**Media Release**

**Qashana Khuzwayo (Shepstone Road) in New Germany opens to traffic**

A section of the GO!Durban roadway on Qashana Khuzwayo (Shepstone) Road in New Germany which has been under construction for almost a year, opened last week (Thursday) for mixed use traffic.

Both north- and southbound traffic along this road had been diverted through Blase Road, Chelsea Ave and Escom Road, so that work could be fast tracked in the section between Blase and Escom for GO!Durban’s first dedicated bus lane which will run from Bridge City in KwaMashu and Pinetown CBD.

The Deputy Head of Road System Management, at the eThekwini Transport Authority (ETA), Carlos Esteves says  “The ETA is endeavouring to re-establish the continuity of traffic flow along Qashana Khuzwayo Road, but still under a restricted construction environment while the balance of the work is completed. Some traffic signal equipment was stolen and the re-instatement of the signals at the intersections will be delayed for a few days so motorists are requested to drive carefully and to treat any intersection where the signals are not working as a four-way stop.”

“We thank these businesses, residents and commuters for their patience as we try fast track the development which will in the end provide this area with the city’s first world-class integrated rapid public transport route, which will significantly improve the way in which business and commuting will be done here.” Says Esteves.