**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY:**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 2086**

**Ms G S A Ngwenya (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(1) Whether any other high-speed rail systems other than the extensions to the Gautrain and the Moloto Rail Corridor are envisaged for the country over the next 30 years; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, for which routes are the high-speed rail systems envisaged;

(2) are any such new high or higher speed train routes envisaged between Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether any such systems are envisaged for the Western Cape or the City of Cape Town; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY :**

1. In terms of the National Transport Master Plan (NATMAP) 2050 approved by Cabinet in October 2016, there are proposed high speed rail passenger systems for the following routes :
	1. Johannesburg-Durban ; and
	2. Pretoria –Polokwane.
2. The proposed high speed rail between Gauteng and Kwazulu Natal is a recommendation of NATMAP 2050 and nothing in a form of pre-feasibility study or commitment from any authority has been done.
3. There is no recommendations of high speed rail in Western Cape or City of Cape Town.