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## 2026/2027 BUDGET VOTE SPEECH



**A SAFER, STRONGER, MORE CONNECTED LIMPOPO!**



HOD Stephen Matjena and MEC Violet Mathye at Legislature. **Photo: LDTCS / Sello Sebela**

### Mukondeleli Tshifura & Matome Tauatsoala

**Polokwane** - MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Violet Mathye, delivered a budget vote that puts people first at Provincial Legislature in Lebowakgomo on Tuesday, 12 May 2026.

"This is not just about numbers on a spreadsheet. It's about shorter queues at licensing centres, safer roads for our children, reliable buses for rural communities, and jobs for young people who want to serve their communities. It's about accountability, delivery, and hope", said MEC.

MEC Violet Mathye put it clearly, "This budget is about prioritizing child safety, reliable public

transport, road safety, and the fight against gender-based violence."

"It's about fixing potholes, building homes, protecting children, and keeping communities safe. It's accountability in action.

We know there is still work to do. But with this budget, we have a clear plan and the resources to deliver.

To every learner walking to school, every worker catching an early bus, every parent worried about road safety, this budget is for you.

Be informed. Be involved. Because this budget is for you".

# 2026/2027 BUDGET VOTE – 8 HIGHLIGHTS

## 1 RECORD BUDGET ALLOCATION



The Department has been allocated a total budget of **R3.1 BILLION** for the 2026/2027 financial year.

This represents a **5.4%** increase compared to the previous year.

## 2 COMMITMENT TO CLEAN GOVERNANCE



The Department successfully attained a **CLEAN AUDIT** outcome, reflecting its dedication to transparency, accountability, and sound financial management.

## 3 MAJOR INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC TRANSPORT



**R954.1 MILLION**

is dedicated to Bus Subsidy services.



This initiative aims to keep daily commuting affordable, particularly for rural communities.

## 4 STRENGTHENING LAW ENFORCEMENT



**R44.5 MILLION** for the implementation of a 24/7 law enforcement shift system.



**154** young traffic learners recruited and trained.

## 5 ENHANCING LICENSING SERVICES



To eradicate long queues and improve efficiency, the Department is nearing the completion of two K53 Testing Centres in **Seshego and Thohoyandou.**

## 6 STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS



**R38 MILLION** for the completion of the Thohoyandou Taxi Rank Facility.



**R65 MILLION** for an Electronic Vehicle Monitoring System.



**R58.5 MILLION** for the Government Fleet Replacement Project.

## 7 COMMUNITY SAFETY & JOB CREATION



Through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), the Department has allocated **R34.1 MILLION** to support safety structures, including:



**400** Youth Civilians on Patrol (YCOP)



**775** Community Policing Forums (CPFs)

## 8 REVENUE GENERATION TARGET



Positioned as a main revenue collector for the province, the Department has set a collection target of

**R1 BILLION**

for the current financial year.



In the previous year, it successfully collected **R988 MILLION.**

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MEC Violet Mathye (3rd from left) flanked by Legislature Committee Members. Photo: LDTCS / Sello Sebela

## THE PRIORITY PROJECTS ALLOCATION OF R326.5 MILLION:

<b>R10 million</b>	Maintenance of the Seshego Government Garage
<b>R10 million</b>	Construction of classrooms at the Traffic Training College
<b>R17 million</b>	Traffic Training College Kitchen and Canteen
<b>R38 million</b>	Thohoyandou Taxi Rank Facility
<b>R65 million</b>	Electronic Vehicle Monitoring System
<b>R3.5 million</b>	Moving Violation Recorders Project
<b>R44.5 million</b>	Implementation of the 24/7 Law Enforcement Shift System
<b>R58.5 million</b>	Government Fleet Replacement Project
<b>R34.1 million</b>	Expanded Public Works Programme to complement the work of SAPS and support Road Safety programmes

# BUDGET VOTE 2026/27 IN PICS



# SMARTER BUSES, SAFER RIDES

## LIMPOPO MOVES TO DIGITAL MONITORING TO RESTORE TRUST IN PUBLIC TRANSPORT



Delegated LDTCS team members led by Paul Mainganye (2nd far right) during the Intelligent Transport System (ITS) session. **Photo: LDTCS / Sello Sebela**

### Matome Taueatsoala

**Centurion** - On the 6th and 7th of May 2026, the Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety gathered at Calmex Mobile's head office in Centurion for a two-days Factory Acceptance Testing session on the new Intelligent Transport System. The purpose was to verify, before a single bus is fitted, that the electronic monitoring and ticketing system meets every functional and technical requirement agreed upon.

