

MINUTES

OF THE TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE SKYPE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 2020 AT 11:00

PRESENT:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (DA)

Cllr A McKenzie (Chairperson)
Cllr S Liell-Cock (Deputy Chairperson)
Cllr C Kobeni
Ald. T Thompson
Cllr S Batala
Cllr K Carls
Cllr N Xamle
Cllr N Jowell
Cllr B van der Merwe
Cllr A Lightburn
Cllr M Sibunzi

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC)

Cllr D Badela
Cllr P Heynes
Cllr Z Qoba
Cllr W Dlulani

ECONOMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS (EFF)

Cllr Dwane

LEGAL

G Caswell

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

Cllr C Kobeni
Cllr S Batala

OFFICIALS:

E Sass	Executive Director: Transport
A Bassier	Director: Regulations and Acting Public Transport Operations
H du Plessis	Director: Roads Infrastructure and Management
M Mazaza	Director: Transport Planning
R Melody	Acting Director Business Enablement
G Fortune	Portfolio Manager: Integrated Transport Portfolio

N Pieterse	Manager: Finance
N Arendse	Manager: Transport Regulations
L Stolworthy	Manager: Transport Forward Planning, Transport Planning
C Stroud	Contractor, Business Enablement
T Kok	Senior Professional Officer, Transport Planning
K Singh	Principal Professional Officer, Transport Planning
E Moag	Head: Integrated Transport Communication, Business Enablement
D Meyer	Office of the Acting ED Transport

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SERVICES

J Cooper Executive Committee Services

TRNS 01/06/20 OPENING AND PRAYER / MOMENT OF SILENCE

The meeting started at 11:00. The Chairperson welcomed all those present to the meeting and requested a moment of silence.

The Chairperson welcomed the newly elected Transport Portfolio Committee member, Cllr M Sibunzi, to the Portfolio meeting.

TRNS 02/06/20 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLVED that it be noted that no apologies were received from the Office of the Chief Whip:

ACTION: J COOPER

TRNS 03/06/20 CHAIRPERSONS REPORT OR ADDRESS

A direct translation of the Chairperson's report follows hereunder:

"Good morning everyone, I think virtual meetings are an absolute achievement despite the very difficult times we are facing in terms of COVID-19 and I am grateful that our Portfolio is able to meet in this way to achieve the business of our Directorate.

I want to take the opportunity to thank the Speaker of Council, as well as Cllr Dave Bryant, the Chairperson of the Rules Committee, as well as all Cllrs who formed part of that Portfolio for their hard work in establishing the necessary structures for Portfolio Committees in order to meet in this way.

It does not speak to the immense challenges that our communities are facing during this very difficult time and our thoughts and prayers goes out to the hundreds of people from the Western Cape and equally across the country that have lost their lives to COVID-19.

I want to take the opportunity to speak to each and every one of you as well to say that as leaders in our communities it is critically important that we are driving the message of keeping safe. That we are encouraging people to wear their masks, sanitize their hands and to practice social

distancing. As an epidemic we have not yet reached the critical stage of this virus and going into winter, it will be an extremely difficult time for all of us. It takes a unified effort from each and every one of us to encourage our communities to have a successful outcome.

I want to take the opportunity to welcome back all our officials, those who are working from home and our Cllrs back from recess. We encourage working from home to relieve the congestion and a policy document will be submitted on this matter shortly. Congestion is a major problem in our City and if we have learned anything from the COVID-19 lockdown experience was that we are able to work from home, keep our roads clear and to allow a free flow of traffic.

As a Directorate and Cllrs on this Portfolio, it becomes critical that we do not just debate and discuss these things but that we are doing it ourselves and that we are the living example that we can have a congestion free society.

I think it is also very important at this point to thank our public transport officials who have worked extensively hard with MyCiTi operations, as well as Golden Arrow operations since the start of Level 3 from 1 June 2020, which saw thousands of people return to work, as well as our Grade seven and Grade twelve pupils returning to school.

It had the potential to put huge strain on our systems but I think both Golden Arrow, MyCiTi as well as the administration has done a brilliant job in ensuring the safety of commuters on these forms of transport in terms of social distancing, wearing masks as well as sanitization.

We do have a problem with the taxi operations and the Mayco Member of Transport, the Mayco member of Safety and Security, as well as the Provincial counter parts will be addressing the compliance regulations for transport.

