Appendix "B"

<u>Comment on the draft Stellenbosch Municipality Roads Master Plan</u> (RMP) and Non-motorised Transport Master Plan(NMTMP).

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1. CITP 2019-2020 update document is a major revision to vision and key policy objectives of the approved 2015-2020 5-year CITP

At the 28 April 2021 Council Meeting the CITP (2019-2020 update), RMP (2018 Update) and the NMT plans were submitted. A period for public comment was provided for on the RMP and the NMT plans. However, the Municipality refers to the CITP document as approved without the need for consultation, with the reason given that this version of the CITP was an update and not a full review. The IDP 2017-2022 Fourth Review of May 2021 has been released and references the CITP as an "*approved*" document.

We wish to draw to the Municipality's attention that critical content, aspects of the approach and key recommendations presented in the CITP (2019-2020 update), which are referenced in the points below, represent a significant departure from the 2015-2020 CITP (valid for 5 years) and that this document cannot be considered as merely a technical update. Therefore, on grounds of consistency and due process we object to the CITP being approved without challenge and formally request a process for comment and review.

Additionally, the CITP is the governing plan for both the RMP and the NMT, which are currently out for comment. It follows then that the CITP, which contains recommendations from these sub-sector plan inputs and shapes the CITP, must be similarly open for assessment and comment.

2. On core strategic approach and important key principles, the 2020 CITP document is not aligned with the MSDF and IDP, nor with the 5-yr CITP.

Stellenbosch's fully reviewed and updated SDF was adopted in November 2019. Recently the Stellenbosch IDP 2017-2022 Fourth Review, May 2021, was approved. The IDP along with the SDF are the first level plans which govern municipal level vision and set the policy framework, key overarching priorities, and land allocations. All sector level plans, including transport & the Comprehensive Integrated Transport Plan (CITP), must be in alignment with the IDP and the SDF.

However, there are major discrepancies between the CITP document and the comprehensively updated SDF. The most significant relate to recommendations made in the CITP that are based on road modelling forecasts undertaken as part of the RMP. There are assumptions about future housing and employment development locations within Stellenbosch and future private vehicle trip generation rates in the CITP (RMP) that are in direct conflict with, and contrast dramatically to the principles of, the SDF (See Note 1). Furthermore, many major road developments as proposed within the CIPT and RMP would effectively prevent the approved spatial development strategy from being fulfilled.

Therefore, as it currently stands approval of the existing CITP document would constitute a major transgression of the Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000. The work undertaken to make such significant change within the CITP that has not followed due process has effectively resulted in fruitless and wasteful expenditure. Any advancement of recommendations made in the CITP would further constitute wasteful expenditure.

3. Inconsistent treatment of different transport elements within the CITP update

In the case of roads development, the CITP document takes giant leaps making recommendations for new road connections and road expansion on the basis of seriously flawed technical arguments (see 4.) that are in direct conflict with Stellenbosch's integrated development, spatial and transport policy objectives and directives (Note 1 & Note 2). The authors and promoters of the plan have not questioned the assumptions behind the modelling projections for vehicle traffic growth and are content to make recommendations for major budget requests for the construction of roads justified through a road planning exercise undertaken in isolation from integrated transport assessment.

Meanwhile, on the aspect of public transport developments and constraining private vehicle trip-making, the CITP document concedes that no meaningful recent improvements have been achieved due to the complexities involved in doing so. It recommends that a comprehensive public transport plan be urgently developed, which will detail a way forward (CITP P825).

There is no doubt that changing travel patterns and behaviours is a complex and involved process and must be driven by a clear integrated planning approach. This is reason for the **strong calls that have repeatedly been made for an overarching transport plan(1, 2)** (Note 3) which tests scenarios against key objectives and principles to effectively and sustainably manage travel demands while facilitating and enabling the appropriate future sustainable development of Stellenbosch.

