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Earlier today, 28 February 2023, Umzimvubu Local Municipality held a fruitful engagement session with the transport industry in KwaBhaca, following the closure of the N2 road between Madzikane Ka Zulu Hospital and Shinta Junction.

Sharing their grievances during the engagement, the transport industry representatives said they were aggrieved by the 'unacceptable' pace of establishing a taxi rank in KwaBhaca. The Municipal Leadership and the Provincial Department of Transport worked together and found a solution that better positioned the matter.

Among some of the challenges that prompted a delay in the implementation of the taxi rank project is the process of transferring land from department of Public Works to the Municipality. During a previous meeting held in November 2023 between the taxi industry and the Municipality, it was agreed that the Municipality would commence with a survey and further zone a 10-hectare area of land that was earmarked for the project. It was further agreed that the Municipality would sign into an exchange agreement with the Department of Public Works and coordinate a meeting during the month of February 2024 to brief the transport industry.

It is unfortunate that this briefing session was postponed due to the non-availability of the delegation from the Department of Public Works. The decision to postpone this meeting was unfortunately one of the reasons that led to the protest. However, during the engagements that were held earlier today, the Eastern Cape MEC of Transport and Community Safety, Mr Xolile Nqatha, confirmed in a letter that he would visit KwaBhaca on the 8th March 2024. All parties involved will meet again and present to the transport industry.

The Municipality is committed to fostering better relations with this industry and seeks to finalise the budgetary process with the Department of Transport.

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