This morning I joined the Provincial Minister of Transport at Nyanga taxi rank. It is encouraging to see that many people are adhering to the regulations but there are equally as many people who are disregarding the regulations as well, which is very concerning. Therefore, we need to drive the regulations within our Wards and areas and the adherence to those regulations.

The equally concerning part of that is to see the disregarding of regulations by the taxi drivers who load more people than what they are allowed to, as well as not sanitizing their taxi's, passengers or not wearing masks. We need to drive enforcement to ensure that we heavily enforce these regulations in our taxi operations. With the breakdown of metro rail a lot of commuters will make use of the taxi industry. The taxi industry then creates a big opportunity for the virus to spread if we are not able to ensure that people are adhering to those regulations.

Therefore, there is a huge responsibility on us as leaders and the administration, equally so, there is a responsibility of self-regulation by commuters to reject putting themselves in an unsafe situation and so we need to be able to communicate and engage with our people to ensure that this will be implemented.

We have had some good engagements with Nico Pieterse as well over the last few weeks, with regards to the Capital budget spent and he will provide a presentation of that. I do believe that as a Portfolio we will continue to be on the right track. We are dealing with a lot of challenges and in dealing with those challenges we are growing and becoming better and we are becoming stronger.

I would implore of each and every one of us to continue to work together, to make the COVID-19 responses our highest priority for our citizens and community. Also to ensure that we do everything we can as individuals, Cllrs and administration to ensure the safety and compliance of what is required so that as a City we can move forward and that the impact of the disaster of which we are currently dealing with, will not be as severe as many people think it would be.

Thank you

Cllr A McKenzie
Chairperson: Transport Portfolio Committee

TRNS 04/06/20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 MARCH 2020

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2020, was confirmed, proposed by Cllr Jowell and seconded by Cllr Carls.

ACTION: J COOPER

TRNS 05/06/20 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 2020

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Transport Portfolio meeting held on 13 March 2020, was confirmed by Cllr Jowell and seconded by Cllr Badela, subject to the following amendments, that:

- Cllr Dlulani be marked as present.

ACTION: J COOPER

TRNS 06/06/20 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the Motion by Cllr B van der Merwe regarding the safety concerns between Link Road and Hadley Street and the implementation of Informal Trading Bays along the Old Paarl Road remain on the Matters Receiving Attention schedule;
- (b) a comprehensive report be submitted to the next meeting.

ACTION: N SLINGERS

TRNS 07/06/20 MATTERS RECEIVING ATTENTION

1. SABS LINE MARKING INVESTIGATION FEEDBACK (TRNS 18/08/19)

Clir McKenzie expressed his concern regarding the fact that the feedback report on the line marking is not on the Agenda.

Clir Carls enquired whether the line markings were carried out on an ad hoc basis or was it on a scheduled basis.

Clir Thompson queried whether an updated report on the quality of the paint used for line markings will be submitted to the Portfolio Committee, to ensure that the paint is of a better standard and that all the processes and procedures were put in place to guarantee that the paint was of a good quality.

H du Plessis responded the following, that:

- during level 5 of the CODID-19 epidemic, only emergency work could be undertaken;
- therefore, the teams were downscaled and only stand-by teams were allowed to be active for emergency work;
- and as such only emergency line markings were carried out;
- a detailed line marking report will be provided at the next meeting;
- a scheduled plan of line markings has previously been made available to all Subcouncils;
- the report on the quality of paint used for line markings has been tabled at the Portfolio Committee before and that, during an independent investigation, it was found that there was no problem with the quality of the paint, but that the paint was diluted in some areas and there was also a problem with the application;
- superintendents were instructed to strictly supervise and oversee the line marking activities.

Clir Heynes added that the application of the paint by contractors is a huge problem and stressed the importance of receiving a detailed line marking report and the scheduled plan. She further queried who is responsible for monitoring the stop signs in the various areas.

Clir Jowell further stated that a measurable solution should be sourced on the line marking issue and that an audit of road markings should be considered in order to adequately review a manner which will allow the Committee to evaluate the specific shortcomings.

Clir McKenzie requested H du Plessis to forward an email to the Committee members, outlining the scheduled time frames of the line markings and who will be responsible, in order to have an oversight on the matter.

E Sass responded that a comprehensive report will be submitted to the next Portfolio Committee meeting and feedback will be submitted on the matter.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the SABS line marking investigation feedback (TRNS 18/08/19) remain on the Matters Receiving Attention schedule;
- (b) comprehensive monthly Line Marking Investigation Feedback reports be submitted to the Transport Portfolio Committee.

ACTION: H DU PLESSIS

2. MOTION BY CLLR DAVE BRYANT REGARDING THE REQUEST FOR POLICY REVIEW RELATING TO E-HAILING AND ONLINE FOOD DELIVERY VEHICLES (TRNS 07/11/19)

L Stolworthy reported the following, that:

- as previously discussed the Department was to engage with Uber and the University of Stellenbosch around collaborating to try and understand the movement patterns of Uber in order to address the issues;
- since then the Department was in communication with Uber and they are not prepared to submit their data directly, only if the Department work with the University of Stellenbosch to analyse the data;
- also that they will only submit the data if the Department would provide them with data for other similar types of services, in other words their competitors;
- the Department is not in possession of such data and thus the Department is in a deadlock on how to proceed with them and hope to resolve the issue before the next meeting.

Cllr Badela queried as to why it is a problem to retrieve data in terms of the E-hailing system as there are also the Bolt and Uber transportation network companies who are operating in Cape Town.

The initial issue was around the proceed staging of Uber and related services, including Bolt and others in the CBD and blocking up the streets etc. The issue in terms of the licensing is that they are operating on an on-demand system where the vehicles are supposed to be continually moving and not staging. The question was around where are they staging as they should not be staging in the road network.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the matter on the Motion by Cllr Dave Bryant regarding the request for Policy Review relating to E-hailing and online food delivery vehicles (TRNS 07/11/19) remain on the Matters Receiving Attention schedule;
- (b) a comprehensive report on the Motion by Cllr Dave Bryant regarding the request for Policy Review relating to E-hailing and online food delivery vehicles (TRNS 07/11/19) will be submitted

to the next meeting.

ACTION: M MAZAZA; L STOLWORTHY

3. MOTION BY CLLR BRENDAN VAN DER MERWE REGARDING SUIKERBOS DRIVE (TRNS 08/11/19)

The matter was discussed under item TRNS 19/06/20 - response to the Motion regarding the request for Non-Motorised (NMT) Improvements in Suikerbos Street submitted to the Transport Portfolio Committee meeting on 7 November 2019 - of the Agenda.

ACTION: M MAZAZA

4. REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE A DEDICATED NON-MOTORISED TRANSPORT ROUTE ALONG THE ATLANTIC SEA BOARD SUBMITTED BY CLLR NICOLA JOWELL (TRNS 08/02/20)

The matter was discussed under item TRNS 18/06/20 - Progress update for the Motion requesting an Investigation into a dedicated Non-Motorised Transport (NMT) route along the Atlantic Seaboard from Camps Bay to the V&A Waterfront, Cape Town area - of the Agenda.

ACTION: M MAZAZA

5. CATALYTIC LAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME: PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE BELLVILLE PRIORITY CATALYTIC PROJECT (TRNS 12/02/20)

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the Catalytic Land Development Programme: Progress report for the Bellville priority Catalytic project to remain on the Matters Receiving Attention schedule;
- (b) a progress report on the Catalytic Land Development Programme: progress report for the Bellville priority Catalytic Project be submitted to the next meeting;
- (c) a progress report on the Bellville Voortrekker Road upgrade be submitted to the next meeting.

ACTION: F CUMMING

6. WINTER READINESS PROGRAMME 2020 (TRNS 16/02/20)

The matter was discussed under item TRNS 16/06/20 – Weed spraying within the Road Reserve - of the Agenda.

ACTION: H DU PLESSIS

**TRNS 08/06/20 PRESENTATION ON THE MONTHLY CAPITAL FINANCE REPORT:
2019/20 FINANCIAL YEAR (INCLUDING MYFIN PRESENTATION)**

N Pieterse presented on the following:

- Capital Budget Allocation per Department;
- Department Budget Expenditure Summary;
- Overview Summary;
- Funding Source Summaries;
- Area Based Management Budget Allocation;
- Programme Budgeting – Major Programmes & Projects;
- PTNG Summary;
- USDG Summary;
- Ward Allocation;
- Operating Budget Expenditure Performance

Cllr N Jowell added that the continual need to align the National Government's DORA allocations with the projected budget is an ongoing challenge and is being addressed.

Cllr Heynes queried regarding how the Budget Review Steering Committee will be proceeded with and requested hard copies of the monthly Capital Finance report for future meetings. She further stated that separate funds should be sourced in order to be independent from the National Government in terms of the BFI funding.

N Pieterse requested that the establishment of the Budget Steering Committee be adopted and added that the hard copies of the monthly Capital Finance report will be circulated to all members. He added that there were two sources of funding made available for vacancies and the positions are being created.