4. Flawed technical argument: representation of road capacity

Section 7 (P904) of the CIPT document, under 7.1 Road Infrastructure, states:

- (i)...sections of the road network are at capacity during peak hours. There is no scope to accommodate any growth (in through traffic) and more so any increase in land use. This will be the case **regardless of any improvements to public transport service and/or making** *the town more walking/cycling friendly*
- and
- (ii)...to ensure the 'survival' of Stellenbosch as a "functional town", extra road space must be created, in conjunction with the other transport solutions such as an effective public transport system, car-free/less walkable and cyclable areas and strategically locating parking areas to effectively remove vehicles from the car-free areas

These same statements are included in Chapter 2: Transport Vision and Objectives for Stellenbosch Municipality as the first section, implying that the provision of new roads and extra road space for Stellenbosch is <u>the</u> overriding objective and forms the basis of the transport strategy for Stellenbosch.

The statements in (i & ii) are acutely incorrect and dangerously misleading. Certainly, the <u>vehicle</u> capacity of key parts of the road network at peak period is reached and traffic congestion results. This is due to the vehicle mix of predominantly private cars with the vast majority being single occupant vehicles. The potential <u>passenger</u> capacity of Stellenbosch's arterial roads and the Adam Tas link is many times greater than current levels without road expansion or new road development.

¹ Provincial Sustainable Transport Programme, Towards A Sustainable Transport Strategy for Stellenbosch Municipality, *Reflections on the Current Situation, a Vision for the Future and a Way Forward for Alignment and Adoption,* Summary Report, December 2017

² Provincial Sustainable Transport Programme, A 10 Point Plan for Transport in Stellenbosch Draft for Discussion, April 2018

The majority of these low occupancy car-based trips are commuters travelling into or within Stellenbosch, university trips and school drop-off traffic. The central aim of approved policy is to shift many of these trips to shared travel solutions, improved public transport and to active travel means (cycling & walking) helping to release major network constraints. This will greatly increase the efficiency of existing road corridors and promote the density of activity which drives agglomeration and spatial integration that the SDF seeks to achieve. Hence the statements in (i) and (ii) are comprehensively at odds with approved transport policy and approach.

5. CITP document recommendations on future funding strategy and proposed allocations across the transport sector.

Section 12 of the CITP document sets out the proposed funding strategy and budget allocation for the full list of projects by category over the coming 4-year period. Based on table 12.2 over 90% of the funding request is being allocated to road infrastructure development, at a requested total of almost R1.4bn. Irrespective of whether there is the opportunity to secure this level of funding, the funding strategy is comprehensively misaligned to the policy priorities for transport in Stellenbosch (see Notes 1, 2 and 4). If Stellenbosch were to follow along the lines of this proportional funding split it would effectively prevent achievements in line with approved policy and lock out a sustainable transport approach.

What is also unclear from the listing of project allocations is whether the road budgets in the tables include estimated costs for construction costs or are only for planning and design as many entries indicate. If the latter is the case, then adding in for construction implies that the Municipality is proposing a funding strategy, which would allocate probably more than 98% of secured budget to roads!

6. The CITP document and the RMP represent irresponsible and negligent planning

WSP, the authors of the RMP document, were also the authors of the *UK Department for Transport's report: Latest Evidence on Induced Travel Demand.*³ Induced demand is the term used to describe the increment in new vehicle traffic that would not have occurred without the increase in the network capacity. This follows general economic theory, whereby a reduction in the price of a good or service, results in an increase in demand. The WSP report concludes:

A 10% increase in road capacity could lead to 2% induced demand on the network. Induced demand is likely to be higher for capacity improvements in urban areas or on highly congested routes. In scheme evaluation, unless induced traffic is correctly taken account of, significant errors in benefit estimation can be made.

Induced travel consequences of road network expansion are accepted worldwide today as standard considerations for any transport assessment. The evidence clearly confirms that responding to rising congestion and anticipated growth in travel demands (e.g. through development and housing growth) by road network expansion is highly likely to perpetuate low occupancy private vehicle traffic growth. Furthermore, if road network expansion projects continue and funding and planning effort is not rebalanced, this will lock out the opportunity for sustainable shifts, therefore setting in place a self-fulfilling vicious cycle of decline. These aspects have not been flagged as a key risk, nor even reflected on, within the work undertaken.

