

REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS AND TRANSPORT; COMMUNITY SAFETY, SECURITY AND LIAISON ON THE OVERSIGHT VISITS CONDUCTED ON 04 NOVEMBER 2016 AT THE BUSHBUCKRIDGE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, EHLANZENI DISTRICT (CSSL)

1. INTRODUCTION

The Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature (the Legislature) has a responsibility in terms of Section 118 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996, (the Constitution) to facilitate public involvement in its legislative and other processes. Sections 114 and 133, of the Constitution, read with Rules 218 and 131 of the Rules and Orders of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature as amended (the Rules) directs the Legislature to hold the Executive accountable for the exercising of powers and performance of their functions. Therefore, the **Portfolio Committee on Public Works, Roads and Transport; Community Safety, Security and Liaison** (the Committee) regularly conducts oversight visits to projects of the Department of Community Safety, Security and Liaison (the department); in Bushbuckridge local municipality.

The purpose of the oversight visit was to evaluate the progress made on projects reflected in the Annual Performance Plan (APP) implemented by the department.

The Legislature seeks to establish whether provincial government delivers services effectively and efficiently within the respective local municipality areas.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

The following objectives shaped the oversight visit to the projects of the Department of Community Safety, Security and Liaison:

- Determine the progress made in the establishment of the Mpumalanga traffic College.
- Establish the readiness of the Department of community Safety, Security and Liaison to utilise the college after completion.

3. METHOD OF WORK

In preparation for the oversight visit to the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, the Research section prepared the Progress Report on the state of readiness of the Mpumalanga Traffic College that informed the Committee's programme for the oversight visit.

The Committee conducted oversight visits in the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality on 04 November 2016. The Committee met on 07 March 2017 to consider its draft Committee report.

4. OVERSIGHT ON GOVERNMENT FUNDED PROJECTS

4.1. MPUMALANGA TRAFFIC COLLEGE

- The Mpumalanga Traffic College which is located at Bushbuckridge Local Municipality was handed over on 27 October 2016 and the first training will commence in January 2017.
- When completed the Traffic College will be servicing the Mpumalanga department of Community Safety, Security and Liaison, the Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport, all the Municipalities in the country and Provincial Departments with a responsibility of Traffic Law Enforcement, private sector and neighboring countries as potential clients.
- The college will be launched by mid-December 2016.
- The Department is still on course to get the College operational by January 2017.

5. STATE OF READINESS

5.1 Infrastructure construction: Phase 2 C & D

Phase 2 C (Main Buildings)

The sub-project involves construction of the Administration Block, Classrooms Blocks, Auditorium, E-Natis, Shooting range, Student centre, Student Housing, Staff Housing, laundry, Arms and ammunition store, Parking Garage, Gate house and related External works (storm water drainage, internal access roads, landscaping).

5.2 Infrastructure construction: Phase 2 C & D

Phase 2D (Civil Works)

Project involves civil related works: skid pad, high speed circuit, winding road, slip road, K53 testing station, Weighbridge, associated drainage structures and auxillary works.

5.3 Accreditation of the Mpumalanga Traffic College

The Minister of Transport has approved the establishment of the College. A pre-approval of the college for registration has been granted by the Minister. Assessment of the college was conducted by SASSETA for college accreditation to which was satisfactory.

5.4 Curriculum

The college will use the National curriculum which is used by all traffic colleges in the country. The Department is currently reproducing Learner Support Materials.

5.5 Recruitment

Forty-four (44) management and administration posts were advertised for running of the institution. A total of hundred (100) posts for Basic Traffic Training were advertised and the department reported that the profiling process is almost completed. It was reported that the recruitment process will be finalised by the 1st week of December 2016. All the local municipalities in the Province were invited to enroll their learners with the College.

5.6 Fleet

The following vehicles have been ordered and delivered, 4 sedans, 2 mini buses, 1 double cab and 1 single cab. The following vehicles are awaiting delivery: 1 mini bus, 1 bus, 1 trailer and 2 motorbikes.

5.7 Furniture and office equipment

Classrooms and offices have been fitted with furniture. Computers and printers have been procured and delivered. Students and Staff accommodation furniture has also been fitted.

5.8 Catering services

The department indicated that there are ongoing discussions with Mpumalanga Regional Training Trust (MRTT) to provide catering to the institution. Kitchen equipment and utensils have been ordered and delivered.

5.9 Cleaning services

Cleaning services for the offices and residential common rooms will be insourced and the department has already advertised for positions of Cleaners as part of recruitment process.

5.10 Laundry services

Laundry equipments have been procured and installed. Students will be responsible for doing their own laundry.

5.11 Linen and curtains

Linen and curtains have been ordered and delivered.

5.12 Gardening Services

Gardening services will be outsourced with a potential of creating job opportunities. For the 1st three months after handover, the landscaping contractor will be responsible for maintenance as part of contractual obligations.

5.13 Security Services

Currently, a total of fourteen (14) Security Officers are deployed on site for the day duty and 14 for night duty (8 Grade D and 6 Grade C).

5.14. Connection of municipal services

The department reported that the municipal services have been connected and is in order.

5.15 eNaTis Equipment

Equipment from National Department of Transport have been delivered and connected.

5.16 Jobs created during construction

Project Milestone	Males			Females		
	Adult	Youth	Disabled	Adult	Youth	Disabled

Phase 2A (Bulk services and Water Tank)	6	4	0	1	2	0
Phase 2B (Concrete Palisade Fence)	9	16	0	4	13	0
Phase 2C(Main Buildings)	58	84	0	6	6	0
Phase 2D (Civil Works)	12	32	0	2	4	0
Total	85	136	0	13	25	0
Sub Total	221			38		
Total	259					

5.17 Budget Expenditure

A total of R103 000 000.00 was budgeted for construction and R34 000 000.00 was budgeted for the operationalization of the traffic College. An amount of R66 136 000.00 (64%) has been spent for construction (actual expenditure and processed invoices). R1 989 000.00 has been spent for operationalization with commitments of R10 200 000.00 calculated. The bigger percentage of the operationalization budget will be spent between January and March of 2017 when the college is operational.

6. DELIBERATIONS BY THE COMMITTEE

The Committee appreciated the work done by the department and further thanked the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality for offering the Provincial Government, the site to build the Traffic College. The committee highlighted that the people surrounding the area will benefit more in terms of job opportunity and also impacting skills to the youth. The committee noted that the contractor who built the college is a female.

7. FINDINGS

The Committee made the following finding:

- 7.1. The Mpumalanga Traffic College was handed over on the 27 October 2016 and the first training will commence in January 2017.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

The following was the recommendation from the Committee:

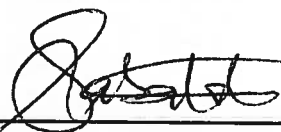
- 8.1. The department must ensure that the Traffic College commences in January 2017.

The Committee tables this report to the House for adoption with its recommendations.

9. CONCLUSION

The Chairperson of the Committee, Hon GC Shabalala extends her appreciation to Members of the Committee, the Councillors of the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, departmental officials, all stakeholders and the support staff of the Legislature for their participation during this oversight visit to the community of the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality in enhancing the oversight role of the Legislature.

Unless otherwise stated, the departments should provide a progress report on all issues raised to the Committee by **13 April 2017** and thereafter on a quarterly basis.



HON GC SHABALALA

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