E Sass responded that the financial report has improved dramatically and that the services of C Stroud was engaged with in terms of the MYFIN report.

Cllr McKenzie welcomed C Stroud, Contractor: Business Enablement to the meeting

C Stroud presented on the following:

- Refresher – 2019 MYFIN;
- 2020 MYFIN;
- Responses to Council Resolutions: 2019 MYFIN;
- Current planning scenarios;
- Key aspects in consideration of scenarios;
- Why R&M;
- Process plan and timeframes

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the presentation on the Monthly Capital Finance Report: 2019/20 Financial year be noted;
- (b) the establishment of the Budget Steering Committee of the Transport Portfolio Committee be adopted.

ACTION: N PIETERSE; C STROUD

TRNS 09/06/20 BLUE DOWNS RAIL LINK CORRIDOR: STATION ENVIRONS STUDY

Cllr Heynes requested clarity on the starting point of the planned station project as Blue Downs station is situated in the middle of the three stations. She further enquired about the link between the widening of the Mfuleni Main Road and the elevation of the Buttskop level crossing as it runs through the same communities and requested that a site visit be conducted.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the Blue Downs Rail Link Corridor: Station Environs Study report be noted;
- (b) a site visit and a workshop be scheduled on the Blue Downs Rail Link Corridor: Station Environs Study.

ACTION: K SINGH

TRNS 10/06/20 TRANSPORT MONTH 2019 REPORT BACK

Cllr Jowell specified that in order to measure success of a transport month, an assessment should be done to determine whether more people made use of public transport and that the report does not indicate that in detail. She added that a lot more could be achieved with the use of social media to reach communities and to make public transport a viable interesting option.

Cllr Liell-Cock further stated that better communication should be provided to the communities as the public transport success stories are not being communicated properly and that opportunities are being missed. He requested that a workshop be scheduled in order for Cllrs and officials to communicate their thoughts on how more user friendly information could be distributed.

Cllr Badela proposed that the Directorate should move from continuing praising public transport achievements but rather focus on the future developments or plans, that will indicate the seriousness from the Directorate to integrate public transport for all commuters.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the report on the Transport Month 2019 report back be noted;
- (b) a communications workshop be scheduled with the relevant officials and the Committee in order to deal with the communication challenges experienced.

ACTION: D KEET; E MOAG

TRNS 11/06/20 DRAFT REVISED PARKING POLICY FOR THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Cllr Badela stated that the ANC supports the public participation process on the Draft Revised Parking Policy for the City of Cape Town.

Cllr Jowell specified that there was no mention in the report, in terms of the 15-minute parking, that there will be limited supply of motorbikes being charged for. She further stated that residential parking permits are mentioned but are not in practice and is a great tool.

N Sasman presented on the following:

- background and Gap Analysis;
- Impact of the New Policy;
- concept of expanded managed parking areas;
- concept of expanded managed parking areas;
- public Participation Process under Lockdown Level 3

RESOLVED that the Portfolio Committee support the public participation process on the Draft Revised Parking Policy for the City of Cape Town.

ACTION: N SASMAN

TRNS 12/06/20 2019/20 THIRD QUARTER'S PROGRESS REPORT ON CORPORATE PERFORMANCE

Cllr Dlulani requested clarity on the total passenger journeys on the MyCiTi bus and queried whether a service provider was appointed to investigate the matter. He further disagreed and requested clarity on the 14% employment equity target group and that the variance is due to terminations, as there were no terminations.

Cllr Heynes inquired as to how the funds, which was made available for staffing capacity will improve the situation and how soon the funds will be made available.

E Sass responded that the positions will speedily be filled with component people in order for services to be improved.

RECOMMENDED that the 2019/20 Third Quarter's Progress Report on Corporate Performance, be noted and submitted to the Executive Mayor together with the Mayoral Committee for submission to Council.

ACTION: M ABASS

TRNS 13/06/20 MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 FEBRUARY 2020 TO 29 FEBRUARY 2020 ON THE FUNCTIONING OF THE TRANSPORT ENFORCEMENT UNIT

MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 FEBRUARY 2020 TO 29 FEBRUARY 2020 ON THE FUNCTIONING OF THE RAIL ENFORCEMENT UNIT

E Sass reported the following, that:

- N Arendse is currently in the process of engaging with PRASA regarding payment;
- the new project will start on 1 July 2020 and that the Committee will be informed of the proceedings.

