



Dear residents of Johannesburg,

October is Transport Month, and in Johannesburg, it's not merely a campaign; it's a decisive moment of reflection, renewal, and determination. Our city has made significant strides in building a transport system that is inclusive, efficient, and forward-thinking. We are guided by one clear vision: a Johannesburg where every resident can move freely and access opportunities.

Looking back, the progress we've made is undeniable. Johannesburg was the first city in Africa to launch a complete Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system, Rea Vaya, in August 2009. This initiative was the result of comprehensive planning that began in 2006, driven by the urgent need to tackle growing congestion, safety concerns, and a deficient public transport system.

The introduction of Rea Vaya marked a transformative shift in public transport for our city. It fundamentally changed how Johannesburg moves, connecting communities once divided by distance and history. Today, Rea Vaya carries thousands of commuters each day, reinforcing the reality that investing in public transport is, above all, an investment in the dignity of our people. We refuse to stagnate.

We have constructed new bridges over the M1 freeway, upgraded pedestrian walkways, and expanded cycling lanes and safe pedestrian zones. We are currently undertaking a review of the Sandton Integrated Transport Master Plan, which will shape the next phase of urban mobility.

This review, spearheaded by the Johannesburg Development Agency and our Transport Department, will decisively reduce congestion, improve safety, and create spaces that promote shared prosperity. As technology reshapes the way we move, Johannesburg is confidently embracing change.

We are developing an e-Hailing Management Policy to bring structure, fairness, and sustainability to digital transport platforms like Uber, Bolt, Mr D, and Checkers Sixty60.

This policy is designed to create a balanced environment where innovation thrives while ensuring worker protection and fostering growth within our transport ecosystem, aligned with the City's long-term development goals. Transport is not simply about roads and buses; it embodies equity, safety, and opportunity. Every kilometre of repaired road, every bus lane built, and every illuminated walkway represents a vital step towards restoring dignity for our residents, particularly those in communities long neglected by urban planning.

Our commitment to Transit-Oriented Development is unwavering, bringing together housing, work, and transport to forge vibrant, accessible communities. Through collaboration and strategic planning, we are laying the foundation for a city that moves smarter, faster, and fairer. Johannesburg's transport narrative is one of resilience and renewal. We have confronted numerous challenges from financial, spatial, and social and yet we continue to push forward, driven by the unwavering belief that mobility is a right, not a privilege.

I am also pleased to announce the upcoming launch of the Rea Vaya 1C(a) Phase in Alexandra, marking a significant step in enhancing our city's transport infrastructure. This new phase will provide safe, affordable, and reliable public transportation to several neighbourhoods, including Berea, Yeoville, Orange Grove, Cheltondale, Norwood, Balfour Park, Bramley, Wynberg, Alexandra, Marlboro, Athol, Sandton, Longmeadow, and Greenstone.

The Rea Vaya BRT trunk route will connect the Joburg CBD to both Alexandra and Sandton, improving accessibility for many residents. We would also like to acknowledge the taxi industry's vital role in the informal economy and its contributions to the city's economy. Our sincere gratitude also goes out to every worker, commuter, and resident who plays a critical role in keeping our city moving. Together, we are forging a Johannesburg where movement equals progress and where transport unites instead of dividing us.

Let's push forward with purpose, unity, and pride in our remarkable journey. Johannesburg is advancing, and we are evolving together.

Until next time,

Johannesburg Executive Mayor Councillor Sello Dada Morero