³ Department for Transport latest evidence on induced travel demand: an evidence review, May 2018

7. The cost of road infrastructure vs the expense of other infrastructure

The recommended RMP and related costs need to be considered in the context of other priority infrastructure spending. The plan and municipal officials recently promoting the program seem to argue that 'if you build it, they will use it'. This appears to be a passive and risky road to take. In this, the local consultants who compiled the plan seem to be at odds with the more careful and responsible evidence-based arguments of their company colleagues in the UK (see point 6 and footnote 3). One should also note the bi-partisan support in the 2021-2022 US budget before Congress for a budget item of \$20 billion to demolish highly used highways with destructive effects on communities, the environment and local economies. And even if were to accept the broad assumption behind the recommendations in the RMP, those plans still need to be considered with other infrastructure commitments in the same timeframes.

8. For the RMP exercise there was no assessment undertaken against approved key principles and policy objectives.

The CIPT update is making recommendations and seeking approval on road projects that are detailed in the RMP without any assessment against the key principles and objectives which must drive decision making for transport interventions and integrated spatial development.

The RMP lists a range of projects and project options which have been motivated based solely on having some claimed improvement to traffic conditions / level of congestion reduction. Even on these grounds alone, this is strongly disputed (See 6). When one then considers many of the larger road projects set against transport policy direction and guiding principles for comprehensive transport assessment (See Notes 5, 6), these schemes would fail.

Subjecting these projects to the broader principles and policy objectives - as set out within the SDF and the IDP- would undoubtably mean most of the larger road building projects would fail and act directly against intended aims.

However, none of this assessment has been carried out and so these projects as yet have no basis beyond being part of a list.

9. What sits behind the road transport modelling and forecasts in the RMP? What assumptions are made?

Transport modelling is undertaken to make predictions of future situations and hence various assumptions must be made in order to forecast a future state. At its simplest, traditional traffic modelling, which is what the RMP document is based on, makes estimations within 4 sub models (4-step modelling) of:

- a) *Trip generations* how many trips are produced and from where;
- b) *Trip distribution* where are the trips destined for;
- c) Modal split; and
- d) *Assignment* how will the journey be made, and which route is chosen.

Each of these sub-models is fed by assumption *types* fitting into one or a combination of the following:

i. Projections based on past trends and/or current situation: e.g. population growth, rate of car ownership, trip-rate growths, housing & employment distribution,, (...and may

forecast forward declining rate of public transport, low rates of utility cycling, etc. hence self-fulfilling a cycle)

- ii. Projections based on moving towards a policy-driven future end-state. This would therefore align with the broader objectives, for example as set out in **Note 1 & 9** and reflected in the SDF and the IDP.
- iii. Policy non-compliant end-state driven, where for example a different pattern of trip making or future housing distribution drives transport flows. (See Notes 7 & 8).

Increasingly, modelling for systems which are largely human-controlled, is now strongly rejecting Type (i) modelling, since these assumptions simply perpetuate past trends and are therefore policy-blind [known as *project and provide*]. Type (ii) modelling aims to reflect and chart the path towards the policy required situation and Type (iii) modelling should only be undertaken to illustrate or test the implications of a non-policy led path.

Little detailed information is explicit in the report on assumptions around the EMME modelling undertaken for the RMP. It appears to largely combine Type (i) and elements of Type (ii) and there is little to indicate the required Type (ii) modelling. This is a critical failing and shortcoming of the modelling. If the results are being recommended to take forward with significant budgets attached to further planning, design and possibly implementation, then this would amount to wasteful expenditure.

The outputs for the modelling exercise should instead be regarded as selective scenario planning outcomes, which may have a useful planning purpose, but only when set against and compared with Type (ii) modelled scenarios and certainly not for taking forward and committing major funding at this stage.

