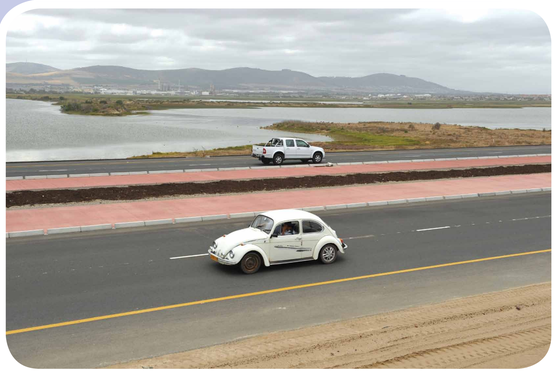
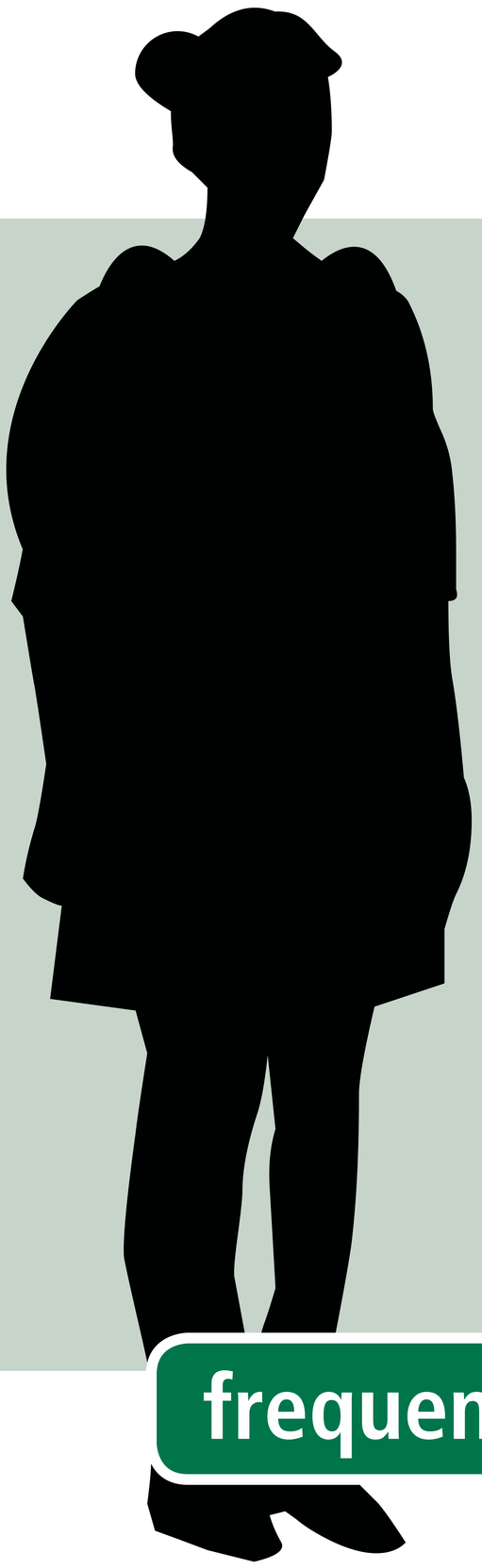
Completing the IRT route

Residents will see that the red bus lanes on the first main IRT trunk route is almost complete. This runs from a new bus station between the Pick 'n Pay and Bayside shopping centres on Blaauwberg Road down the R27 (Marine Drive) to a large new bus station at the Civic Centre. There will also be a small route from the Civic Centre to the Cape Town Stadium in Green Point.



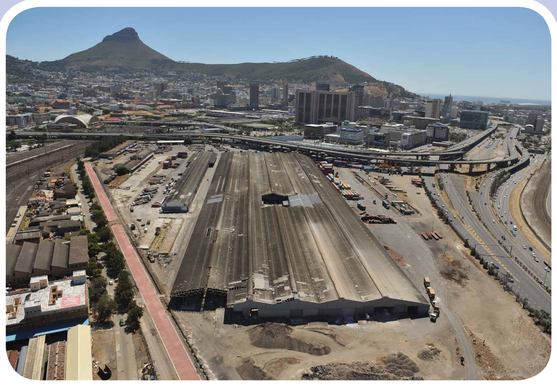
Additions to the road have taken sensitive local ecosystems into account.

The IRT system is not just about buses. There will also be three-metre wide bicycle and pedestrian lanes along trunk routes that are linked to existing bicycle networks.



The lanes are made of continuously reinforced concrete to bear the weight of heavily loaded buses travelling at frequent intervals. This means they will need less maintenance than normal tar roads. Where the trunk routes pass across intersections, these areas need to be upgraded to make them strong enough for the buses to travel over. This means some intersections have to be closed while they are being upgraded.

The West Coast trunk route has an exclusive IRT road from the City Centre onto the R27, to allow buses to move quickly past other traffic. Due to space constraints around Loxton Road, there will be a short stretch where buses will have to travel in mixed traffic.



A brand new road just for buses links the West Coast and the City Centre.