



# GO! NEWS

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## SHAPING DURBAN'S NEW PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM

GO!DURBAN IS MAKING HUGE STRIDES IN TRANSFORMING OUR COUNTRY'S HISTORICALLY DIVIDED SOCIETY

Urban planning during apartheid saw citizens corralled into geographically separated areas which impacts on how they are able to move around for work, community and leisure. Our government recognised that transforming public transport across the country would help address the inequalities of the past. This overhaul will take us further in achieving the City's vision of making Durban Africa's most caring and liveable City by 2030.

For the past nine years many cities across South Africa have been adapting their transport systems in line with international trends. This often includes making provisions for dedicated bus lanes.

Durban spent some time in planning a fully integrated network and began constructing the first route in the first phase of the network in 2014. The first route features a dedicated bus lane from Pinetown CBD to Bridge City in KwaMashu, via KwaDabeka. This route is known as the C3 Corridor. It will eventually link from Bridge City via Phoenix Industrial through Cornubia to Umhlanga New Town Centre near Gateway Theatre of Shopping on a route called the C9.

Construction began on the C9 in 2016 on the bridge over the N2 just north of the impressive multi-layered Mount Edgecombe/ Umhlanga interchange. This will accommodate the dedicated

bus lane that will eventually come from KwaMashu on the C9 route.

Despite the challenges such as weather, security and labour issues and of course the challenge of constructing in existing mixed-use traffic, we can offer good news. Most of the major construction on the first route is almost complete.

**People have already begun to feel the ease of traffic flow on these roads.**

Infrastructure development:

- The first bus station at Regent Street/Qashana Khuzawayo Road intersection will be completed this year. This station sets the benchmark for the next

five stations to be built along this route.

- Most of the work that affects the flow of traffic on Anderson and Josiah Gumede Roads is now complete, with only finishing work remaining.
- From Bevis along Qashana Khuzwayo Roads much of the construction has been completed. Sections from Suffert to Horton Street, St Johns to Cherry Road, Pineside to Broadway and Broadway to Otto Volek will still be under construction for the next few months.
- Works between Cherry and Broadway Roads will impact on traffic flow, pedestrian flow and parking in the meanwhile.
- In the next few months, construction will begin of

the top structures of the four stations at Moodie Street, Josiah Gumede (outside the Pinetown Library), Bevis/Josiah Gumede intersection and the Qashana Khuzwayo/Henwood Road intersection. This will not affect the traffic as work takes place within the closed dedicated bus lanes.

The completion date for this work is in the last quarter of 2017.

- The road works between uMgeni Bridge and the Avoca Hills intersection has been completed and all general traffic lanes are now open. Works will continue on the roadway from Avoca Hills Intersection to the M25 on-ramp until April/May 2017 which may affect traffic.

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At the Regent Street Station the structure is now clearly visible

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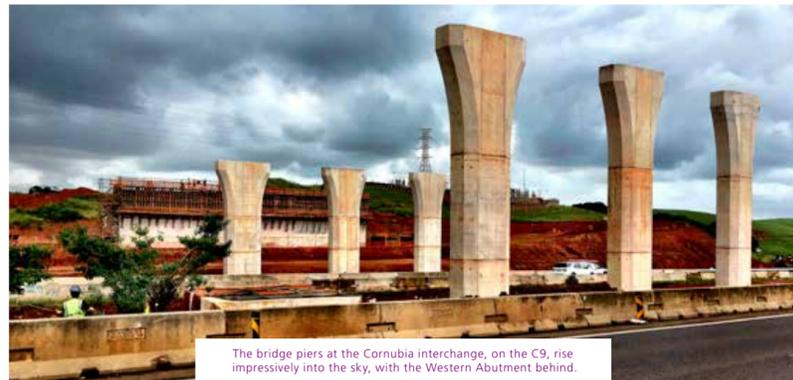
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- Construction work will continue on the new bus lanes along MR577 and this will give rise to some works at Newlands and Mandela Intersections which may affect general traffic over a couple of weekends.



The bridge piers at the Cornubia interchange, on the C9, rise impressively into the sky, with the Western Abutment behind.

- Lane construction along the M25 westbound from MR577 to the Bhejane Underpass has been completed including the M25 Underpass and traffic has returned to normal. Work is still being undertaken on the median but this will not affect traffic.

The M25 off-ramp to Behjane Road will reopen along with a new on-ramp onto the M25 eastbound.

Exciting news is that the redevelopment of the Crossroads commercial and transport node in Phoenix/

- Construction at the basement area of Bridge City is expected to be complete in the first half of 2018. This will house the bus terminal that will link the commuters on trains from KwaMashu to the City, and on buses to Pinetown CBD and Umhlanga New Town.
- 2017 is the year of delivery for a vital component in the

KwaMashu is due to begin shortly. The completion of the bus rapid transit lane and the pedestrian underpass at the Mandela intersection forms part of this redevelopment. Construction of the dedicated bus lanes and station here is expected to start in the second half of this year. This redevelopment will go a long way to stimulate the local economy and thriving commercial hub that already exists here.

- Completion of this project is scheduled for the last quarter of 2017 and will coincide with the opening of Cornubia Shopping Centre.
- The fast tracking of Cornubia bridge and interchange has saved the City approximately R180 million, as it falls within the current contract for the Mount Edgecombe Interchange construction.

To report any snags as a result of construction, please contact the GO!Durban call centre on: 080 131 3013 to have the situation assessed.

## THE GO!DURBAN HAMBANATHI EXPERIENCE OPENS DIALOGUE BETWEEN LOCAL BUSINESS AND THE ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY LEADERS TO JOIN FORCES WITH GOVERNMENT IN A COMBINED VISION



Left to Right: Danny Hattingh: Business Development Manager at PRASA, Thami Manyathi: Head of eThekweni Transport Authority, Cllr Ntando Khuzwayo and Michael Deighton: MD of Tongaat Huletti Developments at the GO!Durban Hambanathi Experience on 1 December 2016.



Pictured here is the group at the prototype station being built in New Germany.

## THREE CYCLE ACADEMY SITES FOR THE CITY AND MORE TO COME

### DEDICATED ACADEMY SITES ARE HAVENS FOR LOCAL YOUTH TO IMMERSE THEMSELVES IN A CYCLING CULTURE

The GO!Durban Cycle Academy is part of eThekweni Municipality's goal of fostering a culture of cycling and links into the City's NMT (non-motorised transport) programme.

So far three academy sites have been established: one at eNanda Adventure Park, one in KwaDabeka at the site near the old waterworks along the banks of the Umgeni River and another in KwaMashu. Another five will be established in the near future in Umlazi, Amanzimtoti, Cornubia, South Beach and Bulwer Park in Glenwood. The three established sites are equipped with state-of-the-art pump tracks and bicycles to allow young riders to fully engage with the sport. GO!Durban is creating a thriving cycling culture in these communities; enabling our youth to aspire to reach their full potential as professional riders.

Currently about 90 children from 10 years and older are enrolled in the Academy at these working sites where they come after school to ride, do homework and get mentored by professional coaches from PeschlSports Pro Development.

PeschlSports manage the development programme and the cycling team who are being mentored to compete professionally. PeschlSports works together with the Durban Green Corridor to manage the cycle park sites.

The Academy is fast attracting the attention of other partners who have seen the personal

### growth of the youngsters.

New partners have come on board to offer yoga classes, and a chess programme which is under development to provide chess-playing skills as a means to develop their skills in logic and strategy.

The KZN Department of Sport and Recreation has also seen the massive potential of these sites. They have pledged to help support the Academy through tertiary education bursaries for some of their matric learners.

