

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

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 Public Works, Roads and Transport (the department).

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 Public Works, Roads and Transport:

- 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 the draft Committee report.

4. OVERSIGHT ON GOVERNMENT FUNDED PROJECTS

4.1. MPUMALANGA TRAFFIC COLLEGE

The department of Public Works, Roads and Transport plays a bigger role on this project as an implementing agent; hence it is very crucial to determine how far it is with regards to the construction of the College because the intake of students, which is meant to take place in January 2017, relies on the completion of the project. It should be noted that this project was visited in 04 November 2016 by the Portfolio Committee to check the status quo.

4.1.1 Status Quo

- **Phase 2A** (Bulk Services and water tanks) – This project is complete at a budget of R 9 659 000.00
- **Phase 2B** (Concrete Palisade Fence) – This project is complete at a budget of R 8 826 000.00.

- **Phase 2C (Main Building Works)** construction of the Administration Block, Classrooms Blocks, Auditorium, E-Natis, Shooting range, Student center, Student Housing, Staff Housing, laundry, Arms and ammunition store, Parking Garage, Gate house and related External works (storm water drainage, internal access roads, landscaping).

4.1.2 Phase 2C completion status to date (12 October 2016):

- Laundry - 100% complete
- Auditorium - 85% in progress
- Staff housing (X5 Blocks) - 100% complete
- Administration Block - 100% complete
- Classrooms - 100% complete
- Student Housing (X4 blocks) -100% complete
- E-Natis building – 100% complete
- Gate House – 100% complete
- Weighbridge- 100% complete
- Vehicle Testing Building – 100% complete
- Services reticulation (Electricity, water, sewer) Storm water infrastructure, internal roads, parking, associated external work – 100% complete
- Student Centre – 100% in progress
- Shooting Range – 100% in progress
- Ammunition – 100% in progress

4.1.3 Phase 2D Progress is as follows:

- Intersection widening – 99% complete
- K53 small truck roads (1,2&3) – 100% complete
- K53 small truck platform 1 – 100% complete
- K53 small truck platform 3 – 100% complete
- High Speed circular road(Track) – 100% complete

- Winding road – 100% complete
- Weighbridge (Civil works) – 100% complete
- Skid Pad – 100% complete
- Access road (1 and 2) – 100% complete
- Traffic Circle (next to the guardhouse) – 100% complete

Table1: A summary of the Traffic college schedule in terms of progress as at June 2016

| | Duration | | End Date (Revised) | Progress (%) | | Remarks |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------|--|
| | Start Date | End Date (Original) | | Planned | Actual | |
| Bulk Services and Water Tank | 25-Mar-13 | 25-Jun-13 | 29-Oct-13 | 100% | 100% | Project completed Retention has been released to the contractor. |
| Concrete Palisade Fence | 31-Jul-14 | 4-May-15 | 19-May-15 | 100% | 100% | Project final delivery was achieved on the 20 August 2015. |
| Main Buildings | 14-Oct-14 | 14-Oct-16 | 18-Nov-16 | 98% | 95% | Contractor progressing well. Progress is satisfactory and good workmanship. Additional required finalising the auditorium building. There was late issuance of construction information |
| Civil Works | 14-Jan-15 | 14-Apr-16 | 28-Oct-16 | 100% | 95% | Slow contractor progress between Oct 2015 and April 2016 delayed project completion. Contractor requires additional time to finalise work on the access road. |

Table 2: Summary of the Budget vs Expenditure to date

| Phase | Cost of Construction R'000 | Professional Fees R'000 | Total Project Cost R'000 | Total Expenditure as at 2016 (Previous Years) | Total Expenditure this financial year (2016/17) R'000 | Total Expenditure to date | % spent to date |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Bulk Services and Water Tank (Phase 2A) | 9 659 | 26 864 | 36 523 | 36 523 | 0 | 36 523 | 100% |
| Concrete Palisade Fence (Phase 2B) | 8 507 | 1 425 | 9 931 | 9 931 | 0 | 9 931 | 100% |
| Main Buildings (Phase 2C) | 272 495 | 29 247 | 301 742 | 234 082 | 49 165 | 283 247 | 93% |
| Civil Works (Phase 2D) | 85 847 | 12 235 | 98 082 | 73 655 | 16 971 | 90 626 | 92% |
| TOTAL | 376 508 | 69 771 | 446 279 | 354 191 | 66 136 | 420 327 | 94% |

5. FINDINGS

The Committee made the following finding:

- 5.1. The department completed 100% almost all the phases of the Mpumalanga Traffic College.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

The following was a recommendation by the Committee:

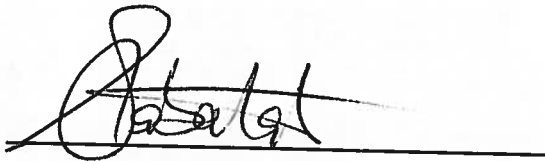
- 6.1. The department must ensure that the structure of the College is well maintained to avoid complications.

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

7. 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 progress reports on all issues raised to the Committee by **13 April 2017** and thereafter on a quarterly basis.



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