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TO: All Media

ATTENTION: News Editors / Transport Reporters / All Reporters

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TRANSPORT DEPUTY MINISTER'S SHOVA KALULA BICYCLE PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE ACCESS TO BASIC EDUCATION IN KWAZULU-NATAL

KZN: One hundred thousand (100 000) bicycles have been distributed to deserving learners under the Department of Transport's Shova Kalula Bicycle Project since its inception in 2001.

These bicycles have improved the mobility and access to basic education of 100 000 school pupils so far.

The Department of Transport is determined to improve access to basic education of more learners in rural areas. In the 2016/17 financial year, the Transport Department had planned to distribute further six thousand (6 000) unisex bicycles under the Shova Kalula Project to qualifying learners.

The Deputy Minister of Transport, Ms Sindisiwe Chikunga has been at the helm of the project, making sure that more school learners who qualify benefit from the project.

She will be extending the Shova Kalula project to the learners in KwaZulu-Natal this week.

On Tuesday, 23 January 2018 Deputy Minister Chikunga will distribute 750 of the Shova Kalula bicycles to the pupils from fifteen schools in Kwa-Mbonambi in

Umfolozi Municipality. Ms Chikunga will further rollout the programme in Weenen on Thursday, 25 January 2018.

KZN has the highest percentage of learners who walk more than 60 minutes to school.

These are the learners who walk 3km or more every day to school. The bicycles will improve their travel time.

The details of the events are as follows:

Programme one:

Date: Tuesday, 23 January 2018

Venue: Dondotha Sportfield, uMfolozi Municipality

Time: 09:00

Programme two:

Date: Thursday, 25 January 2018

Venue: Weenen, KwaZulu-Natal

Time: 09:00

Members of the media attending the event are requested to confirm their attendance with Mr Tshegofatso Maake [on 063 281 9453 / maatet@dot.gov.za](mailto:maatet@dot.gov.za)

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