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STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT 2009-2014

1. Introduction

The fourth democratic parliament with its elected representatives highlighted the need for emphasis on Parliament's oversight role over government departments and the state owned enterprises. The five year plan provides the Committee with a strategic framework and medium term plan for the implementation of the strategic objectives of the committee as aligned to those of the Department of Transport and its transport Entities for the next five years. This strategic framework incorporates key priorities emanating from the state of the nation address, the Committee's Strategic Planning workshop and strategic priorities of the department and transport entities identified by the Department of Transport in a workshop between the Department and the Committee.

2. Role and Mandate of the Portfolio Committee on Transport

Parliament has a constitutional obligation to ensure that the executive is accountable on the decisions they make in improving the country and executing public funds. The Committees of the National Assembly were delegated functions according to rule 201(1) of the National Assembly Rules. The significant functions as delegated to the National Assembly Committees in the oversight role over the government department and state owned enterprises and facilitate legislation. According to the Rules of Parliament, the Portfolio Committee on Transport must deal with bills and matters falling with the transport sector as referred by the Constitution, rules of Parliament, National Assembly and legislation. In addition the Committee is further required to

maintain oversight over the national executive authority including the implementation of legislation amongst others. The Committee's mandate is therefore as follows:

- ❖ Scrutinise legislation and other policies that impact on the spheres of transport sector
- ❖ Exercise oversight role to the Department of Transport and the various institutions and agencies that fall under the National Transport budget, and an active engagement with all key stake-holders in the sector;
- ❖ Facilitate development and ongoing evaluation of transport policy.
- ❖ Contribute to our country's overall growth and development objectives, particularly in regard to job creation and employment intensity.

3. Strategic Priorities Arising from the 2009 State of the Nation Address

The key priorities raised in the state of the Nation Address relating to transport were identified as follows:

- Investing in public transport, including the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system
- Promoting the implementation of Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) and the Portfolio Committee on Transport would monitor the implementation of this framework in the transport sector.
- Creating job opportunities through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) thus reducing poverty
- Investing in 2010 Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup projects
- The Committee would monitor the effective implementation of the taxi recapitalisation programme.

4. Key Priorities for Transport (2009-2014)

The following issues would be priorities by the portfolio Committee on Transport in its oversight work over the Department of Transport and the Transport entities.

- Update and implementation of the BRT
- Follow up on the Administrative Adjudication Road Traffic Offences (AARTO)
- Revisit the organisational structure of the Department of Transport and the unfunded posts which inhibit the department from fully implementing its programmes. Especially the issue relating to the numerous acting positions.
- Monitor the development of the master plan for Transport
- Ensure there is an integrated transport plan and coordination model with all spheres of government.

- Facilitate rural transport development especially relating to public transport.
- State of readiness of all transport modes involved in 2010
- Address the potential fuel shortage of the aviation sector for 2010
- Preparations made by the host cities
- Scholar transport and primary department involved in coordinating
- Re-visit the non-motorised transport policies and evaluate the implementation
- Monitor the shova-kalula programme
- Briefing on the South African National Women in Transport (SANWIT).
- Review the findings of the national household survey and how they impact on commuter's traveling in South Africa.
- Revisit the organizational structure of the Civil Aviation Authority
- Update on the Implementation of the transport sector BEE charter
- Update on the anti-poverty strategy and development of rural public transport
- Briefing on National Overload Control Strategy
- Briefing on the National Road Asset Management
- Update on the implementation of the National Traffic Law Enforcement Code
- Road Construction and maintenance evaluation in South Africa
- Update report on the multi-ticketing system and implementation of the integrated transport plan.

5. Key Priority for Transport Legislation

- The National Land Transport Amendment Bill
- The Road Accident Fund Amendment Bill
- The Administrative and Adjudication of Road Transport Offences Amendment Bill
- The Merchant Shipping Amendment Bill
- Merchant Shipping Civil Liability Convention Bill
- International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund Contributions Bill
- Merchant Shipping Safe Containers Convention Bill
- Merchant Shipping and Ship Registration Amendment Bill
- Merchant Shipping Amendment Bill.
- Transport Law Enforcement and Related Matters Amendment Bill
- Then National Road Traffic Amendment Bill

6. Oversight Visits:

A) Local

- Re-visiting the host cities to assess their state of readiness for 2010
- Visit the Gautrain, looking at the operations and how it would improve public transport for faster transportation of commuters
- Visit La-Mercy Airport and monitor its operations
- Visit rural areas to see whether or not public transport has improved especially the mode of transport used and monitor the implementation of the shova-kalula programme.
- Visit Road Accident Fund offices, traffic centers to inspect on service delivery
- Visit the business express trains and determine whether it is indeed value for money

B) International Study Tours

- **Canada:**

The Committee would look at the value chain cooperatives development in Canada. This would allow with the transformation of the taxi industry in South Africa. This would assist in facilitating policy development of the taxi industry by transforming it from being organizational to cooperatives.

- **China :**

The Committee would look at the innovative techniques on road transport, in countries where Gravel road is used but does not damage cars and does not created dust. Cold Asfat.

PROGRAMME OF THE COMMITTEE 2010 – 2014

FIRS TERM 2010		
February 2010	Committee Week	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Committee workshop with Department on Strategic plans and year plans. 2 Progress report on the integrated infrastructure plan for transport. 3. Update on Operating Licensing Boards and Conversion of permits
March 2010	Committee / Plenary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Hearings • Briefing on Road infrastructure development. • Review on the implementation of the Civil Aviation Bill • Revisiting the host cities and Gautrain
April 2010	Committee / Plenary	<p>Oversight visit, Revisiting the 2010 host cities.</p> <p>Briefing on the transport demerit system and update from the Road Traffic Management Corporation.</p>
SECOND TERM 2010		
May 2010	Committee Week	<p>Legislation. E.g. National Land Transport Amendment Bill. Briefings on Structure of the Civil Aviation Authority.</p> <p>Briefing on the National Maritime Policy. Briefing on the National freight monitoring framework.</p>
June 2010	Committee / Plenary	Final Report on implementation of all 2010

		projects, including BRT, Gautrain, and integrated public transport plans. Consideration of the Transport Acts Repeal Bill and Maritime Transport Security Bill. Site visits to the Business Express trains.
THIRD TERM 2010		
August 2010	Committee Week	Briefing on the review of the national household survey. Progress report on the departmental policies, such as non-motorised transport and rural development policies.
September 2010	Committee/ Plenaries	Consideration of legislation and papers referred. Eg. Merchant Shipping (Civil Liability Convention Bill and Merchant Shipping (International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund Contributions) Bill
FOURTH TERM 2010		
October	Committees	Consideration of Annual Reports, Department and Entities. Further consideration of bills. Eg. Merchant Shipping (Safe Containers Convention) Bill, International Study Tour
November	Committee/ Plenary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Departmental briefing on the state of the Road Accident fund, Road safety and conditions of roads in South Africa. An update on the implementation of the Transport sector BEE Charter. • Evaluation of the 2010

		World Cup Transport Operations.
FIRST TERM 2011		
February	Committees	1. Committee strategic planning workshop with department. 2. Update on the integrated transport plan.
March	Committee/ Plenary	Budget Hearings with Department and Entities
April	Committee / Plenary	1. Merchant Shipping and Ship Registration Amendment Bill, 2. Merchant Shipping Amendment Bill.
SECOND TERM 2011		
May	Committees	Transport Law Enforcement and Related Matters Amendment Bill and National Road Traffic Amendment Bill. Adoption of study tour report.
June	Committee/Plenary	Progress report on the upgrade of rural roads and results of the extended public works programme.
THIRD TERM 2011		
August	Committees	Oversight visits (local) to look at rural development of public transport.
September	Committee / Plenary	Consideration of papers referred, eg. International agreements, financial statements etc. Consideration of annual report of department and follow up on challenges raised and programmes.
FOURTH TERM 2011		
October	Committee	Continuation of Annual reports of the entities and follow up on issues that arise from those briefings.
November	Committee/Plenary	Update on the anti-poverty

		strategy, rural development of public transport. Assessment of public entities in delivering transport services.
FIRST TERM 2012		
February	Committee Week	Workshop with department on strategic plan and annual plan. Compilation of detailed annual committee programme and adoption of first term committee programme.
March	Committee/Plenary	Budget hearings : Department and Entities
April	Committee/Plenary	Oversight on rail and freight transportation. Consideration of papers referred
May	Committee	Adoption of outstanding minutes and reports. Consideration of referred papers, international agreements and annual financial statements.
June	Committee/Plenary	Update on the implementation of the BRT and Taxi recap. Update on the Shova kalula Programme.
THIRD TERM 2012		
August	Committee	Adoption of outstanding documents, consideration of legislation referred to the committee and papers. Oversight Visit to look at the state of airports, particularly accessibility for disabled persons.
September	Committee/Plenary	Assessment of public transport in south Africa. An assessment of the public transport subsidy

		issue. Department of transport's annual report and follow up on issues that arise.
FOURTH TERM 2012		
October	Committee	Consideration of annual reports for the Entities and follow up on issues that might arise.
November	Committee/Plenary	Briefing by the Department on the implementation of the infrastructure investment strategy.
FIRST TERM 2013		
February		Committee workshop with department. Briefing on the National Overload Control Strategy
March		Budget hearings of the department and Entities.
April		International Study Tour. Briefing by the Department on transport security for all transport modes. Update on assessments and conditions of roads in south Africa.
SECOND TERM 2013		
May		Update on the implementation of the national airports development policy. Progress report on the rural transport service and infrastructure development.
June		Oversight visits to areas where the shova kalula programme was implemented. Evaluate the programme and impact it has made on poverty reduction. Update on the intergrated infrastructure

		plan.
THIRD TERM 2013		
August		Briefing on the national road asset management system. Progress report on the formalisation of the taxi industry.
September		Oversight visit to rural transport service. Legislation referred to the committee.
FOURTH TERM 2013		
October		Consideration of annual reports of the Department and Entities
November		Update on the functioning of the Road Accident fund. Update on the new functioning of the CBRTA and its turn around strategy.
FIRST TERM 2014		
February		Committee workshop with department. Finalisation of outstanding legislation
March		Budget Hearings for the department and Entities
April		Update on the national railway infrastructure, road infrastructure.
SECOND TERM 2014		
May		Update on the functioning of the traffic demerit system. Update on the national traffic law enforcement code. Oversight to traffic centres and overall functioning.
June		Update on the functioning of the public transport accessibility. Oversight on integrated transport, taxi and buses.