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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Tuesday, 11 May 2021 (at 14:00), MS Teams Virtual Meeting

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

Mitchell, DG (Chairperson) Van der Westhuizen, AP

African National Congress

Mvimbi, LM

Alternate Member

Maseko, M (DA)

Apologies

America, D (DA) Herron, B (GOOD)

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Transport and Public Works

Mr T Simmers, Acting Minister for Transport and Public Works
Ms J Gooch, Head of Department
Adv R Collins, Director: Land Transport Contract
Mr F Williams, Deputy Director: Land Transport Integration and Oversight

Golden Arrow Bus Services (GABS)

Mr F Meyer, Chief Executive Officer Mr D Meyer, General Manager

City of Cape Town

Mr JP Smith, Mayoral Committee Member: Safety and Security

Mr S Liell-Cock, Chairperson: Portfolio Committee on Transport

Mr S Smith, Deputy Chief: Law Enforcement

Mr N Arendse Mr N Slingers Ms C Knott

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Mr J Coetzee, Procedural Officer Mr S Hassam, ICT Support Ms C Morris, ICT Support Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the Members of the Committee, acting Minister Simmers, Head of Department, departmental officials, Councillors and officials from the City of Cape Town and officials from GABS.

2. Briefings by the Department of Transport and Public Works the City of Cape Town and GABS on the recent developments to improve commuter safety

Mr Williams briefed the Committee on the recent developments to improve commuter safety and the partnership between GABS, the Province, and the City of Cape Town to ensure stability and safety on the bus service highlighting the role, functions, responsibilities and challenges of the various role players in the partnership.

Mr Arendse from the City of Cape and Mr Meyer from GABS then briefed the Committee on the bus safety initiative.

The Committee deliberated.

3. Adoption of Draft Committee Minutes

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 18 March 2021, which were considered and adopted.

4. Resolutions/Actions

- 4.1 The Committee REQUESTED that the Department provide it with:
- 4.1.1 A breakdown of the cost of the Bus Safety Project in relation to each of the five projects namely: Public Transport Enforcement, Bus Technology, Joint Communications and Media Campaign, Fare-box Security Enhancement and the projects that still needs to be determined;
- 4.1.2 An update on its discussions with the national Transport Authority on the challenges of public transport in the Western Cape;
- 4.1.3 An indication whether there is a structure in the Department to interact with commuters as stakeholders on transport matters, and if not, whether the Department envisages establishing such a structure;

- 4.1.4 A breakdown of the cost of the legal vetting of the draft business plan and the motion of understanding between GABS, the Department and the City of Cape Town; and
- 4.1.5 A breakdown of the money paid over to GABS in respect of the Bus Safety Project and for what.

The meeting adjourned at 16:16.

PP. MR D MITCHELL, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Date: 8 June 2021