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Infrastructure projects going well in the province

The North West province is satisfied with progress on capital projects in the province that are aimed at stimulating economic growth through infrastructure development; job creation and poverty alleviation.

Finance MEC said substantive progress has been registered in numerous infrastructure projects in the North West province. This was announced by Finance MEC Paul Sebegoe during the tabling of the adjustment budget in the provincial legislature which has been adjusted by an additional R1.8 billion.

The projects, most of which are either completed or near completion include amongst others the upgrading of the Mahikeng Airport runway, development of the road networks and clinics, schools and tribal offices. He added that the state of the art Brits hospital complex was completed in May.

“Some of the projects have been implemented by the provincial government to boost economic growth and development. Mahikeng Airport runway upgrading project which incorporates, instrument landing, ground lighting and runway, is at 70% completion stage and this lays solid foundation for the stimulation of the economic activity at the Airport and attraction of investors in the cargo, freight and logistics’ business fields,” said Sebegoe.

However Sebegoe said he was displeased at the low spending of the premier’s legacy projects which include the Taung Skull, War on Poverty and the Mahikeng Revitalisation projects.

“The relevance and significance of these projects cannot be questioned as they speak to the heart of service delivery, poverty alleviation and job-creation which remains government key priority programmes, however, the appointment of project managers in the Premier’s Office will help fast track the implementation of these projects through close monitoring.”

Sebegoe said while the country is still faced with major challenges of social inequalities, the national development plan provides solution to address them.

“As Province we have moved swiftly during the tabling of the 2013/14 Provincial Budget to align Key provincial priorities with the national development plan which remains an overarching developmental path South Africa has adopted to address the socio-economic challenges we are facing as a country,” he told the legislature.

He indicated that the provincial planning commission is putting final touches to the provincial development plan tailor-made to address specific and peculiar socio economic challenges facing the province. Key priorities of the provincial development plan include employment through economic growth, mining collaboration strategy, tourism development and agro-processing and beneficiation development among other, The provincial development plan will be aligned to the national development plan.

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