Leading the delegation was Chief Director responsible for Transport Operations, Paul Mainganye. For him, the session was about more than technology. It was about accountability to the thousands of passengers the department subsidises every year through the Passenger Subsidy Program.



Abongile Nongezi of Calmex Mobile demonstrating how the system is built. **Photo: LDTCS / Sello Sebela**

“What we’re doing here is making sure that when this system goes live, it delivers exactly what our people deserve; reliability, transparency and value for every rand spent through the bus subsidy,” Mainganye said.

The Department has appointed Calmex Mobile as the service provider for the next five years. The company will roll out an electronic bus monitoring system that tracks trips in real time, records ticketing data, and provides verifiable reports on service delivery.

It is a shift from paper-based and fragmented systems to a single, integrated platform. For the Department, it means ending guesswork. For bus operators, it means clear, auditable performance data. For passengers, it means a system that can be held to account.

Director in the Office of the Head of Department, Makoena Khosa put it plainly, “This system will help us to account to Auditor General with confidence . It strengthens our accountability systems, which will make a good value for money business case.”

The Passenger Subsidy Program is one of the largest social interventions in the province. Through negotiated contracts with nine bus operators, the Department subsidises fares to keep transport affordable for learners, workers, and pensioners. But without accurate trip and ticketing data, it has been difficult to verify whether subsidised services are actually being delivered.

The Factory Acceptance Testing (FAT), is a standard but rigorous process in technology rollouts. For two days, the DTCS team worked through test cases with Calmex Mobile engineers, checking everything from GPS tracking accuracy to ticketing integration and data reporting. Every test was documented, every result recorded.

Abongile Nongezi of Calmex Mobile said the system was built with Limpopo’s context in mind. “We’ve built this system to change how public transport works. It’s about giving the department and the commuter confidence that every trip counts.”\*

The team from DTCS TV was on the ground throughout the session, filming every stage and conducting interviews with key role players. The footage will form part of a public awareness campaign to explain the changes to commuters and operators.

Limpopo has recently entered into negotiated bus subsidy contracts with nine operators. With this new system, every trip, every ticket, and every kilometre will be tracked and verified. That means fewer ghost trips, faster response to service failures, and better planning for routes and schedules. In a province where public transport is a key poverty alleviation tool, the impact is direct. When buses run on time and tickets are properly recorded, money goes further. Trust between government, operators, and commuters is rebuilt.

“This is more than technology, It’s about restoring trust in public transport. With FAT completed and documentation signed off, the project now moves to deployment and piloting on selected routes. The Department expects the system to be fully operational in phases over the coming months, with training for operators and officials running alongside. For the commuter waiting at a rural stop at dawn, the promise is simple, *A bus that comes when it should, a ticket that counts, and a system that can prove it*”, Mainganye added



Calmex Mobile Representative demonstrating how the system works . **Photo: LDTCS / Sello Sebela**



Laser Scanner Machine. **Photo: LDTCS / Sello Sebela**

# CONGRATULATIONS TO MOKGADI MATLI A WIN FOR WOMEN, A WIN FOR LIMPOPO AVIATION

On 30 years of our Constitution, we are witnessing what that founding document promised: a South Africa where women do not just have a seat at the table, but lead from the front.

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*You inherit this role at a time when our province needs visible, capable, and ethical leadership in aviation and security.*

*You are stepping into a space where women have historically been underrepresented. Do not carry that burden alone. Carry it as proof that what the Constitution promised in 1996 is possible in 2026.*

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Chief Executive Officer of Gateway Airports Authority Limited (GAAL), Mokgadi Matli. Photo: Supplied



MEC Violet Mathye

**Polokwane** - I am proud, as the Political Shareholder of Gateway Airport Authority Limited (GAAL) and MEC for Transport and Community Safety, to celebrate the inauguration of Mokgadi Matli as Chief Executive Officer of GAAL and now as Chairperson of the National Key Points (NKPs) Joint Planning Committee (JPC) for Polokwane International Airport (PIA). This is more than an appointment. It is proof that the doors the Constitution opened in 1996 are now leading to boardrooms, runways, and national security platforms.

On 8 May 1996, the National Assembly adopted the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa. On 10 December 1996, President Nelson Mandela signed it into law. Section 9 of our Constitution guarantees

equality and prohibits unfair discrimination. It also obliges the state to promote the achievement of equality, including through measures designed to protect and advance persons disadvantaged by past discrimination.

For women in this country, that clause was not just words. It was permission to lead, to manage, to secure, and to build.