In the RMP document the authors relate to sophistication of the modelling tool, etc. They are typically referring to the speed and the accuracy of the model convergence, the quality of the graphics and the interchangeable formats of outputs. It does not relate explicitly to how effectively the tool is able to make accurate predictions of the future. This, as indicated, is input and assumption controlled.

10. Public transport excluded from the road network modelling.

The RMP modelling leaves out public transport modes and proposals, stating:

The future provision of a public transport system and services will impact the requirements for road infrastructure. It was the intention to model the Municipality's public transport proposals as part of the EMME modelling process to test the impact of the proposals. However, the available information is too high-level and with an unknown implementation framework and was not incorporated in the modelling.

This is a major exclusion which completely skews a picture of the future, purely planning for roads and cars. On this basis it is even more firmly stated that the outputs from the models quite clearly cannot be used as a basis for any recommendations through the CITP and any budgetary allocations that are made will most certainly constitute wasteful expenditure.

11. Provincial and Municipal Roads

Where proposed roads and expansions are Provincial Roads proposed schemes, the Municipality should still be assessing these on the same basis given that they could potentially make traffic conditions worse for the town of Stellenbosch, and/or they may not

align with the SDF or IDP, and resources should be redirected towards the approved approach.

12. The future role of public transport, active travel and shared travel is inadequately explored.

Public transport, active travel and shared travel solutions, as significant elements of the future urban mobility system, appear to be lost in the thinking about the future. The place and role for cycling and walking for shorter local area trips, e-hailing, improved paratransit sector supply, and much more are not explored as part of the future mobility system. Parking for private cars appears to be higher on the agenda than staging facilitates for e-hailing services, and downtown private car parking seems more critical than town centre urban realm improvements enabled through peripheral park-and-ride/walk facilities that link to scheduled public transport services.

For additional funding from other government tiers, the plan would have to present apparent alternatives that closer align with policy intent and cannot be the usual. Spending more than 90% of the transport budget on strategies that proceed from unexamined assumptions and perpetuate a cycle that seems unsustainable again appears like potential wasteful expenditure.

13. Post Covid-19 situation - travel patterns have changed permanently

Travel patterns have changed dramatically worldwide and even after the threat from the Covid-19 abates, local trip-making for many employees has been altered permanently. With much higher levels of home/remote working the reduced rates of trip generation during peak periods requires a review in assumptions for any modelling and forecasting work. Given that public transport volumes have also been significantly impacted, the recovery post Covid-19 is a critical focus for transport and infrastructure planners.

Key Relevant Extracts from the SDF

Stellenbosch Municipality, Spatial Development Framework Approved by Council on 11 November 2019

The Role of the SDF, Page 14

The MSDF outlines the municipality's spatial agenda to its own service departments, ensuring that their sector plans, programmes, and projects are grounded in a sound and common spatial logic.

How is Stellenbosch going to develop over the next ten to thirty years? What kind of development will take place, where will it take place, and who will be responsible for what aspect of the development?"

Future growth, expansion and innovation cannot be allowed to unfold in haphazard ways as this is likely to result in expensive outward low-density sprawl of housing and commercial areas and the related destruction of valuable ecosystem and agricultural resources. This kind of development is also likely to exacerbate spatial divisions and exclude citizens with lesser materials resources from opportunity to live in proximity to work, commercial opportunity, and social facilities.

We cannot afford to lose more nature and agricultural land, develop at low densities, and prioritise building roads for private cars more than public transport. If we do that, the system will fail.

...focus energy on a few catalytic areas that offer extensive opportunity and address present risk

the MSDF gives an indication of where and how the municipality intends to channel public investment, influence, and other resources at its disposable. This includes where infrastructure and public facility investment will be prioritised, where private sector partnerships will be sought in development, and how the municipality will view applications for land use change.

