URBAN MOBILITY SUMMIT 2023

3 - 4 October 2023

Programme

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The Urban Mobility Summit 2023 will provide a platform to discuss the state of transport and mobility in Cape Town, and showcase opportunities and creative solutions. A range of role players and decision-makers in the transport industry will share knowledge, skills and expertise under the theme: ***Building resilience and driving transport reform***.

Now, more than ever, the City of Cape Town's Urban Mobility Directorate needs to navigate a complex transport landscape, keep people, goods and services moving efficiently and as cost-effectively as possible, and address key challenges which often require partnerships and collaboration. Industry experts will lead discussions that will explore these challenges and their impact on residents, commuters and the local economy.

Each speaker will address delegates for five to seven minutes, followed by a panel discussion. An independent moderator will facilitate these discussions and will take questions from delegates.

The public can follow the discussion online via livestream.

Day 1: 3 October 2023

08:00 - 09:00 Registration and exhibition

Programme Director and Moderator: Africa Melane
Host: Early Breakfast Show on 702 and Cape Talk

09:00 - 09:10 Welcome and unveiling

Lungelo Mbandazayo, City Manager, City of Cape Town
The City's efforts to take the lead on challenges of local and national public concern, and are in the public interest.

09:10 - 09:30 Opening address

Geordin Hill-Lewis, Executive Mayor, City of Cape Town
The City's reform agenda for public transport: how efficient, affordable, safe and reliable systems can build a City of Hope, grow our local economy and spur job creation.

09:30 - 10:30 Passenger rail reform

A functional and efficient passenger rail service should be the backbone of public transport in Cape Town.

The City's ongoing Rail Feasibility Study, which aims to chart the way to devolution, has so far found that lower income households will save up to R932 million per year with an efficient passenger rail service in Cape Town. The research also shows that functional rail will sustain over 51 000 jobs and add R11 billion to the local economy each year.

This panel will discuss the need for passenger rail reform and examine the Constitutional mandate, functions, funding and operating responsibilities.

- **Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis**
Executive Mayor, City of Cape Town
- **Prof Jaap de Visser**
Dullah Omar Institute for Constitutional Law, Governance and Human Rights, University of Western Cape
- **Dr Iraj Abedian**
Chief Executive Officer, Pan-African Investment and Research Services
- **Dr Dave van der Meulen**
Independent Transport Consultant
- **Dawie Roodt**
Director and Chief Economist, The Efficient Group

10:30 - 10:45 Tea and coffee

10:45 - 11:45
Putting people first in transport spaces when private cars dominate development

Similar to other developing cities in the world, private car use dominates and influences urban development trends in Cape Town. This trend is unlikely to change very soon, considering the lack of sufficient public transport, not only within the city's borders, but also for those who want to travel beyond the metro to other towns and cities.

The City's Comprehensive Integrated Transport Plan (CITP) sets out to achieve a sustainable transport system that is integrated, efficient and provides safe and affordable travel options for all.

The CITP transport vision includes interoperability between transport modes and congestion relief. It aims to be financially sustainable by reducing the cost of travel for residents, socially sustainable by reducing the extent to which distance is a barrier to social integration, and environmentally sustainable by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the transport sector by 2050.

- **Deon van Zyl**
Chairperson Western Cape Property Development Forum
- **Rob McGaffin**
Executive Director: Spatial Planning and Environment, City of Cape Town
- **Jacomien van der Merwe**
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, Stellenbosch University
- **Neil Slingers**
Director: Transport Planning and Network Management, City of Cape Town

12:00 - 13:00
Formalising and modernising the minibus-taxi industry

The minibus-taxi industry fuels numerous challenges due to informality, lack of investment and subsidies. One of the City's CITP goals is to enhance the integration between public transport modes to improve safety and convenience.

The stay-away in August 2023 demonstrated commuters' reliance on this critical stakeholder. The City's most recent CITP indicates that up to 22% of commuters in Cape Town use minibus-taxi services, while only 2% use passenger rail (this represents a decline of over 95% from 2012 to 2022). Considering that it will take time to restore passenger rail to be fully functional, and to include cradle transport in Cape Town, the minibus-taxi industry will remain a vital service provider for many years to come.

The panel will discuss whether there is a case for formalising the minibus-taxi industry.

