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HONOURABLE. G SCHNEEMANN
CHAIRPERSON: ROADS AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE
GAUTENG PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

Dear Hon Chairperson

**RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS POSED BY THE ROADS AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE
REGARDING GAUTRAIN EXPANSION PLANS**

1. Briefing by MEC on the status quo on the Gautrain expansion plans.

The status update on the Gauteng Rapid Rail Integrated Network ("GRRIN") Extensions Project as at 2nd Quarter of the 2021/22 FY is as follows:

1.1 Gauteng Rapid Rail Integrated Network Extensions Feasibility Study

The outcome of the Treasury Approval I ("TAI") application that was submitted for Phase 1 of the proposed GRRIN Extensions as submitted April 2017 is still pending. Phase 1 connects from the existing Marlboro Station to Little Falls, through Sandton, Randburg, and Cosmo City. Engagements with the National Treasury are ongoing regarding the confirmation of the outcome of this TAI application.

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1.2 Route Determination for Phase 1 of the GRRIN Extensions

The project to undertake the Preliminary Route Alignment Study that will enable the determination of the route for Phase 1 of the proposed GRRIN extensions is progressing. The public participation process that is required as per the prescripts of the Gauteng Transport Infrastructure Act ("GTIA"), was undertaken, and concluded in the period under review. The prescribed notice was published in the Provincial Gazette on 13 July, and was over and above this legislated requirement, also published in five newspapers, as well as the GMA's website.

The public participation process was concluded on 15 August 2021 and resulted in 53 written submissions, and 100 registrations of interested and affected parties. All these submissions were responded to and have subsequently been included in the draft Route Determination Report that is undergoing final reviews prior to submission to the MEC.

1.3 Route Determination for the Soweto Extension and Cosmo City Junction of The GRRIN Extensions

The planning for the project to undertake the Preliminary Route Alignment Study that will enable the MEC responsible for transport infrastructure in Gauteng to determine the route for the Soweto Extension and Cosmo City Junction of the proposed GRRIN Extensions is progressing.

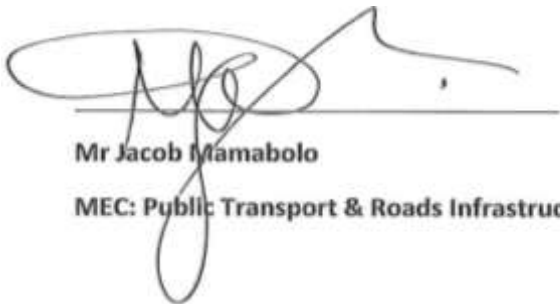
This project also includes the undertaking of the pre-feasibility study to investigate the feasibility of increasing rail coverage in Gauteng. The undertaking of this pre-feasibility forms part of the planning for possible extension of the footprint of the

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rapid rail network to the Eastern, Western, and Southern parts of Gauteng as mentioned in the State of the Province Address 2021.

This project has progressed to an advanced stage of procurement in the period under review, which is namely the commencement of the consolidation of this evaluation by the Bid Evaluation Committee (“BEC”).

Yours faithfully,



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