



The Department of Transport and Public Works strives to give excellent service delivery to all residents and visitors to the Western Cape. It goes without saying that the needs of a developing country like South Africa are great, and the budget of any government department is inherently limited. For this reason, the Department must establish strategic spending and activity priorities that will help ensure that its limited budget meets the needs of the greatest number of the province's people.

The Department's vision is to lead in the delivery of government infrastructure and related services. By providing government infrastructure and supporting job creation, the Department is living its mission of delivering infrastructure and services to promote positive socio-economic outcomes and safe, empowered and connected communities.

● Infrastructure

The Western Cape Government has identified infrastructure development as a core component of its vision to transform the provincial economy and to stimulate economic growth and job creation. Infrastructure investment remains a pivotal enabler of socio-economic development. The Department remains committed to reshaping the existing provincial urban and rural landscape in a manner that offers potential socio-economic opportunities for all, while helping to ensure inclusive growth. This can be achieved by improving the coordination of integrated infrastructure development planning, by delivering an effective infrastructure service, and by leveraging the assets under its custodianship towards improved service delivery, efficiency and integration with work of other departments. The Department will continue to spend its multi-billion Rand health, education, roads



and general building budgets on building and upgrading such infrastructure projects.

● Green buildings

A number of the Department's projects apply best practice green standards in design and construction to mitigate environmental impact and save money in the long term. Green features include electricity-saving motion sensor switches, passive solar design, solar photovoltaic panels, structures that can be reconfigured as needs change, water-saving plumbing, and rainwater harvesting facilities. Through these projects, the Department is ensuring that what it builds is in line with the aims of the Western Cape Government 110% Green initiative. The Department aims to provide a platform that stimulates people and organisations to build an innovative and dynamic green economy. The new R152 million Green Building in Bellville is a good example. It became the first recipient of the Green Building Council of South Africa (GBCSA) Socio-Economic Category Pilot Award, and the GBCSA also gave the building a 5-Star Green Star SA rating for design. The Green Star rating for design measures the extent to which a building design performs well in terms of management, indoor environmental quality, energy, transport, water, materials, land use and ecology, emissions, and innovation.



● Delivering quality roads

The Department believes that a good provincial road system maximises potential economic and social benefits, and improves access to opportunities for all. For this reason, high-quality road infrastructure forms an important component of an effective transport system in the province. Our investments aim to preserve both surfaced and gravel roads, and bridges to prevent the accumulation of maintenance backlogs. The Department designs and manages roadworks in such a way that inconvenience to road users is minimised at all times. Special thanks are due to all motorists who patiently navigate their way through these construction projects. The end result is always worthwhile – a better and safer travelling experience for all. These projects are specifically planned and executed in a way that advances important socio-economic objectives, including spending specified proportions of contract budgets on targeted contractors, on local labour, and on the training of local labour.

The R487 million project to add a third lane to the N1 between Platteklouf Road and the Old Oak Interchange (to be completed early in 2019) is one of the major road improvement projects currently under way. Another is the R583 million project to rehabilitate and upgrade various sections of the R60 and R62 between Ashton and Montagu through Cogmansklouf (to be completed late in 2018). The projects are expected to have a number of tangible long-term benefits for the thousands of motorists who use these roads.

● Transport operations

The Department values the delivery of safe, reliable and integrated transport systems that facilitate economic development, connect communities to places of work, and improve access to public amenities and social services. In this regard, the Department recognises that public transport improvement initiatives should focus on all modes of transport with the ultimate goal of making public transport the mode of choice. People should be able to meet their daily transport needs in comfort, in safety and at a reasonable cost.

An example is the George Integrated Public Transport Network (GIPTN), a partnership project between the Western Cape Government, the Municipality of George, and the national government to establish a high-quality, scheduled bus service in George. Phase 1 of the Go George bus service began operating in December 2014 and three phases are currently in operation. The network is the first complete integrated transport transformation project outside a major South African city. The GIPTN system is a model for smaller South African population centres seeking to implement infrastructure-light high-quality bus systems. The project began with the full-scale transformation of the public transport industry in George. Public transport operators own 100% of George Link, the newly established vehicle operating company that provides operating services to GIPTN. The network bears testament to the tangible value of partnership, public sector investment, good intergovernmental relations, and effective stakeholder management.



