YOUR GUIDE TO
BEATING TRAFFIC, TOGETHER
Cape Town Transport 2019

Cape Town’s road network
City roads       10 302 km
Provincial roads     943 km
National roads (SANRAL)    192 km
Private roads      592 km
Foot bridges      178
Rail bridges      444
114
Stormwater conduits and canals   7 364 km
Signalised traffic intersections 1 500

18% rail (Metrorail)
1 014 km of rail network
23 routes on 4 main corridors
125 stations
33.7% of trains are delayed
50.48% of trains are on time
17.82% of trains are cancelled
54 operating train sets
Over 128 728 passenger trips daily (December 2018/19)

53% private transport
Car ownership 95% in high-income communities

9% walking and cycling
440 km of cycle lanes

Bus Rapid Transit
32 km of dedicated red road

12% minibus-taxis
SANTACO Western Cape
6 regions
116 associations
13 400 licensed vehicles
1 760 routes
394 000 rank boardings

8% contracted bus services
GIDS, Silvanex and MyCiTi
More than 250 000 passengers a day
Over 1 400 registered buses

CONGESTION IN CAPE TOWN – WHY IS IT GETTING WORSE?

Our roads are getting more congested as the city’s economy grows, and we attract more residents and visitors with all that Cape Town has to offer.

As the number of people wanting to travel in the busy peak periods increases, traffic slows down, making the weekday commute a potentially stressful and time-consuming part of the day.

The steady decline in Cape Town’s rail service means that this efficient way of travel is no longer reliable or pleasant for many people. This has added even more traffic to the road network.

The City of Cape Town has developed several responses to these challenges and invites residents and citizens to be part of the solution.

THE COST OF CONGESTION

- Longer commuting time means higher transport costs
- Work and leisure time is wasted in traffic
- Exhaust fumes cause pollution and global warming
- Teaching and learning time is lost
- Respiratory and heart disease rises

Transport data is dynamic. The statistics used have been sourced from different sources and gathered at different times and thus may not reflect the latest developments in transport use. Sources include the 2013 National Household Travel Survey, the City of Cape Town’s Comprehensive Integrated Transport Plan 2016-2023, Transport Reporting System and Geo-database.

The crisis facing Cape Town’s rail service implies that the estimate of its modal share (18%) may in fact be lower, and the share of other modes therefore higher.
LET’S CHANGE HOW WE TRAVEL

Beating traffic congestion involves everyone. You can help by making a few changes to your travel choices. Start by making one small change at a time from the suggestions below:

Work flexibly to avoid the peak
Leave for work early or come home late once a week to avoid the peak. Talk to your employer about flexible working hours or working from home from time to time.

Be a smart driver
Be a responsible driver on our road network. Take extra care at intersections where most accidents happen and where distracted drivers may miss the lights changing, causing the traffic to back up. Use technology to help plan the most efficient route to your destination.

Mix your modes
While it might not always be practical or safe to walk or cycle to work, think about how you could use these active modes as part of your journey on some days. Park and walk instead of cruising for a better parking bay, walk instead of driving to nearby destinations and find a buddy to walk or cycle with to boost your confidence.

Share a lift
80% of cars travelling in the peak only have one occupant. Ride sharing and e-hailing options are taking cars off the road and offer benefits like reduced driving time and petrol costs.

Ride sharing is a great way to reduce the amount of cars on our roads.

If you intend to transport schoolchildren for money, you need a professional driving permit (PDP) and an operating licence. Fortunately, obtaining a PDP is quick and reasonably priced. Simply visit www.capetown.gov.za to download a PDP application form.

USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT

A national law - the National Land Transport Act - has increased the scope for municipal government to manage and oversee public transport and the City of Cape Town sees this as an important part of making Cape Town a great city to live, work and do business in.

MyCiTi
The City of Cape Town launched its quality MyCiTi bus service in 2010. MyCiTi has set a new standard for public transport with its safe, reliable and affordable services. Visit www.myciti.org.za for more information.

Golden Arrow Bus Services
Golden Arrow Bus Services (GABS) is Cape Town’s oldest bus service. It offers thousands of commuters throughout Cape Town a safe and reliable means of transport. Visit www.gabs.co.za for more information.

Improved public transport infrastructure
Improving transport interchanges for bus and minibus-taxi commuters is under way in several areas. The City works closely with the minibus-taxi industry, recognising that this is a major supplier of transport services to people across the city. The City is investigating ways to prioritise the movement of public transport vehicles.

Rail
Rail is the backbone of the public transport system and key to reducing the traffic on our roads. However, over the past few years rail has been in decline. To fix it, Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA) and the City of Cape Town’s Transport Directorate signed a Memorandum of Action to increase the safety of rail commuters and to rebuild this mode to help reduce the number of cars on our roads. Visit www.prasa.com for more information.
INVESTING IN THE ROAD NETWORK

The City of Cape Town invests in its roads and streets all the time. There are 50 road widening and improvement projects under way across the city.

**Milnerton**

Parts of Plattekloof Road have been converted from a single carriageway to a dual carriageway (dualling), a missing link between Giel Basson Drive (M12) and Tygerberg Valley Road is being completed and parts of Sandown Road and Malibongwe Drive (M12) are also being dualled to alleviate congestion in Table View.

**Far South**

Kommetjie Road is being dualled between Capri Drive and Ou Kaapseweg, and Ou Kaapseweg is being dualled between Kommetjie Road and Noordhoek Road with intersection upgrades to reduce the journey times along the Kommetjie Road corridor. Walking and cycling infrastructure is also being upgraded and a transport plan for the area has been developed.

**Somerset West**

Broadway Boulevard (R44) has been dualled between Beach Road and Main Road. The construction of additional lanes and interchange improvements are ongoing along this section. The upgrades include new infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians.

In Sir Lowry’s Pass Village, a project has been co-funded by developers to improve the dual carriageways as well as walking and cycling facilities. It will see the village streets become safer and more pleasant for all road users.

**Bellville**

Jip de Jager Drive has been extended from Van Riebeeckshof Road to Tygerberg Road. Planning is under way for the dualling of:
- Jip de Jager Drive from Kommissaris Street to Van Riebeeckshof Road
- Eversdal Road between Durbanville Avenue and Fairtrees Road.

Intersection improvements are also being carried out on Durbanville Avenue.

**Kuils River**

Projects are currently in progress with the South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL) to improve and extend Amandel and Saxdowns roads and widen the Bottelary Road off-ramp to the R300. Additional lanes have been added to Strand Road between the R300 and Peter Barlow Drive in partnership with SANRAL. Other projects are also under way to:
- dual Langverwacht Road between Amandel Drive and Zewenwacht Link
- extend Belhar Main Road to Stellenbosch Arterial Road
- extend Saxdowns Road from Langverwacht Road to Van Riebeeck Road.

**Other projects**

Future improvements, which include dualling and intersection upgrades, are being explored for:
- M3 corridor
- Bosmansdam Road
- Voortrekker Road corridor
- Cape Town city bowl
- sections of Berkley Road.

Road improvements are planned or under way for:
- the intersection of Philip Kgosana Drive and Main Road
- Jakes Gerwel Drive to Eisleben Road
- the intersection of Van Riebeeck Road and Langverwacht Road.

Intersection improvements are being explored for:
- Philip Kgosana Drive and Main Road
- Van Riebeeck Road and Langverwacht Road
- MS and Dick Burton Road
- Durbanville Avenue and Eversdal Road
- Voortrekker Road and Cannon Street.
FIND OUT MORE

Transport Information Centre
Call 0800 65 64 63 (free call) or email transport.info@capetown.gov.za for public and other transport-related queries or to report any problems on the road network, including potholes and faulty traffic signals. Operators are available 24/7 to assist in English, Afrikaans and isiXhosa.

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