MYCITI PHASE 2A The journey to better public transport

PROJECT UPDATE FEBRUARY 2024 Sky Circle ramps get off the ground

Work is advancing at the intersection of Jan Smuts Drive and Govan Mbeki Road, where an elevated traffic circle is being built for MyCiTi services.

The relocation of underground services is virtually complete, with outstanding work planned in April to commission a new underground distribution water main.

Piling operations are also complete and the ramps for the bridge deck structure that will connect MyCiTi buses from the road to the traffic circle are under construction.

Preparations will take place in the coming months to convert the 4-way signalised traffic intersection at the corner of Govan Mbeki Road and Jan Smuts Drive into a temporary traffic circle. This creative solution is aimed at keeping traffic flowing while creating an island to house the crane that will be used to build the bridge overhead. Traffic will be affected for a few days while the traffic circle is configured but will result in smoother traffic flow for the duration of the works..

Roadworks continue to affect traffic flow but provision is made to keep two lanes open in each direction of travel at all times.



The ramps leading to the elevated traffic circle are under now construction.

Spine Road depot construction continues

Progress is continuing with the construction of two bus depots at the corner of Mew Way and Spine Road.

Water and sewer services as well as roof sheeting has now been completed for the east depot and sewer services completed for the west depot.

The provision of civil engineering services is currently underway for the bus staging area of the east depot and internal finishes for the east depot building.

Although the work does not directly impact traffic, road users are urged to be on the lookout for construction vehicles entering and exiting the site.

Residents are also requested to be vigilant and to report any suspicious activity, following the recent theft of the subcontractor's tools from the site.

Next up will be paving the staging area for the east depot, installing a permanent water connection to both depots and finishing external building work for the west depot.



The depots will serve as a base for Phase 2A operations.

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Work starts near Emms Drive

Work has started on Govan Mbeki Road near Emms Drive. This will involve relocating 4 kilometres of the Steenbras bulk water main, which connects the Steenbras Dam to the Newlands Reservoir. It currently runs beneath the planned median lanes for MyCiTi buses, but will soon be moved to the side of the road to accommodate MyCiTi.

New steel pipes have been produced by a Durban-based company that was required to move their equipment to Cape Town so that the pipes could be manufactured locally and transported a short distance to site.



The highly specialised steel pipes.

Lentegeur bridge now open to the public

The pedestrian bridge connecting residents of Lentegeur safely over the train line to AZ Berman Drive was completed and officially opened by Mayoral Committee Member for Urban Mobility, Councillor Rob Quintas, in November 2023. CCTV cameras will still be installed via the Safety and Security Directorate.

The project has helped create job opportunities for 16 people, 7 broad based black economic empowerment subcontractors and 14 local businesses, with a cumulative value of more than R5 million.

Progress on AZ Berman Drive

Work on AZ Berman Drive in Mitchells Plain is gaining momentum. Construction is planned in phases for approximately 3 years. Service verifications are underway to identify underground services and arrange for any relocations necessary before the new MyCiTi infrastructure is built.

Road works are confined to 09:00 - 15:00 on weekdays to avoid peak traffic periods. Traffic will be accommodated using temporary detours and walkways for pedestrians while access to properties and businesses will be maintained.



Phase 2A construction underway near Gugulethu

Work commenced in late 2023 on the portion of Govan Mbeki Road, between Ottery Road and Link Road in Gugulethu. The relocation of boundary walls and fences is underway to accommodate the infrastructure needed.

Work is also underway to verify what underground services exists and any that may need to be moved to accommodate the MyCiTi infrastructure. This includes fibre optic service providers who have been approached relocate cables, which will likely to result in some temporary disruptions to customer services. Precast beams have been placed over the intersection of Duinefontein Road and Govan Mbeki Road for a bridge for buses that will extend to 35 metres long and 1,2 metres high.

The beams are being produced by a local manufacturer in Blackheath before being transported to site. The company is also responsible for producing more than 17 000 kassel kerbs that will be used for Phase 2A to help buses dock safely and protect against wear and tear.

Construction is planned for around 3 years, with roadworks limited to weekdays between 09:00 and 15:00 to help avoid busy, peak traffic periods.



Precast beams for a new bridge



Kassel kerbs reduce wear and tear.

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