● **Public works**

The Department will continue to provide a balanced provincial government building infrastructure that promotes integration, accessibility, sustainability, equity, environmental awareness, economic growth, and social empowerment. The Department values the preservation of the immovable asset portfolio for future generations and helps to ensure the best use of those assets.

The Department and the City of Cape Town are currently engaged in an ambitious project to transform the Two Rivers Urban Park (TRUP) into a sustainable neighbourhood to help overcome the legacy of apartheid spatial planning. Located at the convergence of the Black and Liesbeek Rivers, TRUP is envisaged as a 120 ha mixed-use, mixed-income, transit-oriented development for sustainable living. It will offer a mixture of residential, work, recreational and commercial opportunities in a connected landscape. This iconic project offers the Western Cape an opportunity to create an integrated response to the need for green developments that give effect to a “live, work, play” lifestyle. The envisioned development will be located around a central park which highlights the natural beauty of the two rivers.

Due to the infrastructural constraints of the site, substantial work has been done to explore the feasibility of innovative green solutions to infrastructure provision, waste disposal, transport, and energy. The first phase of the project, which consisted of pre-feasibility and conceptual design, has been fi-

nalised, and a group of professional specialists is currently busy with the feasibility and planning phase.

Another key milestone is the Better Living Model Exemplar Project, which aims to unlock a new approach to using government property to leverage integrated living, starting with the redevelopment of the former Conradie Hospital site. This is a priority project for the province and brings with it the potential for better spatial integration of society, and is a step towards correcting the inequalities of the past. Improved partnerships with the private sector will also be part of the approach at Conradie. For more information, visit <https://www.westerncape.gov.za/betterlivingmodel/>

● **Job creation and skills upliftment**

The Western Cape continues to experience unacceptably high levels of unemployment and poverty. The need to create jobs and the increasing costs of providing services are challenges that the Department is striving to overcome. The Department will continue to play a significant role as coordinator of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) in the Western Cape. The EPWP aims to provide short-term work opportunities and skills development, especially for youth, women, and people with disabilities. The skills development component seeks to enhance the chances that participants will be able to find jobs or start their own businesses after their participation in the EPWP ends.

● **Use of public roads for sport or filming purposes**

Members of the public can apply to use a public road for sport or filming purposes. The applicable permit application depends on whether the road is a municipal road or a provincial road.

● **MUNICIPAL ROADS**

The City of Cape Town handles applications for film shoots, photo shoots and sports events on municipal streets, roads, sidewalks and road verges. The production company or applicant must ensure that normal pedestrian and vehicle access is possible at all times other than when filming actually takes place, unless the permit allows dedicated use of a specific area. If the applicant would like a road to be closed, an alternate route must be available.

City of Cape Town Events Office
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● **PROVINCIAL ROADS**

Applications to use a provincial road for film shoot, photo shoot or sport purposes must be submitted to the Directorate: Transport Administration and Licensing in the Department of Transport and Public Works. An application fee must be paid. The event must be confirmed at least one week in advance of any filming. An application for filming permission must contain the following information:

- The roads and exact locations that the applicant would like to use;
- The times and dates of filming;
- The script of the scene to be filmed there;
- What the set will consist of;
- The number of crew and vehicles involved in the film shoot;
- Any deviations from the National Road Traffic Act, 1996 (for example, exceeding the speed limit, or driving on the wrong side of the road); and
- Information about whether a helicopter will be used during filming.



The application will be referred to the relevant provincial traffic centre which will provide traffic assistance if necessary. Closure of provincial roads may not interfere with the flow of traffic for more than ten minutes at a time. At the end of the shoot, an invoice for the traffic assistance will be issued.

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Application fees to use provincial roads
R80 - Administration fee
R4 400 - Filming application
R1 100 - Photo shoot application