According to Shaun Peschl, Programme Director at the Academy, at the beginning of last year 16 of the 90 children enrolled were not passing their exams. By the end of the year this had dropped to only 2 - fair testament of the programme's positive influence on the community.

In 2016 the Academy participated in 12 professional cycling races, and even more are on the cards for 2017 with KZN Cross Country Trials taking place in February.

With this development of a culture of cycling as well as GO!Durban's NMT programme, dedicated walkways and cycling lanes will make foot-powered transport safe, accessible and enjoyable for all.

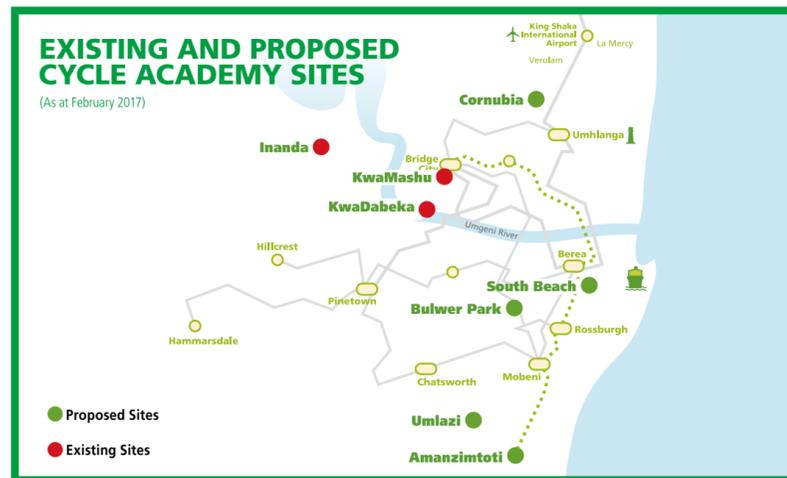
The ultimate aim is to create spaces for communities to move with ease.



Pictured here at the Inanda Adventure Park are GO!Durban Cycle Academy riders Mluleki Myeza (left) and Linda Maphanga.



Yoga lessons in the tranquil surroundings of KwaDabeka Cycle Park.



In early December 2016 Councillor Ntando Khuzwayo, acting on behalf of the Mayor of the eThekweni Municipality, Councillor Zandile Gumede, officially opened the dialogue between GO!Durban and business with a special tour of the first sections of the new public transport infrastructure that is nearing completion. The tour enabled them to experience the current transport challenges many of their employees faced and see how public transport has already begun to transform.

The business leaders were taken on a tour

to experience how the City's new transport vision will help grow the local economy.

Councillor Khuzwayo said of the Hambanathi (Come with us) Experience, "We have taken industry leaders on a tour to demonstrate how the new transport system within our City paves the way for economic growth and development. There are many examples from across the globe as to how transport has transformed economies, and our new transport plans in GO!Durban are no different."

Councillor Khuzwayo said, "As government we can only create the policy framework and foundation for the economy to develop. But it is through your innovation, influence and direction that the economy is able to thrive and expand. We are therefore inviting industry and business to join us as we plan and implement for this brighter future for all."

To further illustrate the success of private public partnerships Danny Hattingh, Business Development Manager at PRASA, gave an overview of the plans to improve commuter rail

and the opportunities inherent in this. Michael Deighton, Managing Director of Tongaat Huletti Developments gave a testimonial on the success of the company's ongoing partnerships with government and the value these add to developing opportunities for business in the City.

"The conversation with business will enable us to appreciate the challenges we as government and private enterprise face together," explained Councillor Khuzwayo. "We will be able to demonstrate what we have already achieved, so

that we can align our goals and develop a shared vision for the betterment of all."

Councillor Khuzwayo pointed out that the City was open to proposals that were innovative and economically viable for the development of precincts around the various GO!Durban stations and linked areas, from businesses and industry.

GO!Durban plan to host a number of "Hambanathi Experiences" with business and industry leaders going forward. For more information, go to [www.godurban.co.za](http://www.godurban.co.za) or email [info@godurban.co.za](mailto:info@godurban.co.za).

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# FINAL WORD



"South African road-users are facing a crisis. According to a report released by our National Transport Minister, Dipuo Peters, a total of 1,714 fatalities were recorded in the 2016 festive period. This is a 5% increase on the previous period. From 1 to 19 December, there were 684 fatal crashes, causing a total of

845 deaths. Minister Peters cited common instances of motorists' negligence, "They deliberately overlook on barrier lines, blind spots, travelled at high speed, were under the influence of liquor, while some were fatigued and never cared to stop for just a moment."

The fast-tracking of the eThekweni Municipality's integrated rapid public transport network, GO!Durban, will help get more vehicles off the road and more people utilising public transport vehicles around the City. This will contribute to the safer commute of our citizens and fewer road fatalities.

The purpose of the IRPTN is to facilitate affordable transport, which is reliable,

clean, safe and socially equitable. The aim is to provide seamless transfers across transport modes. Ease of access at stations and precincts will be facilitated by electronic ticketing. This aids in passenger safety and security. The design of the IRPTN stations and precincts will create a focal point for new and more sustainable economic development.

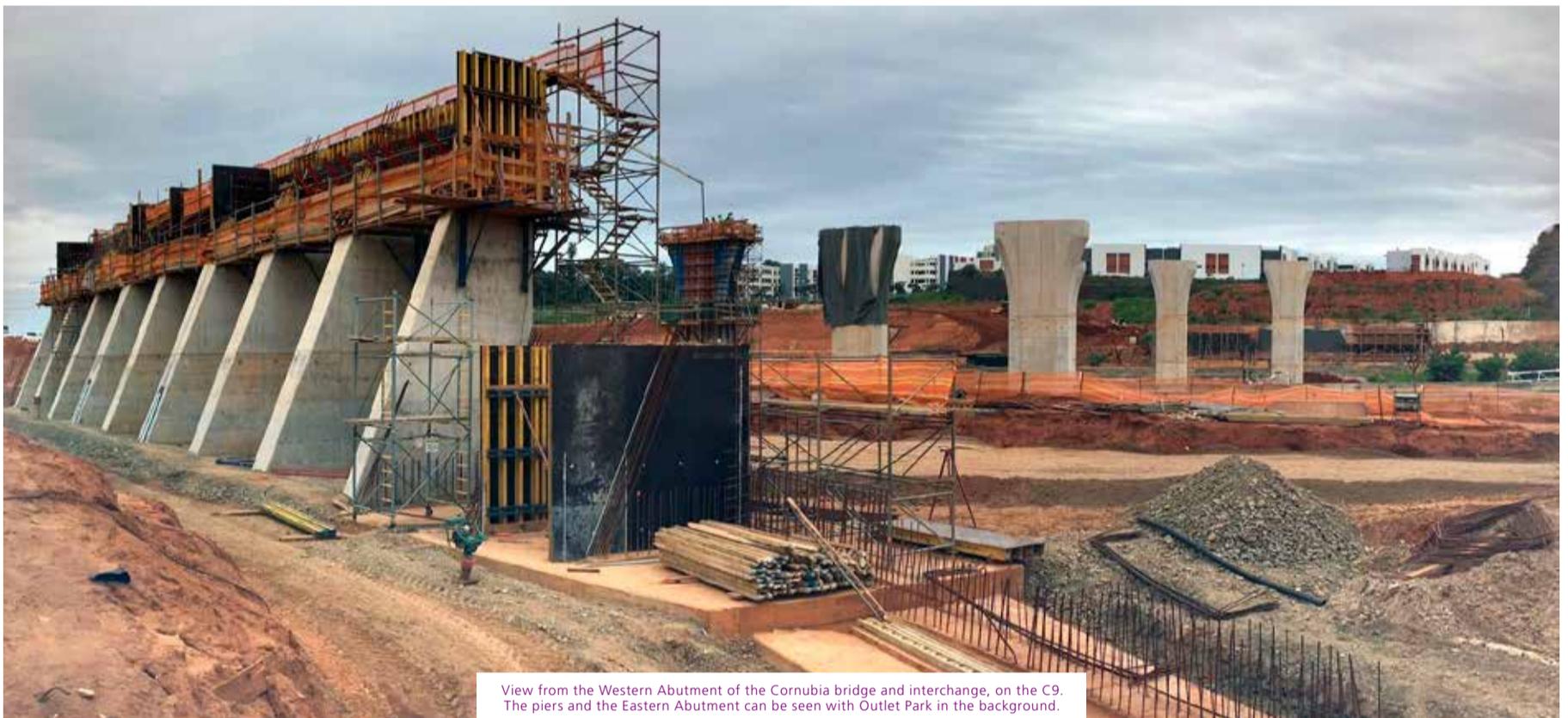
GO!Durban's non-motorised transport network (NMT) will allow commuters to move around the City safely whether they are riding bicycles, walking or making use of wheelchairs. This is an important part of local government's broader plan to make Durban Africa's most caring and liveable City by 2030.

We have a long road ahead but we will achieve this vision. I appeal to our citizens to assist us by fostering a sense of civic duty and shared responsibility in your communities. We want to end unnecessary death on our roads and so I am asking the pillars of our society: parents, teachers, religious and community leaders to teach and encourage those under your guidance to obey the rules of the road whether they are driving or walking.

I wish you a safe and mindful commute around the City in 2017.

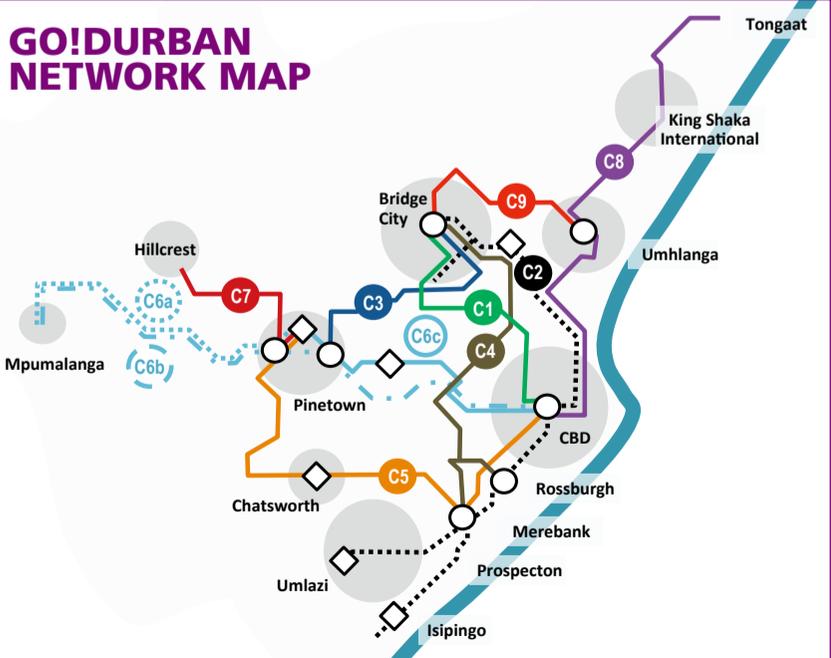
Shosholozza Mdubane."

Her Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Zandile Gumede.



View from the Western Abutment of the Cornubia bridge and interchange, on the C9. The piers and the Eastern Abutment can be seen with Outlet Park in the background.

## GO!DURBAN NETWORK MAP



Phasing		Planned Operational Year
Phase 1	C3	2018
	C1	2022
	C9	2020
	C2 (Rail)	2018
Phase 2	C5, C7	2025
Phase 3	C4, C8	2028
Phase 4	C6	2030

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