The Relationship between Spatial and Transport Planning, Page 111

On the integration of spatial and transport planning Paragraph 6.6.2.1 states:

..Transport planning and spatial development planning therefore are mutually dependent and must be fully interwoven within strategy in order to effect integrated and progressive development outcomes. SM's MSDF and transport plans must not be regarded as separate, independent undertakings but rather be detailed through coordination and advance through implementation in parallel.

and Paragraph 6.6.2.3 states

..To align with both broader transport policy objectives this growth [in travel demands] must be rigorously managed such that resulting transport patterns do not undermine broader spatial and development goals.

Transport that serves all in Stellenbosch - Guiding Principles for Sustainable Transport in Stellenbosch

Towards A Sustainable Transport Strategy for Stellenbosch Municipality⁴

The Table below describes eight principles proposed as the basis for developing the Vision and Objectives for Transport in Stellenbosch. These principles have been derived from Stellenbosch's 5 Strategic Themes⁵ together with key objectives from national and provincial transport and spatial policy.

Sustainable Transport - Guiding Principles

	Principle	Description
1	Equity & Efficiency	Ensure most efficient & cost-effective solutions to all. Strive to ensure social, inter-generational equity, meeting the basic transportation-related needs of all people with emphasis on the poor and disadvantaged.
2	Access & Spatial Justice	All people should be afforded reasonable access to opportunity (work, education, etc.) and the satisfaction of basic needs.
3	Containing Land Use Resources & Urban Growth	Transportation systems must make efficient use of land and other natural resources while ensuring the preservation of vital habitats and other requirements for maintaining biodiversity. Transport responses to urban growth pressures must ensure optimum solutions and improved efficiency in the use of existing infrastructure and systems – through specific consideration of Public and Non – motorised Transport modes.
4	Policy Led Integrated Planning	 Planning and transportation decision-makers: must develop and adhere to policy-driven approaches have a mandated responsibility to ensure planning approaches are both integrative and integrated.
5	Comprehensive Impact Assessment	Transportation decision-makers must develop and move toward full impact assessment and full cost-accounting, reflecting the true social, economic and environmental costs of alternatives.
6	Health & Safety	Transportation systems should be designed and operated in a way that protects the health, safety & well-being of all and enhances the quality of life in communities. Transportation needs must be met without generating externalities and emissions that threaten public health, climate, diversity or essential ecological processes.
7	Growing Employment Opportunities	Transport system decisions should reflect the direct and indirect employment impacts of alternative courses of action and strongly align with choices which provide the highest employment impacts
8	Responsibility	All individuals and organisations have a responsibility to protect the natural environment, to act responsibly and to make sustainable choices (where choices exist), with regard to personal movement and consumption.

⁴ Provincial Sustainable Transport Programme, *Reflections on the Current Situation, a Vision for the Future and a Way Forward for Alignment and Adoption. Summary Report, December 2017*

⁵ Stellenbosch Municipality: Fourth Generation IDP, May 2017 (2017-2022)

