exacerbated by the effects of COVID-19 where the budget for fuel, repairs and maintenance was reduced.

The fact that the department is mandated to procure and manage the provincial fleet whilst client departments controls their own fleet has for years led to serious weaknesses in the system.

Departments are allocated sufficient budget to procure their own fleet without an allocation for fuel, repairs and maintenance that equals the required that service. This then puts a lot of financial pressure on the Department's budget.

The department will during the financial year 2021/22 start to explore a vehicle management system that provides a total package with more efficiencies than the current one. A process to benchmark with other provinces is already underway. The Department has proposed to decentralize these functions for departments to take full control of the entire cycle while we come up with a more permanent solution to this

problem. This proposal shall gain momentum and hopefully be finalized in this financial year.

Madam Speaker, the airports remains the key strategic assets of the North West Province that remains underfunded and under-utilized.

These airports are more than just vital parts of the global transport system, linking communities and businesses with the world – they are important employers and catalysts to skills development in their own right.

### **Civil Aviation**

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Secretary General, Dr. Fang Liu has also stressed the fact that aviation safety, security and capacity improvements across Africa are maximizing air transport's role as a catalyst for socio-economic development on the region.

Dr Liu further emphasized that the aviation's benefits are first and foremost dependent on a state's effective compliance to ICAO compliance. In the same breath, the aviation benefits in the Province are first and foremost dependent on its Airport's effective compliance to the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) prescripts and compliance thereof.

Madam Speaker, this calls for healthy investment on the current airport infrastructure. As a result, an amount of R4.2 million has been set aside for the construction of the Ablution Facilities at GD Montshioa Airport, R 17.5 million has been allocated for the procurement of Airport Crash Tenders (Fire Trucks) for the airports, R17 million is allocated for the renovations at Pilanesberg International Airport.

Madam Speaker, aviation industry throughout the Country is highly regulated and therefore requires more attention for its survival. We therefore, as a Department, commit to invest more into the two Provincial airports.

### **PROGRAMME 4: TRANSPORT REGULATIONS**

Honourable Members of the Provincial Legislature, much as the Department achieved in the programme as indicated above, some of the projects could not be achieved due to the lockdown restrictions imposed following the announcement of the National State of Disaster on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020. These will be implemented in the 2021/22 budget year:

- ❖ Activation of the full licensing services at the identified SAPO sites.
- ❖ Implementation of the open borders system for the renewal of motor vehicle licenses.
- ❖ Completion of the Mogwase Registering Authority and its official re-opening.
- ❖ Upgrading of the Mogwase Driving Testing Centre

Furthermore, the lockdown restrictions saw the closure of the licensing services centers during the first quarter of the budget year under review, with full services resuming during July 2020.

This therefore had a negative effect on the collection of motor vehicle license revenue. The Department was also unable to promote awareness on unauthorized and unlawful travelling of abnormal loads vehicles during unofficial times.

For the 2021/22 financial year, the Department endeavours to promote awareness on unauthorised and unlawful travelling of abnormal loads vehicles during unofficial times, using various media platforms including Billboards.

Strengthen law enforcement through the strategic deployment to hazardous and/or accident prone areas. This will ensure we minimize fatal crashes and fatalities in the Province.

Madam Speaker, law enforcement operational areas will be extended to cover the routes joining the villages and towns and cities. The Department will continue to engage Agencies (Municipalities and South African Post Office) on the establishment

of new or satellite registering authorities to alleviate pressures and long queues at the licensing centers.

Operational hours of the provincial registering authorities will be extended to over the weekend in ensuring that motorists who are unable to visit the offices during the week do so over the weekend. We are going to implement the open borders system to allow all motorists within the North West to renew their vehicle licenses anywhere in the Province.

With all intensions of saving more lives on our roads, we are going to intensify and advocate road safety education and conducting awareness campaigns throughout the Province through the implementation of three initiatives i.e., Road Safety Education, Road Safety Promotions and Road Safety Community Engagement.

