

# GO!Durban service station to be opened soon

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RESIDENTS will soon have access to an improved public transport service after a meeting was held by Minister of Transport Dr Blade Nzimande, eThekweni Mayor Zandile Gumede, City officials and public transport operators at City Hall on 22 March.

The aim of the meeting was to discuss the progress, achievements and challenges facing the Go!Durban project thus far and how they can be resolved in order to ensure that it starts operating in May this year as planned.

Minister Nzimande said: “The participation of the current public transport industry in new service, as outlined in the National

Land Transport Act of 2009 is critical to make or break this project. It is therefore important that I understand the progress of the project as this is a key determining factor of whether or not we push the button to start operating the service.”

Mayor Gumede welcomed guests to the meeting saying the City has been working hard to ensure that all the necessary boxes are ticked in order for GO!Durban to start operating. “The project has seen 25 unemployed graduates being employed and has ensured that 100 percent of the local labour was drawn from the wards where the projects are happening. This totals to 22 967 job opportunities of which 11 767 were for youth, 3 677 for women and 231 for



**Minister of Transport Dr Blade Nzimande, City Manager Siphon Nzuza and Chairperson of the Human Settlement and Infrastructure Committee, Councillor Mondli Mthembu on a site visit.**

people with disabilities.”

The oversight visit concluded with delegates driving along the entire C3 route which starts in the Pinetown Central Business

District all the way to Bridge City in KwaMashu. The delegation also made a stop at the Regent Station to facilitate an assessment of the system components.