

Statement by the City's Executive Mayor, Patricia de Lille

Partnerships to provide quality transport infrastructure prove we can make progress possible together

Note to editors: the following speech was delivered by City of Cape Town Executive Mayor, Patricia de Lille, at the official opening of the Century City MyCiTi station today, 13 August 2015.

Mayoral Committee Member: Transport for Cape Town, Councillor Brett Herron

Mayoral Committee Members

Transport Portfolio Committee members

Representatives of Rabie Property Group

Representatives of the Century City Property Owners Association

Members of the media

Honoured guests

Good afternoon, goeie middag, molweni

It gives me great pleasure to be with you all today in launching yet another milestone on our journey to provide a safe, quality and reliable transport service to the people of Cape Town.

It has been just over four years since we started the journey to implement an integrated rapid transport system.

The word 'integration' in this sense not only speaks about the integration of a transport network to ensure a more seamless journey for commuters.

But what we have found in our mission to provide a world-class service is that we need to see an integration of ideas and form partnerships and cooperate with key stakeholders in our city.

Today we celebrate a partnership with the Rabie Property Group who have shared in our vision to provide quality transport and infrastructure.

This project is a prime example of how well private and public partnerships can work.

And it is further demonstration of how we are connecting residents all over the city with opportunities, as this route links to a number of residential, industrial, retail and office development areas.

The construction of this MyCiTi station was entirely funded by the Rabie Property Group at a cost of R30 million as part of their development fees to contribute towards the cost of bulk infrastructure.

In this case, their contribution towards bulk infrastructure was offset against the design and building of the MyCiTi Century City station.

This represents the most significant private sector contribution towards public transport improvements made in the City of Cape Town to date.

The City thanks you, Rabie Property Group, for working with us in delivering another quality infrastructure project to our residents.

The station has now been handed over to the City to manage, maintain and operate in terms of our agreement with Century City.

I am also pleased with one of the unique additions to this station as it will include retail space for retailers to benefit from the foot traffic in this prime location.

The revenue derived from the leasing of this space will form part of additional income streams for Transport for Cape Town.

We remain committed to realising our true potential by continuing our roll-out of a world-class public transport service that connects residents to opportunities.

But when we work with the private sector, we will be able to do more and to do it quicker.

The City of Cape Town is open for business and we are open to integrating ideas and projects that will bring greater socio-economic gains to benefit the city and its residents.

By working together, we can make progress possible through delivering a sustainable and quality transport service.

Thank you, baie dankie, enkosi.