- **Haniefa Gaibe**
Public Transport Component Lead, Cities Support Programme (CSP), Inter-governmental Relations at National Treasury
- **Deidre Ribbonaar**
Chief Director: Transport Operations, Western Cape Department of Mobility
- **Gershwin Fortune**
Chair: UITP Paratransit Working Group
- **Mandla Hermanus,**
SANTACO's Provincial Leader in the Western Cape
- **Lee van den Berg**
Manager of Transport Regulations Management, City of Cape Town

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch and exhibition

14:30 - 15:30
Sustainable mobility in the midst of growing urban populations, traffic congestion, less funding, and more unpredictability

Cape Town's road network spans about 10 700 km and is regarded as one of the most car-dependent in the world. With the implosion of passenger rail, the City has seen a huge increase in the number of people using road-based transport such as private vehicles, minibus-taxis or buses. This puts more pressure on our road network – in terms of not only maintenance needs, but also congestion, and pressure on the City to provide more and bigger public transport interchanges to accommodate the increase in minibus-taxis. Furthermore, considering the failing Transnet operations, more heavy vehicles are using roads to move freight between cities and harbours, when this cargo could and should have been transported via rail. Population growth and the long distances commuters have to travel between their homes and work places further add to the challenge.

The panel will discuss ways in which environmental challenges impact sustainable mobility and future planning.

- **Kashif Nassiep**
Executive Director: Energy, City of Cape Town
- **Gareth Morgan**
Executive Director: Future Planning and Resilience, City of Cape Town
- **Dalene Campbell**
Executive Director: Urban Mobility, City of Cape Town
- **Gordon Laing**
Advocate for Sustainable Mobility
- **Tony Vieira**
Manager: Transport Infrastructure Planning and Development, City of Cape Town

15:45 - 16:00 Vote of thanks

Councillor Rob Quintas
Mayoral Committee Member Urban Mobility, City of Cape Town

16:00 - 16:30 Tea, coffee and exhibition

Day 2: 4 October 2023

08:00 - 09:00 Registration and exhibition

Programme Director and Moderator: Africa Melane
Host: Early Breakfast Show on 702 and Cape Talk

09:00 - 09:20 Welcome and opening address

Dalene Campbell
Executive Director: Urban Mobility, City of Cape Town

09:20 - 10:45
How the City continues to deliver services when vandalism, theft, intimidation and crime undermine our infrastructure programmes

Demands for protection money, threats, intimidation, attacks, theft and robbery are posing serious challenges. As much as the City is doing all it can to keep on delivering services and invest in new infrastructure, some projects in hot-spot areas are often delayed or interrupted due to interference from criminals. Sometimes contractors are targeted; in other cases City employees are attacked while trying to do their work.

The panel will discuss how the City is addressing these challenges, and the impact these criminal networks have on communities.

- **Advocate Hermione Cronje**
Consultant to the Stolen Assets Recovery Initiative, a joint initiative of the World Bank and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- **Marius Wüst**
Director: Transport Infrastructure Implementation, City of Cape Town
- **Johan Fowler**
Project Manager: Infrastructure Implementation, City of Cape Town
- **Petrus Robberts**
Commissioner: Public Safety, Operational Coordination
- **Lieutenant-General Thembisile Patekile**
Western Cape Police Commissioner
- **Hilton Scholtz**
Director: Roads Infrastructure Management, City of Cape Town

10:45 - 11:10 Tea and coffee

11:10 - 13:10
Urban mobility solutions in a complex environment

The City's CITP unpacks the City's transport vision that will, in time, provide efficient access, opportunities and sustainability. This will be done through a range of smart technologies, affordable integrated ticketing and improved access control.

The panel will discuss overcoming the various challenges such as growing urbanisation, travelling behaviour, increasing resource scarcity, and load-shedding.

- **Councillor Rob Quintas**
Mayoral Committee Member for Urban Mobility
City of Cape Town
- **Sean Glass**
Manager: Transport Network Facilitation and Development
City of Cape Town
- **Bernard Oosthuizen**
Head: Transport Network Technology, City of Cape Town
- **Tarryn Hector**
Manager: Public Transport Systems, City of Cape Town
- **Blondella Leonie**
Head: Technology Support, City of Cape Town
- **Claire Govender**
Manager: Transport Systems and Modelling, City of Cape Town
- **Ian Paterson**
Mobility Strategist and Futurist

13:10 - 14:30 Lunch and exhibition

14:30 - 14:45 Wrap-up and vote of thanks

Councillor Rob Quintas
Mayoral Committee Member for Urban Mobility, City of Cape Town

Councillor Mikhail Manuel
Urban Mobility Portfolio Committee Chairperson, City of Cape Town

14:45 - 16:30 Tea, coffee and exhibition

16:30 - 19:00
Industry networking opportunity and exhibition

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