

## SOUTH PENINSULA SUBCOUNCIL (19)

### QUESTIONS TABLED FROM THE FLOOR:

At Subcouncil meetings, organizations and the general public are welcome to raise a maximum of 2 issues affecting the South Peninsula Subcouncil area of jurisdiction.

You will be given the opportunity to address the Subcouncil for a maximum of three (3) minutes per issue.

Please hand in the completed form to the secretariat  $\pm$  7 days before the meeting.

**MEETING HELD ON**    **May 2022**

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<b><u>ISSUE / TOPIC</u></b>	
<p>We request that the City does not approve of road-closing events on Sunday mornings. Seemingly at the last moment, the recent Two Oceans Marathon was allowed to proceed on Easter, 17 April 2022, the most holy day for Christians. This is contrary to the City saying that it respects the Constitution rights of faith-based activities.</p> <p>Although the City's Media Statement said on 13 April, that it would mitigate the impact on any worshippers and the City's Traffic Services would work with marathon marshals to ensure worshippers are able to gain access to intersections along the route ensuring they were not unreasonably restricted in reaching their churches at all times, this statement wasn't followed in the link to the vehicular traffic routes.</p> <p>When congregants enjoy fellowship at a particular church over many years, they continue worshipping at the same church although they may be driven from our valley in their search for cheaper accommodation due to economic strain from pensions not keeping up with inflation. Often, these pensioners ride-share with other church members, thus affecting other family units as well.</p>	

The following are examples of the impractical routes, delays and hardships caused to church members.

In the Muizenberg to Fish Hoek route, Main Road was blocked. Motorists had to travel over Ou Kaapse Weg in stop / go North and South. Not only did this cause a delay in travelling the extra distance from Muizenberg, but also due to the stop / go wait. This delay also impacted worshippers in Noordhoek Manor from reaching churches in the Fish Hoek valley.

Some worshippers on the Southern (Elsie's Peak) mountain side had trouble crossing Kommetjie / Simon's Town Roads to the valley churches.

Navigating all of the re-routings in Sun Valley was problematic as from Main Road to Corsair Way, motorists had to share the westbound (direction Kommetjie) lane. Both lanes of Corsair Way were closed from Kommetjie Road to Frigate Crescent. For Dory Walk, motorists had to take Frigate Crescent to Chebec Crescent, but from Chebec Crescent, they had to take Dory Walk to Dhow Street.

The Northbound lane was closed on Noordhoek Main Road for local access only. Traffic had to share the Southbound lane.

For the Silvermine Road, worshippers had to take Village Lane to Noordhoek Main Road and Chapman's Peak Drive was closed to traffic from 03:30.