Extract from: A 10 Point Plan for Transport in Stellenbosch

Draft for Discussion, presented to Mayor of Stellenbosch, April 2018

1	Alignment on Vision and Strategic Approach		
1.1	1 Programme Interventions	a common sustainable approach to transport	
Ā	Develop and agree the broad vision for the future of Stellenbosch which the appropriate transport (and land use) responses must serve	1.3 Impact	
B	Agree the key principles around which transport planning and transport	the establishment of an agreed, integrated a the management of transport that has ful	Ind progressive way forward for It buy-in from all stakeholders
	implementation must advance, and align on a tuture Vision for Transport in Stellenbosch.	represents the essential foundation for th transport solutions in Stellenbosch. Witl	e advancement of sustainable h this in place all the other
Û	Establish an integrated planning and advisory task team for transport and	interventions set out in this 10 point plan car	n advance. Without this broad
	spatial development for Stellenbosch with a high level of consultation, coordination and cooperation. This team should consist of senior officials	alignment any subsequent activity will be dilu and often be counter to the required respons	uted, to some extent misaligned ses.
	across Local and Provincial government spheres and key local stakeholders including the university business and civil society representatives	Figure 1.2 illustrates the steps towards effect	tive implementation in complex
Ô	Develop and agree the framework for the advancement of transport	systems, and highlights the importance or behaviour change through trial projects to pr	of demonstrating impact and ogressively gain buy-in.
	strategy (See Fig 1.1 for the essential components).		
15	2 Motivation	Figure 1.1: Framework for Advancement	Figure 1.2 Process for the
Th	ere must be broad agreement around the economic, social and spatial	of Transport in Stellenbosch	Successful implementation
dev	velopment of Stellenbosch that aligns with sustainable development		of Strategy
pri	inciples with mechanisms put in place to ensure these principles are adhered	 Agree principles, vision and goals 	
ġ.	Previous versions of the Integrated Development Plan for Stellenbosch	 Assessment of current and 	Alignment
va Wa	ve laid out strong principles but implementation in practice has fallen a long iv short.	required future performance of	
Vit	ithin a clear vision for the future development of Stellenbosch, the approach	the transport system	Full Buy In
for	r addressing transport and spatial development issues can align. Addressing	 Foster a strong shift towards more 	•
tra	ansport challenges is a complex undertaking. Trip making and travel patterns	sustainable modes and practices	Leadership
	e initiation by many factors including past poincy decisions, employment is sation, land use, travel choices, the safety and security situation, etc.	 Clear implementation plan for 	possibility
Ra	anaging transport effectively is a shared responsibility with the vast majority	short term and long term	Commitment
of	the limited available public funding currently resting at the provincial level.	 Horizontal and vertical integration 	
Pla	anning and tunding tocusses at a regional mobility level with local transport d accessibility issues often being overlooked This practice must change and	& participatory approach	Capacity and
ij	is crucial that an advisory and decision making body across levels of	 Monitoring, review, reporting on 	runaing
gov	vernment be in place. Large institutions including the University, businesses d schools as major trip attractors must assume certain obligations to support	local transport situation	↓ Implement

Integrated Development Plan 2017-2022 2nd Review, March 2019

Strategic Interventions within the CITP, P138

Strategic Interventions reflected in the IDP



The following areas of strategic intervention have been proposed for Stellenbosch:

"Towards Car Free Living" which refers to strategies that encourage more effective modes of travel such as public transport, NMT and other mechanisms to increase the number of passengers per vehicle;

"Travel Demand Management" which refers to strategies that manage overall demand for travel during peak periods such congestion pricing and parking management;

"Infrastructure and Operational Enhancements" which refer to capacity improvements to transport infrastructure but only as part of the overarching transport philosophy in Stellenbosch. Therefore, it could include infrastructure interventions such as by-passes or bus/high occupancy lanes; and

"Optimal Land-Use and Interconnected nodes" which refers to integrated land use and transport planning which supports and promotes transit orientated development (TOD).

Integrated Development Plan 2017-2022 4th Review, May 2021

Table 34.

Ensure a balance approach to transport in SM, that appropriately serves regional mobility needs and local level accessibility improvements.

- Actively promote compact, dense, mixed use development which reduces car dependence and enables and promotes use of public and NMT.
- Shift municipal resources to include a greater focus on non-motorised, shared vehicle travel, and public transport solutions.
- Establish measures to ensure that there is inter-service agreement on the settlement hierarchy, settlement roles, and associated function, modes of transport to be carried, and development / management approach to be followed in relation to different sections of the municipal movement network.
- Work with provincial and national government to affirm the proposed categorisation of movement forms, and associated infrastructure and management needs in Stellenbosch.
- Proactively seek management of travel demand among key stakeholders in SM, in a manner that significantly higher passenger volumes are gradually achieved from existing transport infrastructure.
- Proactively allocate resources to improve NMT in the municipal area.
- Strengthen the role played by rail based public transport, including advocating for a new, lighter, frequent rail service on the Eerste River / Klapmuts rail line as backbone of transport movement along the Baden Powell-Adam TasR304 corridor.
- Assess future transport development / improvements in relation to impact on the complete settlement system.
- Guard against needed / required vehicular routes of necessity resulting in development of undeveloped land traversed by the rout

2015-2020 CITP Vision

A sustainable transport system that provides for the basic mobility needs of individuals, supports a vibrant economy and operates seamlessly within and across the municipal boundaries.

