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Ezakheni Taxi rank officially handed over to the community of Ezakheni

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On Friday the 23 October, the Emnambithi/Ladysmith Municipality together with the provincial department of Transport officially opened the Ezakheni Taxi Rank situated in ward 2. The opening took place at Ezakheni where, MEC of transport, community safety and liaison Mr Willies Mchunu with the Emnambithi/Ladysmith Mayor Cllr M.V Madlala, Cllr D.C.P Mazibuko-uThukela district Mayor and the Taxi industry leadership (SANTACO), and the KlipRiver Taxi Association cut the ribbon that symbolises the official opening and hand over of the rank.

The programme continued off at the Ezakheni College for formal addressing by the officials that were present. Cllr M.V Madlala welcomed all the stakeholders and everyone else in attendance, applauded the Ezakheni residents with their remarkable rank. In his speech he listed a large number of the projects that the Emnambithi/Ladysmith municipality has delivered to the communities. He also urged the community of Ezakheni as well as the taxi drivers to look after the taxi rank. The uThukela District Mayor Cllr D.C.P Mazibuko who was also at the event touched on the merging of the Local Municipalities, which are Indaka and Emambithi as well as Emtshezi and Imbabazane municipalities. She then introduced the MEC of Transport, community Safety and Liaison-Mr Willies Mchunu whom then gave key note address of the event.

He emphasised on the partnership and good relationships between the government, Taxi association and the community. In closing he congratulated and urged the Ezakheni residents to take care of their rank, also announced the new Transport office opened by the department in Ladysmith which will assist with issuing of Taxi permits. Before the event was concluded a peace accord and pledge was signed by all the VIP's that were at the event. The emphasis of the pledge was that the community and the people that have signed pledge to respect each other on the road and obey rules and regulations of the road.

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