

Marawu hits back after Meth blames her for state of EC roads

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OR Tambo District Municipality Executive Mayor and ANC provincial executive committee member, Nomakhosazana Meth, has decried the poor state of roads in the province, something she blames on former roads and public works MEC, Thandiswa Marawu.

Meth was speaking while on the campaign trail in Ntilini locality, near Bityi on March 20, where she was accompanied by Eastern Cape MEC for Human Settlements and provincial ANC treasurer, Babalo Madikizela.

She went as far as alleging that Marawu had diverted government funds meant for provincial roads maintenance towards the Twelve Apostle Christian Church (TACC), of which she is known to be a member.

The TACC is one of the founding churches of the new political formation the African Transformation Movement (ATM) which will be contesting the upcoming General Elections on May 8 for the first time.

Marawu recently resigned as an ANC member and member of the provincial legislature and defected to the ATM.

Responding to Meth's allegations, Mar-

awu laughed off the accusations that she had diverted money meant for roads development towards the TACC, describing the accusations as a smear campaign.

Marawu argued that there was no way she could have diverted government funds, as politicians do not take decisions on how the money is spent. She said there are audits done to determine how government money was spent and auditors would have easily picked this alleged misuse of funds, if that was the case.

Marawu has further challenged Meth to focus on improving the poor audit outcomes the OR Tambo district municipality keeps getting from the auditor general.