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Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Thursday, 29 July 2021 (at 14:00), MS Teams Virtual Meeting/ Hybrid

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

America, D
MacKenzie, R (Chairperson)
Van der Westhuizen, AP

African National Congress

Mvimbi, LM

GOOD

Herron, B (GOOD)

Additional Members

Allen, R (DA)
Christians, F (ACDP)
Kama, M (ANC)
Philander, W (DA)
Sayed, K (ANC)
Nkondlo, N (ANC)

The following persons were in attendance:

See attached attendance register

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Mr J Coetzee, Procedural Officer
Mr J Vermeulen, Senior Procedural Officer
Mr S Hassam, ICT Support
Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the Members of the Committee, Mr D Mitchell, Minister of Transport and Public Works, Mr A Fritz, Minister of Community Safety, the Head of the Department of Transport and Public Works and representatives from the national Department of Transport, Department of Community Safety, City of Cape Town, Western Cape Provincial Police Commissioner, Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA), South African National Taxi Council (SANTACO), Golden Arrow Bus Service, Metro Development Forum, United Commuters Voice and the South African Scholar Transporter Association (SASTA).

2. Discussions on the current state of taxi violence in the Western Cape and the mechanisms put in place by the Department to assist relevant role players

The Committee proceeded with the discussion on the current state of the taxi violence in the Western Cape and received inputs from all the role players present at the meeting.

The Committee deliberated.

3. Adoption of Draft Committee Minutes

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 22 June 2021, which were considered and adopted.

4. Resolutions/Actions

4.1 The Committee RESOLVED to, at a future date, invite:

4.1.1 The Department brief it on the long term and financial benefits of its Blue Dot and Red Dot Initiatives;

4.1.2 SANTACO and the Department brief the Committee on the process followed with regard to the allocation and classification of routes and permits to taxi associations;

4.1.3 The Department to brief the Committee on scholar transport, the allocation of scholar transport permits and the qualifying criteria for vehicles for scholar transport;

4.1.4 The Department to brief the Committee on the status of the Memorandum of Agreement signed by the Taxi Associations; and

4.1.5 The South African Police Service and the Department of Community Safety to brief the Committee on the practice of extortion at taxi ranks.

4.2 The Committee REQUESTED that:

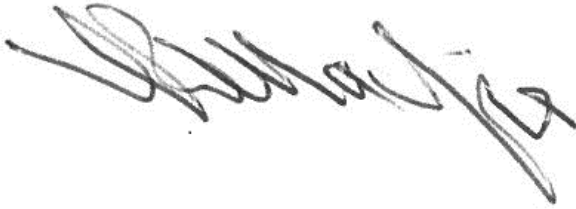
4.2.1 The Department provide the Committee with weekly updates on public transport and commuter related matters and also provide regular reports on the situation in the taxi industry; and

4.2.2 PRASA provide it with a monthly update on Metrorail functionality in the Province.

5. Acknowledgment

The Committee wishes to acknowledge the challenges in the public transport sector and noted with concern the unlawful practices of extortion at taxi ranks and encourage law enforcement agencies at all levels to prioritise the eradication of such practices;

The meeting adjourned at 18:31.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Mackenzie', written in a cursive style.

MR R MACKENZIE, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS