**Media Release**

**Construction of Intersection on Josiah Gumede**

**at School/Meller Roads – Pinetown**

From September 16, intersections along Josiah Gumede Ave, between Anderson and Beviss Road will undergo construction as part of the GO!Durban development of the new integrated rapid public transport network.

“Due to the difficulties involved in constructing the intersection of Josiah Gumede and School/Meller Roads this intersection construction needs to be carried out during normal daily working times.” explains Carlos Esteves, Head of Road System Management at the eThekwini Transport Authority.

“This area will be subject to temporary deviation across Josiah Gumede from Meller and School Roads. Adequate signage to be displayed on the Josiah Gumede crossing. We would like to advise citizens in this area that noise from construction vehicles and equipment, and voices of staff working on this should be expected at this time. Work is anticipated to start from September 16 by 07h00 and would be expected to be completed within approximately four to five days.”

“Residents and businesses in the vicinity of this intersection are also to expect various construction vehicles like an asphalt paver, rollers, milling machine and a large number of trucks in the vicinity of this intersection along Josiah Gumede Avenue. The public is requested to stay clear of construction areas for safety reasons as extremely hot asphalt can cause injury.”

“Traffic will be diverted along alternative routes during the construction times.” says Esteves. “We are recommending that motorists plan for a longer commute, and leave their departure points earlier than usual to accommodate for these delays.”

Motorists travelling northbound along School Road towards Josiah Gumede Avenue are  requested to use alternative routes  as there will be no access into Josiah Gumedee from School Road. Alternative routes to access Josiah Gumede will be via Windsor and Crompton Roads, or Bamboo Lane and the M19.

Southbound traffic using Meller Road into Josiah Gumede will still have access to the intersection at Josiah Gumede.

For more information on the construction work call 073 293 5144. (Business hours).