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## SPECIAL EDITION TAXI LEKGOTLA



### LAUNCH OF OCTOBER TRANSPORT MONTH AND DISTRICT TAXI MAKGOTLA

Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety officially launched the Provincial Transport Month and the Taxi Makgotla on 6 October 2020 at Meropa Casino in Polokwane.

October was declared transport month fifteen years ago to celebrate and acknowledge the role of public transport in the country. More than 70 percent of people in rural and semi-urban areas still rely on public transport. The MEC used the opportunity to outline activities planned for the month. The transport month launch coincides with the launch of District Taxi Makgotla, which ignited in Capricorn District.

This seeks to completely professionalise the taxi industry as an important contributor to the economy, enforce unity, and leadership as well as empowering role players and ensuring compliance with regulations. The taxi Makgotla programme run from the 06th – 16th October 2020. The district Makgotla will culminate to provincial Taxi Lekgotla planned for the 20 October 2020 in the Capricorn district. “Our people depend on us as a collective to improve the state of public transport in the province”. Said MEC Lerule Ramakhanya.

By: Matome Moremi-Tauelatsoala



# PICTORIAL: LAUNCH OF OTM AND MAKGOTLA



CLLR Jara Masubelele from Capricorn District Municipality was the Master of Ceremony



HOD: Hanli Du-Plessies rendered purpose of gathering



MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya ascends to the stage



Departmental Official: Boikie Tsedu presented discussion documents to delegates



Departmental Officials: Jane Mulaudzhi and Elmien Koedyk



Highly participative delegates during



Matsidikanye Moswane and Keneth Nemusibi SA Taxi Finance graced the launch







## MEC JOINS OPERATION WAFWA-WAFWA

MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya joined law enforcement officers during a high density operation that were conducted in the city of Polokwane, which preceded the launch of October Transport Month and the Taxi Makgotla.

The objective of the operation, called “Wafa-Wafa” is to clean the City of any form of criminality and to also maximise the safety of citizens, shoppers and visitors.

The operation comprised of the South African Police Services, Departmental Officials, Provincial and Polokwane Municipal Traffic police, and the Department of Home Affairs. Four (04) People were arrested for smoking dagga in public, two (02) for drinking in public, and eighteen (18) people

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# THE 2<sup>ND</sup> LEG OF THE TAXI LEKGOTLA AT WATERBERG DISTRICT



MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya addressed hundreds of different associations' members at the Second Taxi Lekgotla in Belabela at the Waterberg District on 8 October 2020. The Waterberg Lekgotla follows the launch of October Transport Month and Taxi Makgotla in Polokwane on Tuesday.

Twenty-one taxi associations and other stakeholders deliberated on the discussion documents and submitted views on how best the industry can operate.

The focus is on four key topics; Taxi Industry regulation, Professionalization and customer care, Unity and Leadership and Economic empowerment, as alluded to by the Minister of Transport.

The discussions were very key in the realization of a professional taxi industry that is economically viable to the communities and all the stakeholders.

"I commend you for the contributions towards building a professional and economically viable taxi industry", said MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya.

By: Mike Maringa





# TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY TO FORMALIZE THE TAXI INDUSTRY



The 3<sup>rd</sup> leg of the District Makgotla took place on 9 October 2020 at Porche Villa Hotel in Vhembe District, addressed by MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya .

The department continues to create a platform for the taxi industry to ventilate issues as well as highlight growth opportunities through the District Makgotla. The discussion documents that informed the content of the District Taxi

Lekgotla covered the following themes: unity and leadership; industry regulation; industry empowerment model; professionalisation; road safety; customer service and commuter safety as well as Gender Based Violence.

Key issues which sparked the consultative session included illegal operations within the Waterberg district. Illegal operation has been described as a sore thumb of the taxi industry which often led to violence.

“The taxi industry is beginning to find itself. Twenty-six years into democracy, I’m happy that the taxi industry is beginning to make an impact towards economic growth. We should have a comprehensive and holistic approach towards the professionalisation of the taxi industry,” said MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya.

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