

STELLENBOSCH MOBILITY FORUM MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING

29 JANUARY 2019 AT 13:00

STELLENBOSCH MUNICIPALITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

| | ITEM | ACTIO N |
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| 1. | Opening and Welcome | |
| | The Chairperson, Cllr Quinton Smit, welcomed everyone to the meeting. | |
| 2. | Present/Attendees | |
| | Refer to the attached attendance register. | |
| 3. | Approval of previous minutes | |
| | Minutes of previous meeting approved. | |
| | Prof Eggers enquired about the minutes of the meeting held on 13/09/2018 and noted that important aspects were not included on the minutes distributed. | |
| | It was decided that the minutes of the meeting held on 13/09/2018 will serve at the next meeting so that the additions that Prof Eggers enquired about can be discussed and added to the minutes. | |
| 4. | Matters emanating from previous minutes | |
| | Director D Louw informed all that the constitution of the mobility forum will be revamped and distributed at the next meeting scheduled for 18/03/2019. | DL |
| 5. | Overview of roads and transport infrastructure | |
| | J Fullard discussed an outline of areas serviced by Stellenbosch Municipality. | |
| | Several plans have been put in place to get the roads up to an acceptable standard and condition. Assessments indicate that between 2010 and 2016 the road network conditions have improved tremendously. | |
| 6. | Current major transport projects | |
| | Upgrading initiatives | |
| | <i>Gravel roads</i> - Upgrading of gravel roads programme started +- 10 years ago. Gravel road upgrades completed in Klapmuts and Dwarsrivier area. J Fullard noted that the idea is to have all gravel roads upgraded in the next 5 - 6 years. <i>Languedoc access road and bridge</i> - Existing bridge is too narrow. Upgrading of access road and bridge in process. NMT facility for cyclists. | |
| | Kayamandi pedestrian bridge – Planning completed. Busy with detailed designs. In process of obtaining necessary approval. | |

Intersections - Upgrading of intersections with aim to allow better traffic flow in CBD.

Traffic signals - Upgrades planned to optimize traffic flow and will incorporate Smart Technology.

Parking development project – Consultant appointed. Consultant to identify parking areas in CBD. Parking garages to be constructed to link with NMT facilities. Prof Eggers enquired where the parking garages will be built. J Fullard commented that Techno Park, Adam Tas and Koelenhof Roads earmarked. S78.3 process are in process. The process has four stages. Currently on stage 3. Public participation process will be followed.

Techno park access road – Estimated date of completion Dec. 2020. Prof Eggers noted that R Fooy and T King at the March 2018 NMT meeting stated that the Municipality does not have sufficient funds for this project and would be for Capitec's account. In May 2018 NMT minutes, it was minuted that funds are now available for this. Director D Louw noted that the project will be co-funded between Capitec and Stellenbosch Municipality. Will furthermore be funded from development contributions from the various developments taking place.

Prof Eggers informed all that there is a letter from the Dept of Transport and Public Works (DTPW) requiring the Techno park access road to be built before the Capitec development can be approved. Prof Eggers enquired what legal basis the DTPW have to prescribe the Municipality which municipal roads they must build. J Fullard noted that Provincial Government has authority on provincial roads. The municipality can only manage and allow access to provincial roads.

N Bosch from DTPW commented that Provincial Government does not prescribe what municipal roads must be built. DTPW only prescribes what further developments to use existing access onto existing provincial roads.

Rail transport – Rail transport is unreliable and unsafe and has led to an increase in taxis coming in from outside Stellenbosch. Director D Louw mentioned that the idea is to prevent motor vehicles from coming into town in order to alleviate the traffic congestion.

Parking - It was suggested that it would be ideal if parking is placed at transport interchanges.

Western link road – in planning phase.

Vlottenburg Road – to be re-aligned.

NMT Facilities - Alderman D Botha enquired whether NMT facilities (specifically cycling paths) are assessed regularly as he feels that it is not getting the necessary attention it deserves. J Fullard noted that NMT infrastructure will be added to the asset register and managed accordingly. NMT will be incorporated into plans that will be reviewed.

Link to Adam Tas – studies and assessments are underway.

7. Pedestrian and cycling (NMT): Overview of policy, plans and recently implemented

R Bergstedt gave an overview of current NMT and cycling infrastructure upgrades and reviewing of the current plans.

NMT facilities - R Bergstedt informed all that most of the NMT facilities in the municipal area were upgraded. Eight NMT facilities still needs to be completed. The focus will be on connecting areas where there is currently a lack of NMT facilities to ensure that sufficient links exist for pedestrians. The aim is to expand the current NMT network.

NMT policy - R Bergstedt informed all that the NMT policy will be revisited. The

| | aim is to consolidate all the plans into one plan. Alderman Botha emphasized that the NMT policy and cycling plan should get higher priority. | |
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| | <i>Public transport facilities</i> - Klapmuts and Kayamandi public transport facilities are being upgraded to ensure that once an integrated transport system is available, that these facilities would be able to accommodate busses and connect communities from the outskirts. | |
| | <i>Mellowcabs</i> - will operate in CBD and surroundings providing the last mile service, but only for short distances; approximately 4 km. The services will be similar to Uber. | |
| | Pedestrian upgrades Alderman D Botha suggested that more funds should be invested in pedestrian initiatives / upgrades. | |
| | <i>Cycling plan</i> - Alderman D Botha noted that the cost of the cycling plan were R650 000, but are underutilized. Alderman Botha emphasized that cycling can help to address the traffic problems and that we need to keep up with the rest of the world. Alderman D Botha noted that there are not enough amenities for cycling paths. | |
| | <i>Disability accessibility</i> - C Wiggett-Barnard noted that public transport and disability accessibility should also get higher priority. Disabled people should not be excluded from these plans. Safe pavements and accessibly should also get higher priority. Consider interventions and roll-out of plans to address these. | |
| | <i>Walkabout</i> - A report was submitted to the Roads, Transport and Stormwater Dept following a walkabout held by representatives from Stellenbosch University and Stellenbosch Municipality. The report were evaluated for possible implementation. J Fullard indicated that the proposals were assessed and some were implemented. Reasons as to why only some of the proposals were implemented will be sent to the Lizelle Ferus from Stellenbosch University. It was decided that the report with proposals should be submitted at the next meeting for discussion. | |
| | <i>Shower facilities</i> - Stellenbosch University have implemented shower facilities in support of staff and students who prefer to cycle. | |
| | <i>Safe level crossing</i> - At Kayamandi, there is an informal crossing at the railway line. Safe level crossing to be considered. | |
| | LED Kayamandi – Consider linking facilities since there is a lot of pedestrian movement across the bridge. | |
| 8. | Developments in public transport | |
| | See discussion under point 7. | |
| 9. | General matters | |
| | C Wiggett-Barnard enquired about the formulation of the agenda for future meetings and how to go about adding points to the agenda. | |
| | Requests for agenda points can be sent to L Visser at Director Louw's office. Director Louw, J Fullard and Cllr Smit will caucus on the points submitted and if approved, add them to the agenda. | LV ALL |
| | Cllr Smit informed all that the adjustment budget will be tabled at the Council Meeting scheduled for 30/01/2019. | |
| 10 | Date of next Meeting | |
| • | Cllr Smit informed everyone that the next meeting is scheduled for 18/03/2019. | ALL |
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| 11 | Closure | |
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