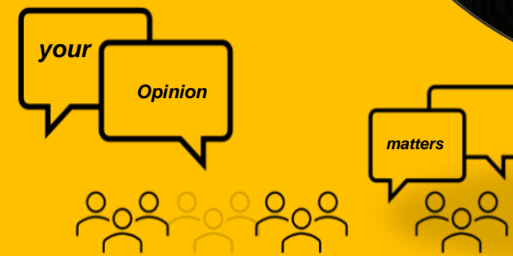




LENASIA SCHOLAR TRANSPORT PLAN

CANCELLATION OF THE SCHOLAR TRANSPORT PLAN



Background

In the 2014/2015 financial year the Transport Department conducted a study that led to the identification of a site, in the vicinity of Nirvana Drive / Abubaker Asvat Drive intersection, for the construction of a scholar transport exchange facility. That facility was not implemented due to several challenges and concerns from the Lenasia community. However, the challenges with scholar transport services in Lenasia are still remained.

In the 2019/2020 financial year funded the development of a Scholar Transport Plan for the Lenasia area with the primary objectives to:

- Improve safety of learners when travelling to school
- Alleviate traffic pressure in Nirvana Drive and Abubaker Asvat Drive and the surrounding road network
- Improve the amenity, operations, and governance of scholar transport services in the area

The study area approximately 30 schools within the study area

Public Consultation/ Stakeholder Engagement

During the development of the plan, the Transport Department was mindful of the importance of public participation and stakeholder engagement; to ensure effective and meaningful engagements with the affected community groups, residents, operators and relevant role players within CoJ and Provincial government.

The engagements ensured that the project meets the Constitutional guidelines and relevant legislation ie the 'Promotion of Administrative Justice Act 3 of 2000 (PAJA) regarding consultations with the community of Lenasia and other relevant stakeholders.

Approximately 27 stakeholder engagements were held with a wide range of stakeholders during the development and finalisation of the Lenasia Scholar Transport Plan.

Draft Lenasia Scholar Transport Plan

The Draft Lenasia Scholar Transport Plan was released for public viewing and public comments on the 16th of September 2022 for 30 day public comment period. The last public engagement was held on the 1st of October 2022. The purpose of the meeting was to present the Draft Lenasia Scholar Transport Plan.

A large number of objections were received upon the close of the public comment period of 16 October 2022. Upon a detailed consideration of the objections received the Transport Department has decided to not continue with the implementation of the proposed scholar transport facilities in Lenasia.

The Transport Department recommends that Region G CRUM facilitates a co-operative governance strategy that will bring about key stakeholders to develop and implement an enforcement strategy, education strategy/campaign to address the existing issues experienced by Lenasia residents, scholars, and scholar transport operators.

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