When I see Matli take charge of the JPC for a strategic installation like Polokwane International Airport, I see Section 9 in action. I see a daughter of Limpopo standing where her grandmother was never allowed to stand. That is what 30 years of democracy looks like on the ground.

Polokwane International Airport is not just an airport. It is a gateway to the SADC region, a driver

of trade, tourism, and investment for our province. Its safety and operational excellence affect jobs, business confidence, and our image to the world.

As Chairperson of the NKP's JPC, Matli will now lead the critical coordination between airport management and our national security clusters.

This means seamless planning, stronger risk management, and world-class protection for this National Key Point.

Her appointment sends a clear message. GAAL is committed to excellence, and excellence has no gender. As the department responsible for transport and community safety, we will continue to support

GAAL and Polokwane International Airport in making safety, efficiency, and service excellence non-negotiable. Under Matli's leadership, I am confident that PIA will continue to soar, not just as a hub for the region, but as a symbol of what happens when opportunity meets competence.

Join me in congratulating Mokgadi Matli on this critical milestone.

To Mokgadi Matli: "We celebrate you today, and we will walk with you as you lead. Limpopo is proud. South Africa is watching and the runway ahead is yours".

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# DTCS INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT SYSTEM ON THE ROLL-OUT



Limpopo Public Transport Integration Committee members during the meeting. **Photo: LDTCS / Sello Sebela**

Sello Sebela

**Polokwane** - The Limpopo Public Transport Integration Committee gathered for its usual meeting at the DTCS Head Office recently in Polokwane and left with a glimpse of what comes next.

Following a recent visit to their offices in Centurion, contracted partner Calmex Mobile returned to present the vision for the Intelligent Transport System (ITS) to the committee and the municipalities it represents. The committee, central to restructuring bus subsidies, is steering the shift from fragmented operations toward an integrated, efficient network.

The plan is straightforward and modern, travel rights will be managed securely in a cloud back office rather than on a physical card. Passengers will tap to pay with what they already carry a bank card, mobile phone, or smart card and the system will calculate the best fare after travel is complete.

The committee appreciates the initiative of the department as a move toward a transport system that meets people where they are: simpler at the point of use, smarter behind the scenes, and built to connect Limpopo's communities with less friction and more ease.



Presentations on Intelligent Transport System during the meeting. **Photo: LDTCS / Sello Sebela**



Chief Director for Transport Operations, Paul Mainganye during the meeting. **Photo: LDTCS / Sello Sebela**

# SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT SETS THE BAR IN SECOND 2026 COMMUNITY SAFETY DEBATE COMPETITION

The Limpopo Department of transport and Community Safety successfully hosted the Sekhukhune District Community Safety Debate Competition on Saturday, 9 May 2026 in Burgersfort. It is the second district to host the 2026 edition.



The top 5 winners (back-row center), participants, organisers and adjudicators . Photo: Mohube Mokgoatsana

Mohube Mokgoatsana & Dumisani Nghomani

**Burgersfort** - Learners from Esther Maleka Comprehensive, Batau High, St Paul's High, Moukangoe, Kgagatlou, and Kweledi Secondary Schools debated motions on "Children's abuse is a threat to children's future," "Cyberbullying is more damaging than face-to-face bullying," and "Awareness campaigns are more effective than law enforcement in combating human trafficking."

Arguing both for and against, they displayed strong research, knowledge, and presentation skills. A key argument was that abuse damages a child's physical, emotional, and social development, while other debates highlighted the growing impact of cyberbullying and the role of public awareness in crime prevention.

The competition concluded with the announcement of the **top five learners who will represent Sekhukhune District at the Provincial Community Safety Debate Competition in August 2026:**

1. Onthile Mogodimo - Esther Maleka Comprehensive
2. Lefentse Mashishi - Esther Maleka Comprehensive
3. Tshepiso Mokgomogae - St. Paul's High
4. Nobuhle Mlangeni - St. Paul's High
5. Odirile Mboyane from Kgagatlou Secondary

**The third district to host the competition is Vhembe District on 23 May 2026, Thohoyandou.**

# MEC MATHYE HONORS A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR TRAFFIC LEARNER

MEC Violet Mathye

**Polokwane** - The Limpopo Traffic College in Manenu stood in quiet remembrance as MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Violet Mathye, joined by Head of Department, Stephen Matjena and senior officials to honour the memory of the late Traffic Trainee, Masilo Makgoba.

Masilo was a traffic learner whose fellow students spoke of with respect, echoing his discipline and punctuality. He was already on persal and training to serve as a Peace Officer, carrying out his instructions with dedication.

