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GREATER PROTEA GLEN TRANSPORT MASTER PLAN NAMED FINALIST IN 2026 SAICE NATIONAL AWARDS



Planning for a rapidly growing Greater Protea Glen

The [Greater Protea Glen Transport Master Plan](#), commissioned by the City of Johannesburg's [Transport Department](#) and implemented through the [Johannesburg Development Agency](#) (JDA), has been selected as a finalist in the 2026 South African Institution of Civil Engineering (SAICE) National Awards – Project Awards.

The recognition places the master plan among projects being acknowledged for their contribution to South Africa's built environment and highlights the Transport Department's ongoing work to improve mobility, access and connectivity for communities in one of Johannesburg's fastest-growing areas.

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The 2026 SAICE National Awards are scheduled to take place on 3 September 2026 at the NH Johannesburg Sandton Hotel in Sandton, where the winners of the respective award categories will be announced.

The Greater Protea Glen Transport Master Plan was developed in response to the significant growth experienced across the south-western Soweto corridor over approximately three decades.

Through the master plan, the City's Transport Department is positioning transport as a community-enabling service: connecting residents to jobs, schools, healthcare, public amenities and economic opportunities, while planning safer and more efficient ways for people to move within Greater Protea Glen and across Johannesburg.

Executive Director of Transport for the City of Johannesburg, Lutando Maboza, said the finalist recognition demonstrates the importance of planning transport systems around communities before development pressures overwhelm existing infrastructure.

"Greater Protea Glen is continuing to grow, and that growth requires us to think beyond the transport challenges residents experience today".

"The master plan gives the City a long-term framework through which roads, public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure and future development can be planned as one integrated system that improves mobility, strengthens connectivity and supports the daily needs of communities," said Maboza.

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES THROUGH ROADS, RAIL, BUSES, TAXIS AND PEDESTRIAN ROUTES

Rather than focusing on a single transport mode, the master plan proposes an integrated network in which roads, rail, Rea Vaya, Metrobus, minibus taxis, walking and cycling routes work together more effectively to reduce barriers between communities and the places residents need to reach every day.

JDA CEO Mr Themba Mathibe said the recognition speaks to the importance of planning infrastructure around the realities and future needs of communities. "Infrastructure begins long before construction starts. It begins with understanding how people live, where they need to go and how a community is expected to grow".

"The Greater Protea Glen Transport Master Plan allows us to look at these questions collectively and establish a clear roadmap for future investment that can improve access, mobility and connectivity for residents," said Mathibe.

A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO JOHANNESBURG'S FUTURE MOBILITY

Development of the master plan has been supported by extensive technical work, including traffic counts at 45 intersections, pedestrian and cyclist counts, road condition surveys, public transport observations, transport modelling, site assessments and stakeholder engagement.

The project was undertaken with OAR Consultants, whose Managing Director, Mr Avi Menon, welcomed the SAICE recognition and reflected on the purpose behind the firm's involvement in the project.

“When we started OAR, the ambition was never simply to build another consulting company. It was to build a firm capable of doing meaningful work — work that helps shape how our cities and communities grow,” he said.

“I’m therefore incredibly proud to see the Protea Glen Transport Master Plan named as a finalist in the 2026 SAICE National Awards. More than the recognition itself, I’m proud of the wonderful team behind it and the quality of work we are building at OAR. Thanks to our clients City of Johannesburg and Johannesburg Development Agency for trusting us with this,” said Menon.

As Johannesburg continues to grow, the Greater Protea Glen Transport Master Plan reflects the City’s commitment to planning transport infrastructure that serves people first.

By improving connections between neighbourhoods, public transport services, economic opportunities and essential community facilities, the plan supports a more accessible, integrated and inclusive city for current and future residents.

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