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## PEDALING TOWARDS SUCCESS MEC MATHYE DELIVERS 150 SHOvakALULA BICYCLES TO GIYANI LEARNERS



MEC Violet Mathye handing over Shova-Kalula Bicycles to learners. **Photo: DTCS**

Matome Taueatsoala

**Giyani** - The wheels of service delivery rolled into Giyani on Friday, 10 April 2026, as MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Ms. Violet Mathye, handed over 150 bicycles to learners at three schools through the Shovakalula Project. The handover formed part of Premier Dr. Phophi Ramathuba's Service Delivery Week, aimed at bringing government services directly to communities.

School in Ka Thomo Block 7, where 70 learners received new bicycles. The delegation then moved to N'wa-Khada Secondary School in Ka-Kheyi, where 10 bicycles were handed over, before concluding at Nghonyama High School in Mageva Village (Dzumeri) with a further 70 bicycles distributed.

MEC Mathye was joined by Acting HOD Mr. Oupa Nkanyane, Speaker of Mopani District Municipality Cllr Martha Maswanganyi,

The day began at 8h00 at Hanyani Thomo High

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Department of Education officials, and Local Traditional Leaders from all three communities. Their presence underscored the integrated approach to service delivery being championed across the province.

Addressing learners, educators, and community members, MEC Mathye explained the critical role of the Shovakalula Project. "Government provides scholar transport for learners who travel more than 5 km. Those traveling less do not qualify, and it is for this reason we are using the Shova Kalula program to assist learners so they do not walk long distances and get tired."

She was clear on the purpose of the bicycles. "The bicycles are meant to assist learners to access education with ease and to excel. Learners must improve and pass with distinctions. Bicycles must not be used to go anywhere else other than to school. Learners must behave and avoid wrong behavior and criminality."

### A National Program with Local Impact

Launched nationally in 2001, Shovakalula targets learners in rural and peri-urban areas who walk

between 3 and 5 km to school. By cutting travel time and physical fatigue, the program improves punctuality, attendance, and road safety for vulnerable learners.

The Service Delivery Week intervention in Giyani comes at a critical time, as parts of the area recover from recent flooding that damaged infrastructure and disrupted access to services. The bicycle handover complemented other provincial interventions including road maintenance, health facility upgrades, and social support programs.

### Building a Safer Tomorrow

As the Department of Transport and Community Safety, our mandate goes beyond roads and law enforcement. It includes creating conditions for communities to thrive. Initiatives like Shovakalula speak directly to our vision of zero road fatalities by 2030 by promoting safer, non-motorized transport for young people.

With 150 learners now better equipped to reach school, the department remains committed to practical, visible service delivery that changes lives one community at a time.



MEC Violet Mathye addressing learners during the Service Delivering Week. **Photo: DTCS**

## SERVICE DELIVERY WEEK SEES BOOST FOR RURAL EDUCATION AS LEARNERS RECEIVE SAFER, FASTER ROUTE TO SCHOOL



Cllr. Sophia Magomani (On the podium) of Mopani District Municipality during the handover. **Photo: DTCS**



Display of Shova Kalula Bicycles before the handover. **Photo: DTCS / Sello Sebela**



MEC Violet Mathye (centre) during the handing over of the Shova Kalula Bicycles. **Photo: DTCS**

# THE DTCS CELEBRATES RETIRING EMPLOYEES

The Department of Transport and Community Safety (DTCS) hosted a special event to honour its retired employees, bringing together former staff, current officials, and stakeholders at the Park Inn Hotel in Polokwane. The celebration was a heartfelt tribute to the retirees' invaluable contributions, dedication, and commitment to public service.

Sello Sebela and Mary Raphela

**Polokwane** - Chief Director for Transport and Regulations, Tshiwandalani Matsila, welcomed attendees, expressing gratitude for the retirees' support and impact on the department's growth and service delivery. Speakers paid tribute to the retirees, highlighting their professionalism, resilience, and commitment to excellence in advancing the department's mandate and improving community lives.

The event allowed retired employees to reconnect, reflect on shared experiences and celebrate milestones. Head of Department, Stephen Matjena, encouraged them to focus on their well-being and celebrate their achievements in retirement. "You have given this department the best years of your lives. Your contribution has not gone unnoticed. Thank you for leaving behind a legacy that will continue to guide those who remain. The time has come for family, for rest and for the things that matter most in life," said HOD Matjena.

Retirees received certificates recognizing their long service, ranging from 16 to over 40 years. They expressed gratitude for the farewell and opportunity to serve, admitting they'd miss their time at the department.



Joshua Phukane of Government Pensions Administration Agency (GPAA). **Photo: DTCS / Sello Sebela**



HOD Stephen Matjena addressing retirees. **Photo: DTCS / Sello Sebela**



Chief Director, Tshiwandalani Matsila giving welcome remarks. **Photo: DTCS / Sello Sebela**



Chief Director, Ngoako Mangena acknowledging guests. **Photo: DTCS / Sello Sebela**

## DEPARTMENTAL TERMINATION OF SERVICE 31 MARCH 2026

DIRECTORATE	REASON	OFFICE / DISTRICT
Provincial Inspector: Transport Regulation	Early Retirement Programme	Capricorn
PPI: Transport Regulation	Early Retirement Programme	Capricorn
Stores Officer Financial Management	Early Retirement Programme	Capricorn
Chief Director: PSPS	Normal Retirement	Head Office
Deputy Director: HR PlanninG	Voluntary Exit Programme	Head Office
Deputy Director: HRD and PMDS	Voluntary Exit Programme	Head Office
Admin Officer: Security Management	Voluntary Exit Programme	Head Office
Director: Police Conduct and Compliance	Voluntary Exit Programme	Head Office
Deputy Director: Transport Planning and Research	Voluntary Exit Programme	Head Office
Assistant Director: Bus Contract and Scholar Transport	Early Retirement Programme	Head Office
Assistant Director: EPWP	Resignation	Head Office
Practitioner: Human Resource Administration	Resignation	Head Office
Deputy Director: Compliance	Resignation	Head office
Administration: Limpopo Traffic Station	Early Retirement Programme	Vhembe Traffic College
State Accountant: Finance	Early Retirement Programme	Sekhukhune
Deputy Director: Transport Operations	Voluntary Exit Programme	Sekhukhune
Provincial Inspector: Transport Regulation	Voluntary Exit Programme	Sekhukhune
Licencing Officer: Transport Regulation	Voluntary Exit Programme	Waterberg
Deputy Director: Government Fleet	Voluntary Exit Programme	Waterberg
State Accountant: Revenue & Debt	Voluntary Exit Programme	Waterberg
Chief Provincial Inspector: Transport Regulation	Voluntary Exit Programme	Waterberg
Principal Provincial Inspector: Transport Regulation	Early Retirement Programme	Waterberg
Chief Provincial Inspector	Early Retirement Programme	Waterberg
Deputy Director: Finance Management	Early Retirement Programme	Waterberg
Office Attendant: Transport Regulation	Resignation	Waterberg
Admin Officer: PSPS	Resignation	Waterberg
Admin Officer: Public Transport Services	Voluntary Exit Programme	Vhembe
Admin Clerk: Contravention & General Admin	Early Retirement Programme	Vhembe
Admin Officer: Transport Operations	Early Retirement Programme	Vhembe
Groundsman: Corporate Services	Normal Retirement	Vhembe
Senior Provincial Inspector: Transport Regulation	Normal Retirement	Vhembe
State Accountant: Revenue & Debt	Early Retirement Programme	Mopani

**NB: For security reasons, the names of the retirees/resignees have been withheld from this notice.**



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