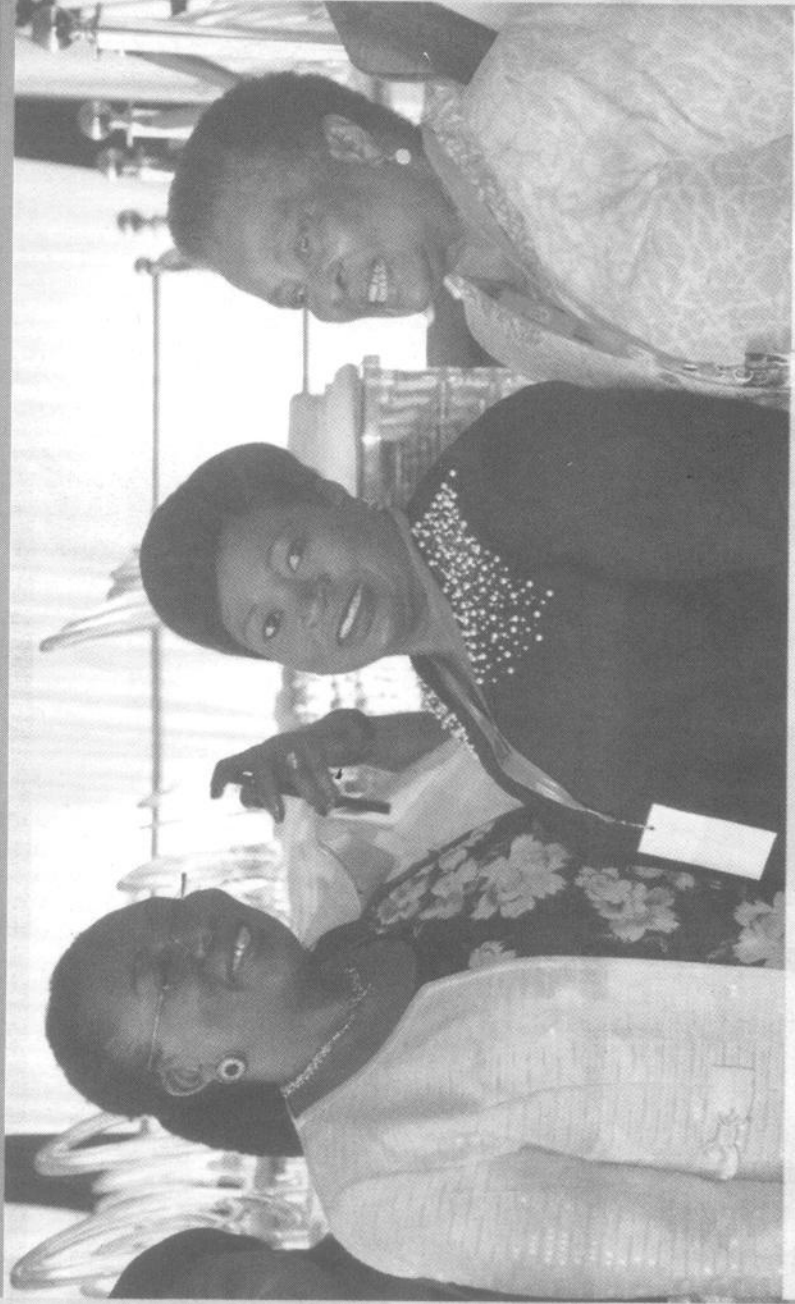


A winning infrastructure strategy



Executive Mayors - Fetsang Mokati of Bojanala District, Jostina Mothibe of Madibeng Local Municipality and Betty Diakanyo of Mahikeng Local Municipality.

Investing on the Province's roads infrastructure economy

The North West Province requires a total budget of R8.6 billion to deal with the province's entire road network of 19 786 kilometers, and more could be needed due to damages caused by the severe rains and floods that the province has experienced over the recent weeks.

Of this total, 14 655 kms is unpaved (gravel) roads while 5131 kms is paved or tarred.

This road network distribution is as follows - Bojanala has 2369 unpaved (gravel) and 1799 paved (tarred); Dr Kenneth Kaunda has 2255 unpaved (gravel) and 878 paved (tarred).

Ngaka Modiri Molema has 3653 unpaved (gravel) and 1641 kms paved (tarred); and Dr. RS Mompoti has 6332 kms unpaved (gravel) and 859 kms paved (tarred).

Ngaka Modiri Molema and Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti Districts have unpaved or gravel roads in the majority.

The department of Public Works and Roads will prioritise Villages, Townships and Small Dorries' unpaved or gravel roads badly affected by the rains and floods. Focus will be put on strategic economic roads that connect villages to villages, villages to townships and villages to small dorries.

Progress in respect of other strategic road construction projects in the province is as follows:

While the contractor for the much awaited Nelson Mandela Highway that is linking Lichtenburg and Mafikeng is already on site, other projects that would be going on tender before the end of the first quarter of the new financial year include

Lebotlwane Road, Molatedi to Derdepoort, Dudfield to Gelukspan, Setlopo - Dithakong - Mantsha to Mareetsane, Lokaleng - Mogosane - Tlapeng to Mmasuthi, and Delareyville - Ganalaagte - Kopela to Mareetsane.

In the spirit of "bietjie-bietjie maak meer", no contractor in the province will be allocated a road tender which is more than 20km with effect from the beginning of 2017/18 Financial year.

Premier Mahumapelo has told the Provincial Legislature that there is a growing need for the provincial government to double its efforts to secure private sector funding for the building of roads, as it is becoming increasingly difficult to rely exclusively on public funding given the pressures on the budget.

Low-grade level contractors to benefit from NWest construction economy

Through this Bietjie-Bietjie Maak Meer approach which will be applied in line with the villages, townships and small dorries - VTSD preferential procurement strategy, a flexible cap of 50 housing units per developer will be introduced, directed specifically at small contractors with levels 1 - 4.

Appointed developers will be encouraged to employ local people including sub-contracting with the objective of transferring skills.

This new human settlements delivery approach will be launched at Moretele Local Municipality in the coming financial year 2017/18.

The contractors have also been encouraged to source building material locally before consideration is given to external service providers.

"Going forward, government will be focusing on dealing with the skewedness in terms of allocation of RDP houses beneficiaries in the VTSD areas with specific focus on senior citizens, people with disabilities and child headed families in villages" Premier Mahumapelo has said.

The Department of Local Government and Human Settlements has been mandated to initiate the process of developing a set of regulations in an effort to manage the unapproved human settlement and the spread of informal settlements.

Water and Sanitation remain high on Province's service delivery agenda

The provincial government has through the Department of Water and Sanitation funded 7 Water Services Infrastructure Grant Projects at the tune of R290 million in the following municipalities;

- Moretele Ground Water Development R45 million;
- Rustenburg Water Augmentation R30 million;
- Moses Kotane Groundwater project R 38 million;
- Kgatleng River Groudwater Project R 9 million;
- Madibeng Water Augmentation Schedule R25 million;
- Dr RSM Ground water Supply in Different Villages R 77 million;
- NMMD Groundwater Supply in Different Villages Schedule 6B R 65 million