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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **CITY OF JOHANNESBURG LAUNCHES TRANSPORT MONTH 2013**

October is Transport Month and the City of Johannesburg will be hosting a number of transport related projects aimed at improving the mobility and safety of its residents. The launch will be held on 2 October 2013 at the Johannesburg Zoo under the theme **"Living in the Corridors of Freedom of a Caring City"**.

At the launch on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, two important documents will be released. The first is the Strategic Integrated Transport Plan Framework (SITPF), which sets of the City's transport vision and strategic thrusts for the next period and the second is a Complete Streets Policy and Guidelines for public comment. This sets out how the City of Johannesburg wants to transform its streets to be accessible for all road users including pedestrians, cyclists, and the old and the young, car and public transport users.

The theme of Transport Month is in line with the City's spatial vision that looks at ensuring that people live closer to their workplace and are able to work, stay and play without having to use private motorised transport.

One of the highlights of the month will be a seminar on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October on Transit Orientated Development which will be addressed by international speakers demonstrating how the introduction of public transport leads to increased property development and economic activity along the corridor.

"Transport is the backbone of the City of Johannesburg's economy and impacts on every citizen. The Council will thus highlight and celebrate various transport projects during this month," said Cllr Christine Walters, Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Transport.

“The transport sector has increasingly become one of the best drivers for economic growth and social development, which necessitates that local government, puts in place necessary infrastructure to keep up with the current trends” she elaborated.

The Rea Vaya BRT will be extending its services from the 14<sup>th</sup> October with another 134 buses and 12 new routes to areas such as Cresta, Florida, Noorgesig, Coronationville, LeaGlen, Parktown and Yeoville. The official launch involving national and provincial government leadership will be on 14<sup>th</sup> of October at Milpark Rea Vaya Station.

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