**Report of the Portfolio Committee on Transport on the Transport Appeal Tribunal Amendment Bill [B 8 – 2020] (National Assembly – sec 76), dated 21 February 2023.**

1. **Background to the Bill**

The Transport Appeal Tribunal Amendment Bill [B 8-2020] (the Bill) was referred to the Portfolio Committee on Transport (the Committee) on 29 May 2020.

The Bill seeks:

•to amend the Transport Appeal Tribunal Act, 1998, so as to insert, delete and

amend certain definitions;

•to bring the Act in line with the developments since the implementation of the Act;

•to provide for certain powers of the Transport Appeal Tribunal;

•to allow the Minister to extend the term of office of the members of the Tribunal;

•to empower the Transport Appeal Tribunal to take appropriate steps in cases where its rulings are not implemented or effected timeously and empower it to investigate delays in the completion of its proceedings; and

•to provide for matters connected therewith.

The Committee was briefed on the proposed amendments by the Department of Transport on 25 August 2021. The Committee resolved to publish the Bill for comment from 1 September 2021 to 8 October 2021 and to conduct public hearings to solicit public opinion on the proposed amendments. The Bill was published for comment in national and regional newspapers, on the Parliament website, Twitter and Facebook. The period for comment was extended to 18 February 2022 for further comments. Submissions were received from the Gautrain Management Agency (GMA) and the Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works. Both stakeholders opted not to submit oral submissions, in addition to the written comments. The Department responded to the written submissions on 1 November 2022. The Committee concluded its deliberations on the Bill on 7 February 2023, with the adoption of the proposed list of amendments to the Bill.

1. **Committee decision on the Bill**

The **Portfolio Committee on Transport**, having considered the subject of the **Transport Appeal Tribunal Amendment Bill [B 8 – 2020]** (National Assembly – sec 76), referred to it and classified by the Joint Tagging Mechanism (JTM) as a section 76 Bill, reports the Bill with amendments [B 8A– 2020].

Report to be considered.