This will be achieved through an allocated budget of one million billion and eight hundred and thirty four million (R1, 834 million).

Having experienced number of pedestrian fatalities across the Province, we will improve the promotion of pedestrian safety through intensified media and community engagement activities guided by the National Road Safety Strategy approved by cabinet in March 2017.

Pedestrian accidents rates in the Province increased from 5.54 percent to 6.66 percent.

Madam Speaker, the Department, in partnership with the Road Traffic Management Corporation will continue with the second phase of the Learner License project for the four identified schools in Province with 200 learners participating.

This second phase involves drivers' License training, testing and issuing. The project is fully funded by the Road Traffic Management Corporation.

Honourable Members, the Department has planned to issue 250 operator licenses to women in the public transport industry as part of transformation.



Madam Speaker, the following infrastructure projects will be implemented during the year:

- ❖ Upgrading of the Mogwase Driving Testing Centre
- ❖ The final phase of the Lichtenburg Weighbridge. A guard house and carports will be built during the year. A budget of R500, 000 has been set aside for this project.

**The Budget**

In order for us to achieve the objectives I have outlined above, I hereby table a total Budget of Two Billion, One Hundred And Ninety Seven Million, Nine Hundred And Seventy Three Thousand Rand;for the Financial Year 2021to 2022, which is broken down as follows:

PROGRAMME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT IN WORDS
Program one (1) ADMINISTRATION	R357 465 000	Three Hundred and Fifty-Seven Million, Four Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand Rands.
Program two (2) PROVINCIAL SECRETARIAT FOR POLICE	R48 151 000	Forty Eight Million, One hundred and Fifty One Thousand Rands
Program three (3) TRANSPORT OPERATIONS	R1 141 756 000	One billion, one hundred and forty one million, seven hundred and fifty six Rand
Program four (4) TRANSPORT REGULATIONS	R650 601 000	Six hundred and fifty million, six hundred and one thousand Rand
TOTAL	R2 197 973 000	Two billion, one hundred and ninety seven million nine hundred and seventy three thousand Rand.

Honourable Speaker, Honourable Premier, I know as we all do, that this is a trying time. This is a time to put our thoughts together and unite once more as a nation, as a Province to deal with all challenges facing us. Working together we can overcome all our challenges. This is not the time to be divided.

### Conclusion

In conclusion Honourable Speaker, I would like to thank the following stakeholders with whom we are working;

Madame Speaker, Honourable Premier, Madiba reminds us that; *“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.”* So said Nelson Mandela.

A leader must make difference in the lives of the people he or she leads. That’s our aim, that’s our commitment. This is the devotion we are re-emphasizing with this budget. We are going to be visible, all over the Province, travelling the length and breadth of this Province to ensure the people are safe, compliance with traffic regulations and those travelling using buses and taxis arrive safe and on time.

As a Department together with the Department of Education, we are dealing decisively with challenges facing learner transport. By solving learner transport we will be honouring one of our stalwart Charlotte Maxeke. Even though born at the time when education to the black child especially girl children was not, emphasized she went on to break barriers.

Lastly I would like to thank the following;

- ❖ The governing party, the ANC for showing confidence on me by deploying me in the sixth administration,
- ❖ The Honourable Premier, Professor TJ Mokgoro for appointing me as the MEC for the Department of Community Safety and Transport Services,
- ❖ EXCO for working together as a team,
- ❖ MPL's for their valued support,
- ❖ The Portfolio Committee for the oversight role they play
- ❖ Section 100 (1b) Administrator and his team,
- ❖ The Head of Department, senior management and the entire COSATMA team,
- ❖ SAPS led by Lieutenant General Sello Kwena for ensuring the safety of our people

Lastly Honourable Speaker, may I thank my family for continuous support.

In these uncertain times brought by the COVID-19 pandemic Honourable Speaker, Honourable Premier, ntetla go nopolamodifelengtsaSione;

“Morenafa o rialonkabelaelajoang – same ke gore ke re go lokile go lokile”.

**I THANK YOU, KE A LEBOGA!!!!**







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