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MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, DR. BLADE MZIMANDE, TO VISIT THE BUTTSKOP LEVEL CROSSING RAIL CRASH SCENE

The Minister of Transport, Dr. Blade Nzimande, will visit the Buttskop Level Crossing, in the Western Cape, where a Metrorail train collided with a bakkie at the on the 27 April 2018.

According to the preliminary investigations, a bakkie was following a taxi on Frederick Road, parallel to the railway track approaching the Buttskop Level Crossing.

As the train was approaching the crossing, the taxi drove across and the bakkie followed the taxi, but was unfortunately hit by the train.

During the visit, Minister Nzimande will also announce the outcome of the preliminary investigations which conducted by the Railway Safety Regulator (RSR), in accordance with section 38 of the Railway Safety Regulator Act, Act 16 of 2002.

The investigation was conducted to determine the facts of the occurrence, the immediate cause and of the purpose of making recommendations going-forward.

The Minister's visit will take place as follows:

Date: 3rd May 2018

Venue: Buttskop Level Crossing, Western Cape
Time: 09h00

Members of the media are invited to attend. Confirmations can be directed to Tshegofatso Maake on maaket@dot.gov.za or (063) 281 9453.

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