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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Tuesday, 22 November 2022 (at 11:00), Virtual via MS Teams

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

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

African National Congress

Nkondlo, ND (Alternate)

Apology

Mvimbi, LM

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Transport and Public Works

Mr C October, Chief Director: Road Planning

Department of the Premier

Ms A Torr, State Law Adviser

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Adv R Maasdorp, Legal Adviser Mr J Coetzee, Procedural Officer Mr J Vermeulen, Senior Procedural Officer 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, and the Departmental officials.

2. Consideration of the Western Cape Provincial Transport Infrastructure Bill [B 5–2021]

The Chairperson informed the Committee that due to outstanding technical issues the Committee would not consider the Bill in the meeting and that it would be dealt with as soon as a date has been determined with the Deputy Chief Whip.

The Chairperson also requested the Procedural Officer to liaise with Mr October to obtain a date for a meeting for members who wished to discuss the technical issues on the Bill with the Department.

3. Consideration of Draft Committee Report on the Annual Report of the Department of Transport and Public Works for the 2021/22 financial year

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Report, which was considered and adopted.

4. Consideration of Draft Committee Minutes

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 5 August 2022, 16 August 2022, 30 August 2022, 13 September 2022, 13 September 2022 and 3 November 2022, which were considered and adopted.

5. Adoption of Draft Quarterly Report

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Quarterly Report for July 2022 – September 2022, which was considered and adopted.

6. Information requested

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department provide the Committee with a report on any work done either by the national Department of Transport or the Department of Transport and Public Works to determine tariffs for electric vehicles in their Government Motor Transport fleet and what work has been done internationally to determine appropriate tariffs for such vehicles.

7. Resolutions

The Committee RESOLVED that the Department should respond to the Committee's resolutions by no later than Tuesday 31 January 2022.

8. Acknowledgement

The Standing Committee of Transport and Public Works of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament expressed its serious concern regarding the recent disruption of the public transport system on 21 and 22 November 2022 and the fact that it was not a peaceful disruption but have been violent in some instances.

These actions are not only extremely damaging to the public transport industry, but also to the economy at large and the image of our country internationally.

Considering this the Committee hereby condemns these violent actions by the Taxi industry in the Western Cape. The Committee was also concerned about the impact the strike action has on the schools and particularly the scholars that are busy with exams.

The Committee appeals to employers to be considerate to people who are unable to go to work and who are potentially standing to lose income because of the strike action.

The Committee also appeals to the Provincial Department of Transport and Public Works to indicate what efforts have been taken to obtain funding for the Blue Dot Project as it seems that it is one of the matters of concern raised by SANTACO.

The meeting adjourned at 11:28.

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MR R MACKENZIE, MPP CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS