



**REPORT TO:**

**CITY MANAGER**

**TO BE REFERRED BY THE OFFICIAL TO MAYCO VIA THE RELEVANT URBAN  
MOBILITY SECTION 79 COMMITTEE [AFTER CONSIDERATION BY CITY MANAGER]**

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**1. ITEM NUMBER**

**2. SUBJECT**

**FEEDBACK ON THE INTERNATIONAL/OUTSIDE THE BORDERS OF THE  
RSA TRIP UNDERTAKEN FROM 26 FEBRUARY TO 1 MARCH 2024 TO  
ATTEND THE MENA TRANSPORT CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION IN  
DUBAI**

**ONDERWERP**

**TERUGVOERING OOR DIE REIS NA DIE BUITELAND/BUITE DIE GRENSE  
VAN DIE RSA ONDERNEEM VAN 26 FEBRUARIE TOT 1 MAART 2024 OM  
DIE MENA-VERVOERKONGRES EN -UITSTALLING IN DUBAI,  
VERENIGDE ARABIESE EMIRATE (UAE), BY TE WOON**

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INKOMFA NOMBONISO YEZOTHUTHO YEMENA NOMBONISO EDUBAI,  
UAE**

**LSU: Q2915**

### 3. EVENT SUMMARY

EVENT DETAILS	
CONFERENCE/SEMINAR	<b>MENA TRANSPORT CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION</b>
OTHER	<p>The Urban Mobility Directorate, as a member of the UITP plays a pivotal role in the public transport development and continuous improvement with leading world cities. The City would benefit from not only the relationships built at the summit but also from the content being presented at the various segments and how some can be integrated into the City's service offerings.</p> <p>which stands as a pinnacle gathering for industry leaders, professionals, and innovators in the transportation realm. This event aimed to unveil cutting-edge technologies, elucidate industry trends, and facilitate meaningful discussions that are pivotal to shaping the trajectory of sustainable mobility</p>
DATE	28 February – 1 March 2024
VENUE	Dubai World Trade Center
TOTAL COST TO THE CITY	R 224 427.30
CITY	<b>DUBAI</b>
COUNTRY	<b>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</b>

ATTENDEE DETAILS	
NAME AND SURNAME	DESIGNATION
Reginald Springleer	<b>DIRECTOR: PUBLIC TRANSPORT</b>
Hilton Scholtz	<b>DIRECTOR:ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT</b>
Keresha Naidoo	<b>MANAGER: INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PLANNING</b>
PROVIDE SUMMARY OF HOST ORGANISATION / CITY	
<p>The International Association of Public Transport (UITP) and the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) Dubai jointly hosted the MENA Transport Congress and Exhibition. UITP (Union Internationale des Transports Publics) is the International Association of Public Transport and a passionate champion of sustainable urban mobility. Established in 1885, with more than 135 years of history, it is the only worldwide network to bring together all public transport stakeholders and all sustainable transport modes.</p> <p>UITP has over 1,900 members across more than 100 countries. UITP works to enhance quality of life and economic well-being by supporting and promoting sustainable transport in urban areas worldwide.</p> <p>From industry leading publications to organising our global public transport summit with over 15,000 visitors, bringing together the entire sector, and from partnerships with organisations like the WHO and UN-Habitat to cutting edge research projects; UITP works towards better mobility every single day. More practically UITP release publications and statistics, organise events, lead knowledge and innovation projects and deliver training programmes.</p> <p>The Roads and Transport Authority, commonly known as RTA, is the major independent government roads &amp; transportation authority in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. It was founded in 2005 and is responsible for planning and executing transport and traffic projects, along with legislation and strategic plans of transportation in the city It is a department of the Government of Dubai.</p>	

#### 4. OBJECTIVE

The City of Cape Town is member of the UITP and was offered complimentary attendance at the Conference. The 3 officials were nominated by the ED: Urban Mobility to attend representing City of Cape Town. In a context of limited natural and financial resources sustainability in Urban Mobility is an area that the City of Cape Town needs to pursue with urgency. Both the IDP and CIP have sustainability as a key focus, recognising the link between sustainability and resilience, and the need to undo and prevent any further destruction to the habitat that supports our existence.

Officials were nominated to attend the MENA Transport Congress and Exhibition on Sustainable Mobility and Wellbeing to build capacity in the area of sustainable urban mobility and to develop networks in this field.

The knowledge acquired and networks developed will assist the City in a number of its initiatives, including development of its Non-Motorised Transport and Universal Access Strategies, understanding the role of electric vehicles in the public transport system, etc.

#### 5. OUTCOMES

As part of the conference, a session was held where regional bodies met to discuss future initiatives. The most notable item from the Africa group, was the need for better cooperation on a UITP level for Africa. Within the group there is much exchange that can take place between Cassablanca (Morocco), Cairo (Egypt) and Cape Town

South Africa. These three African Cities has similar economies and has a similar approach to their public transport modes. This is an avenue that needs to be further explored.

## 6. ACTIONS REQUIRED

Officials follow up with counterparts from other cities or presenters at the conference to request sharing of information and models presented at the conference. For example, contact the Director: Transportation Strategic Planning Department at Dubai RTA to learn more about their Transit Decision Support Tool

Find out more about the UITP initiative to expand its work and collaboration efforts in Africa, and follow up on this if it is suitable for Cape Town.

## 7. IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Constitutional and Policy Implications No ☒ Yes ☐

7.2 Environmental implications No ☒ Yes ☐

7.3 Financial Implications No ☒ Yes ☐

7.4 Legal Implications No ☒ Yes ☐

7.5 Staff Implications No ☒ Yes ☐

7.6 Risk Implications No ☒ Yes ☐

### 7.7 POPIA Compliance

☒ It is confirmed that this report has been checked and considered for POPIA Compliance.

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## 8. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the feedback report on the trip, The Mena Transport Congress and Exhibition undertaken by Reginald Springleer, Hilton Scholtz and Keresha Naidoo on 26 February – 1 March 2024 **be considered and noted.**

## AANBEVELINGS

Daar word aanbeveel dat die terugvoeringsverslag oor die reis na die Mena-vervoerkongres en -uitstalling, onderneem deur Reginald Springleer, Hilton Scholtz en Keresha Naidoo van 26 Februarie – 1 Maart 2024, **oorweeg en daarvan kennis geneem word.**

## IZINDULULO

Kundululwe ukuba **makuthathelwe ingqalelo kwaye kuqwalaselwe** ingxelo engohambo oluya kwiNkomfa noMboniso wezoThutho yeMENA oluthatyathwe nguReginald Springleer, Hilton Scholtz noKeresha Naidoo ngowama26 kweyoMdumba ukuya kowo1 kweyoKwindla 2024.

## 9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

The connection between sustainable mobility and liveability or quality of life is critical for the City to learn more about and leverage in its plans, programmes and projects. Cape Town, along with other cities in South Africa and worldwide, has committed to achieving carbon neutrality and climate resilience by 2050. With transport being the biggest contributor to CO2 emissions, significant changes need to occur within the Urban Mobility space. To this end the City is pursuing more sustainable and greener ways of providing mobility and the conference was considered an opportunity to capacitate City officials on the latest research and advances in these areas. It also provided an opportunity to be exposed to the latest thinking and innovations in sustainable transport, including electric vehicles, Non-Motorised Transport, resilient infrastructure, while also meeting and networking with other cities and organisations, so learning can continue beyond the conference.

The presentation given on universal accessibility and sustainability provided learnings and insights that could inform the current update of the City's Universal Access Policy for Transport.

Furthermore, the UITP used the conference as opportunity to introduce its intentions to expand its work and collaborative efforts in Africa. A session was held with the representatives from Africa to discuss the way forward on this and how cities could be involved. Keen interest was shown for Cape Town to either chair or at least be part of the committee that would coordinate the Africa efforts.

The sessions on Sustainability for the future, explored the core of sustainable public transport, focusing on strategic financial management, advanced security integration, and sustainable policy and community engagement. This session highlighted how these elements integrate for a resilient, efficient transport network, emphasizing innovative finance, security technology, and stakeholder involvement to shape a sustainable future.

One of the key principles of operating a fleet of public transport vehicles, is that the organisation needs to be customer centric, integrate horizontally with the manufacturers and the dealerships, developing driver centric principles and utilise cross functional teams to improve efficiency. This led to a reduction in breakdowns, cost savings and improved maintenance efficiency in the Road and Transport Authority of Dubai (RTA).

The RTA has demonstrated that through Public Private Partnerships, Commercial Transformation and Social Stewardship, public transport can become sustainable. This includes the e-hailing platform partnerships (Ca'reem) and the hypermedia campaigns.

In the example of Oslo, sustainability was achieved by doubling the ridership, while the difference was made up from grants from the Federal government.

With the environmental component of the sustainability of Cities, we need to have a shift in our mind-set, by a deliberate action. Instead of imagining cities we should ask: "How to build Cities" and instead of predicting the future we should design it

Additional insights from Director: Public Transport:

Setting foot in Dubai, I was immediately fascinated with the seamless integration of the public transport system. From the airport, one could access the Dubai Metro, operated by the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) of Dubai to almost all main attraction areas within Dubai. Also the integration of rail, bus, taxis, metered taxis, all under the same umbrella of RTA stood out for me. Starting the conference, the theme "sustainable mobility and wellbeing" immediately came through the various sessions that focussed on case studies across the Middle East and Northern Africa region as well as some areas of Europe and America. What also became immediately evident for me was that the City of Cape Town, with its mobility initiatives, viz. MyCiTi, rail devolution feasibility study, the subsidised bus operation assignment and the minibus-taxi reform is right up there with the best cities in the world when it comes to public transport provision. The most important aspect is that all the modes are managed by one entity. It was also very gratifying to hear the presentations from officials in the policy and regulatory space of their cities, allowing one to understand first-hand the challenges and how they overcome it. As for the exhibition, the high quality of the exhibits gave an opportunity for me to gauge where the Public Transport Department of the Directorate is at in terms of world best practices. A typical example was that no exhibition has diesel buses on display. All the buses on display was Battery Electric Buses. In addition, it was also gratifying to see that the automated fare collection systems in our MyCiTi buses are from the same companies who has exhibition stands. This in itself showed me that the City is on par with the best in the world.

Strategically, it was also good to attend this conference as the content was directly in line with the City's IDP Objective 12, "sustainable and integrated transport system".

A key highlight for me was to attend a meeting with the organisers of the UITP members to address the integration and knowledge sharing options between the North African and Middle East member cities and the Sub-Saharan Africa member cities. This, in my view is very crucial learning outcomes in that our officials have the opportunity to be trained through the UITP academy on transport initiatives that are key to sustainability. Furthermore, I also believe that Cape Town has the ability and the expertise to showcase some of its initiatives that can assist other cities around the world.

As an outcome of the meeting, it was agreed that the Urban Mobility representatives will convene a follow up meeting with the organisers of UITP to further the collaboration and learning opportunities. This meeting will happen in the next few weeks.

It is proposed that the Directorate reinforces its membership status within the UITP in order to regularly expose the relevant officials to benefit from the training offered by UITP.”

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## 10. ANNEXURES

### FOR FURTHER DETAILS, CONTACT:

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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

DALENE CAMPBELL

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**MANAGER: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

COMMENT:

DR. DENVER VAN SCHALKWYK

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DATE

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**LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

☐ NON-COMPLIANT

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