Cllr Liell-Cock added that the report states that funding will be depleted on 30 June 2020 and that he hopes that this will not be the case.

RESOLVED that the Transport Portfolio Committee note the contents of the report on the functioning of Transport Enforcement Unit and Rail Enforcement Unit.

ACTION: N ARENDSE

TRNS 14/06/20 DIRECTORATE SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SDBIP) FOR 2020/21

RECOMMENDED that the Transport Directorate's Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) for 2020/2021, be approved.

ACTION: T SASS

TRNS 15/06/20 TRANSPORT: 2019/20 THIRD QUARTER'S PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DIRECTORATE AND DEPARTMENTS' PERFORMANCE

RECOMMENDED that the 2019/20 Third Quarter's Progress Report on the Transport Directorate's and Departments' Performance, be noted.

ACTION: R MELODY

TRNS 16/06/20 WEEDSPRAYING WITHIN THE ROAD RESERVE

Cllr Jowell stated that the weed spraying schedule and effectiveness is a long standing problem in the City and that she does not feel comfortable that the issue is addressed properly. She added that the report should be interrogated and that a workshop should be arranged in order to come to a conclusion.

Cllr van der Merwe added that weed spraying becomes a problem every year after the winter period and that proper project planning should be in place.

Cllr Thompson requested a copy of the 2009 weed spraying agreement between the Roads and Stormwater and Parks Departments.

H du Plessis replied that he will make the 2009 weed spraying agreement available to the members.

E Sass responded that historically there were issues around weed spraying but that has now been resolved and that it would be useful if a report could be submitted to the Community Services and Health Portfolio and that a joint workshop could be scheduled to resolve the weed spraying issues, not only for this period but for the future as well.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the report on the Weed spraying within the Road Reserve be noted;
- (b) a comprehensive report be submitted to the Community Services and Health Portfolio and that a joint workshop with the Community Services and Health Portfolio be scheduled to eliminate weed spraying issues within the City.

ACTION: H DU PLESSIS

TRNS 17/06/20 DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PLANS (SDBIPS) FOR 2020/2021

Cllr van der Merwe suggested that a SDBIP'S workshop be scheduled in order to scrutinise the budget.

RECOMMENDED that the Departmental Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plans (SDBIPs) for 2020/2021 for the Transport Directorate, be approved.

ACTION: T HARRIS

TRNS 18/06/20 PROGRESS UPDATE FOR MOTION REQUESTING AN INVESTIGATION INTO A DEDICATED NON-MOTORISED TRANSPORT (NMT) ROUTE ALONG THE ATLANTIC SEABOARD FROM CAMPS BAY TO THE V&A WATERFRONT, CAPE TOWN AREA

L Stolworthy reported that:

- the Transport Department is liaising with the Parks Department, who are responsible for managing the space;
- the Parks Department is in the process of appointing a service provider;
- the Transport Department is engaging with the Parks Department regarding the scope of work for the service provider to make sure that all the issues are covered.

RESOLVED that the progress update for the Motion requesting an Investigation into a dedicated Non-Motorised Transport (NMT) route along the Atlantic Seaboard from Camps Bay to the V&A Waterfront, Cape Town area be noted.

ACTION: T KOK; L STOLWORTHY

TRNS 19/06/20 RESPONSE TO MOTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR NON-MOTORISED (NMT) IMPROVEMENTS IN SUIKERBOS STREET SUBMITTED TO THE TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE MEETING ON 7 NOVEMBER 2019

Cllr van der Merwe indicated that Frans Conradie Road is not situated in the Brackenfell area, as indicated in the report, but situated within the Bellville area. He further commented that the report points out that the implementation on the NMT Improvements in Suikerbos Street indicates a commitment in 2020/2021, which is a lengthy timeframe for these very busy, major, high pedestrian routes.

Ald. Purchase responded that COVID-19 has brought upon people not wanting to take public transport anymore, if they have alternative transport. The Transport Directorate is driving and fast tracking the acceleration of Non-Motorised Transport opportunities, together with the Provincial Government.

L Stolworthy responded that the program for the current financial year was commenced with some time ago and that this project will be commenced with during the next financial year. The project appears on the Departmental SDBIP as a specific project.

RESOLVED that the response to the Motion regarding the request for Non-Motorised (NMT) Improvements in Suikerbos Street, submitted to the Transport Portfolio Committee meeting on 7 November 2019, be noted.

ACTION: T KOK; L STOLWORTHY

Meeting concluded at 13h15

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CLLR A MCKENZIE

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