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Buscor boss Dr Nora Fakude shares a lighter moment with bus passengers.



MEC Mandla Ndlovu interacts with some bus passengers.

MBOMBELA - The fight against potholes and the creation of better roads in the province continues.

This is according to the MEC for public works, roads and transport, Mandla Ndlovu. He was reacting to Buscor passengers who had related to him that the roads in their areas where the buses operate were in a bad state and riddled with potholes, which makes it hard for the buses to come to them and get them to work on time.

"The bus drivers have to negotiate their way to our communities with potholes, and this takes time. As a result we are also forced to report for work late," said Patrick Nkosi, one of the passengers.

In response, Ndlovu said his department would work around the clock and with speed to ensure that the roads are user-friendly. He also acknowledged that potholes contribute to some of the deadly accidents on the roads, and promised that government would continue to repair damaged roads and fill potholes.

Ndlovu, Buscor's executive chairperson, Dr Nora Fakude, and managing director, Oupa Matsebula, took an early-morning bus ride on Thursday October 26 to get a first-hand experience of the ride while at the same time ensuring compliance and commemorate National Transport Month.

Ndlovu said it is of crucial importance for public transportation to always be roadworthy and to ensure safety. "Public transportation companies always need to adhere to the rules of the road and keep



Buscor's Mandla Nkuna, MEC Mandla Ndlovu, Buscor boss Dr Nora Fakude and Nkomazi FM's Vusi Kubhayi take a tour of the Mbombela bus terminus. > **Photos: Mbekezeli Mbuli**

their vehicles in good working condition. When the vehicles are roadworthy and drivers adhere to the rules, our people and passengers will be safe," he said.

Fakude echoed that Buscor strives for safety and accuracy. "We take the safety of

our passengers very seriously and we always strive to keep them satisfied. We want to, however, urge them to report and record their concerns and any misconduct by any of our drivers or staff to our offices," said Fakude.