MEC Mathye expressed the depth of the department's loss: "I am deeply saddened by what happened here. Losing a learner at this traffic college is like losing my own son, and as a department, we have lost a son."

The Makgoba family expressed gratitude for the support extended by the department since their son's passing.

In recognition of his service in training, Masilo will be laid to rest with a paramilitary funeral service on Saturday, 16.May 2026



Photo of the late Mashilo Angle >> Makgoba. **Photo: Supplied**



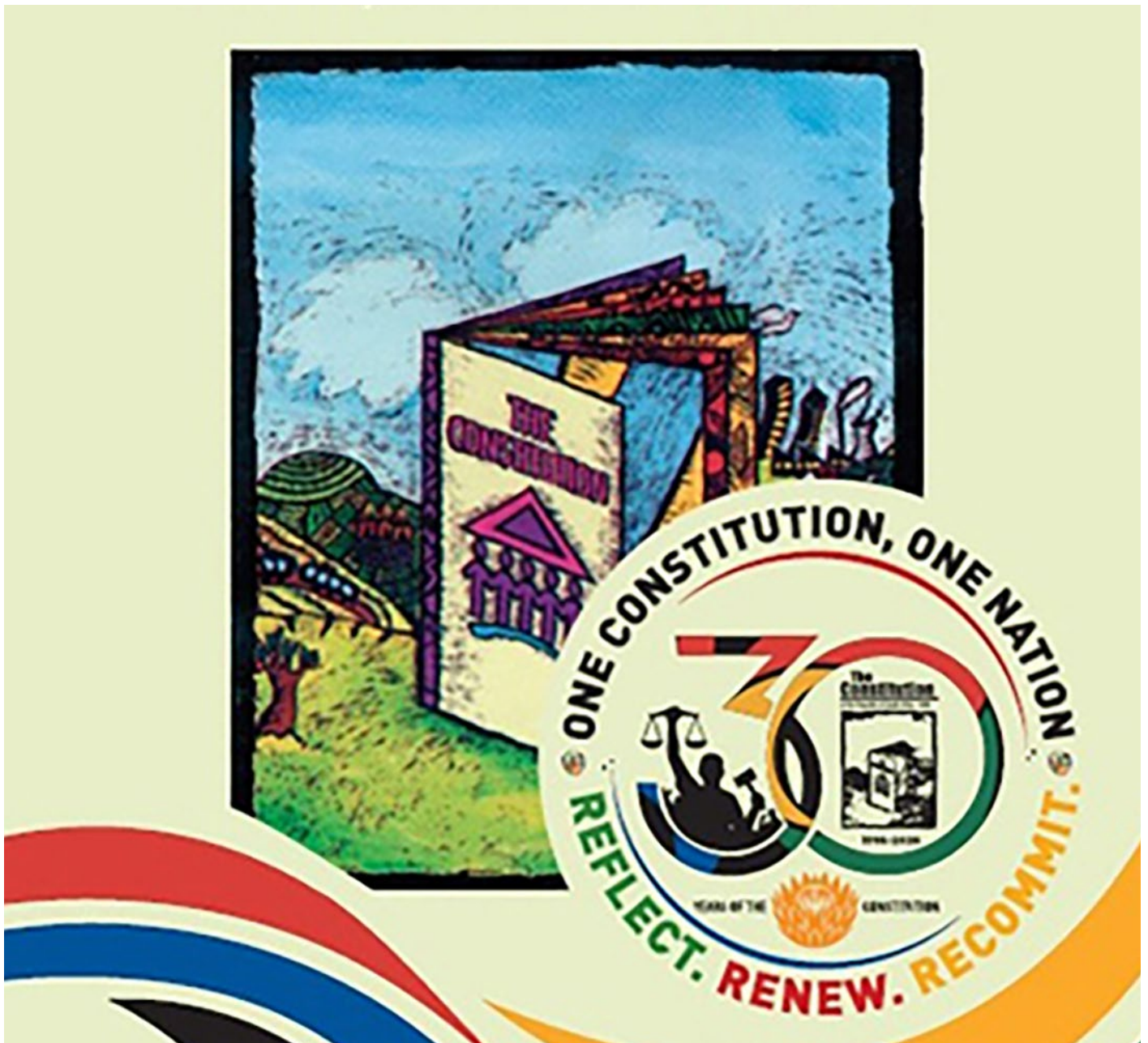
MEC Violet Mathye giving words of comfort to the family. **Photo: LDTCS / Sello Sebela**



HOD Stephen Matjena during the memorial service. **Photo: LDTCS / Sello Sebela**



Fellow Traffic Students and Officials during the memorial service. **Photo: LDTCS / Sello Sebela**



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