Key strategic objectives

A much-improved sustainable public transport system with better and safe access, more frequent and higher quality services and facilities to an agreed standard;

- significant reduction in road fatalities;
- greater mobility options, particularly for those who do not have a car;
- safer and easier cycling and walking;
- better infrastructure, link and interchange with other means of transport;
- an improved and better maintained road and rail network;
- improved journey time reliability on all modes;
- different travel patterns and transport usage and, where appropriate, reduced need to travel by motor vehicles from having achieved an integrated land use and transport system;
- a transport system that is consistent with the real needs of people living in different parts of South Africa and with differing abilities to afford travel;

• a transport system that charges the traveller a fair reflection of the costs of making a journey;

- a transport system that supports focused funding of transport priorities;
- developed sufficient institutional human capital to drive the vision of transport

Road Master Plan. Future Housing and Employment: Trend Scenario



Scenario within the RMP places major future employment into an area that does not align with, and hence conflicts with, the SDF.



Stellenbosch Town Built up Area and area under Development Threat if Road Development Plans Progress.

Risk of extensive future sprawl development if indications of major new road plans proceed.

Extract: Integrated Development Plan 2017-2022 4th Review, May 2021

4.15 Catalytic Initiatives. Adam Tas Corridor.

The most strategically located land in Stellenbosch town comprises large industrial spaces, including land previously occupied by Cape Sawmills and Distell facilities. A significant proportion of these have been vacated or will be vacated in the foreseeable future in response to changes in the operating context of manufacturing enterprises. Thoughtful redevelopment of these spaces – at scale – can contribute meaningfully to meeting existing challenges and mSDF objectives.

In simple terms, the concept is to launch a process of re-imagining and re-purposing the land around the Adam Tas Road within the Stellenbosch town to enable maximum potential of this space. This will entail the redevelopment of the Adam Tas Corridor which includes, the area stretching along the R310 and R44 along the foot of Papegaaiberg, from the dis-used Cape Sawmills site to the west of Kayamandi and Cloetesville along the north part of this corridor.

It forms the western edge to the town but is not well integrated with the rest of Stellenbosch, largely because of the barrier / severance effect of the R44 and the railway line. Much of the area was historically utilised for light industrial and manufacturing purposes. It includes the dis-used Sawmill site, the government owned Droë Dyke area, Distell's Adam Tas facility, Oude Libertas, various Remgro property assets, Bosman's Crossing, the rail station, Bergkelder complex, Van der Stel sports complex, the George Blake Road area, and parts of Kayamandi and Cloetesville. Under-utilised and dis-used land in the area measures more than 300ha.

Conceptually, a linear new district within Stellenbosch is envisaged adjacent to and straddling (in places) Adam Tas Road, the R44, and railway line. Overall, development should be residentially-led with a strong mixed use basis, high density and should favour non-motorised ("NMT") access to the centre of Stellenbosch Town. It is estimated that Adam Tas Corridor through a preliminary development conceptual framework that the ATC will produce approximately 3 million square metres of bulk within a 293ha area, with 69% earmarked for residential usage.

A central movement system (with an emphasis on public transport and NMT) forms the spine of the area and is linked to adjacent districts south and west of the corridor. The corridor retains west-east and north-south vehicular movement (both destined for Stellenbosch town and through movement) as well as the rail line. Remote parking facilities will enable ease of access within the corridor concept, with passengers transferring via public transport, cycling and walking to reach destinations within the town of Stellenbosch.