

Background Information Document (BID) for the proposed Realignment and Upgrade of the Kenneth Kaunda/ Beachway/ Umhlanga Rocks Drive and Blackburn Intersection, Durban North, Ethekewini Municipality

NS Environmental Ref no: P232

Date: 14 June 2019

THE PROPOSED PROJECT

NS Environmental was appointed by the eThekweni Municipality: Development Engineering Department to undertake the Basic Assessment process to obtain an Environmental Authorisation for the intersection upgrade of Kenneth Kaunda/ Beachway/Umhlanga Rocks Drive and Blackburn Intersection.

The proposed realignment of Kenneth Kaunda, Beachway, Umhlanga Rocks Drive and Blackburn Intersection was submitted to the KZN Provincial Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA) with the intention of determining the environmental authorisation requirements for the project. EDTEA determined that the proposed amendments to the road infrastructure constitutes an activity as defined in terms of section 24(2) and 24D of the National environmental Act (NEMA) Act 107 of 1998. Therefore, an Environmental Authorisation will be required.

The proposed intersection will impact the Open Space and Road Reserve located at the corner of Kenneth Kaunda, Umhlanga Rocks Drive and Beachway Roads. The proposed site (open space) can be formally described as Erf 2755, Durban North. The 21-digit SG Code for the site is NOFU00860000275500000. Currently the site affected by the proposed

upgrade is zoned as "Public Open Space" and is owned by the Ethekewini Municipality.

The affected roads will be upgraded as follows;

Proposed Kenneth Kaunda/Beachway/Umhlanga Rocks Drive/Blackburn intersection Upgrade				
Road Name	Length of each intersection leg		Lane Width	
	Existing	Proposed	Existing	Proposed
Beachway	185m	155m	7.0m	7.0 to 18.0m @ intersection
Kenneth Kaunda	125m	180m	7.0m to 21.0m @ intersection	14.0m to 26.0m @ intersection
Blackburn	155m	205m	7.0m to 9.0m @ intersection	7.0m to 18.0m @ intersection
Umhlanga Rocks Drive	175m	175m	14.0m	10.5m to 23.0m @ intersection

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This Background Information Document (BID) provides Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with basic project information, as well as information regarding the Basic Assessment (BA) being undertaken. It further indicates the important role of public participation during the assessment phase, as input from I&APs contributes to ensuring that all potential issues are considered.

LOCALITY

The site is situated approximately 10 km from Umhlanga Rocks. Geographical co-ordinates for the study area are (29°46'39.68"S) (31°

2'1.84"E). The proposed site is formally described as on Erf 2755, Durban North.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

According to the National Environmental Management Act (Act no. 107 of 1998), EIA Regulations promulgated on the 4th December 2014 a Basic Assessment process must be undertaken for the proposed development. The following listed activities of the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations will be applied for:

The proposed development triggers Activity 18 of the Government Notice Regulations (GNR) 985 of the EIA Regulations, December 2014 as amended

Activity 18:

The widening of a road by more than 4 meters, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 Kilometre.

(d) In Kwazulu Natal

(xiii) In Urban Areas:

(aa) Areas zoned for use as public open space

NEED AND DESIRABILITY

- The current situation in the area is characterised by heavy congestion during peak traffic hours;
- The Municipality believes that the Realignment and Upgrade of the Kenneth Kaunda/ Beachway/ Umhlanga Rocks Drive and Blackburn Intersection, will alleviate the current heavy congestion
- There will be employment opportunities during the construction period of this road.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation is a process that invites Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to submit their comments on the proposed project. I&APs are invited to participate by

registering with the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) undertaking the environmental authorisation process. The public participation process is intended to:

- Provide the public with information on the proposed development
- Provide the public with information on the BA.
- Provide I&APs an opportunity to seek clarity and raise any issues or concerns.

Should you wish to register as an I&AP, please complete the I&AP registration form at the end of this document before the close of this commenting period. The commenting period is 30 days from the date of this notice.

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Locality Map
Realignment and upgrade of Kenneth Kaunda Road/ Beachway Street/
Umhlanga Rocks Drive and Blackburn Road

- Legend**
- Durban North Pharmacy
 - Total - Whynotte Service Station
 - Umhlanga Rocks Drive intersection

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NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL BASIC ASSESSMENT

Notice is hereby given in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), of intent to carry out the following activity:

ACTIVITY

Proposed Realignment and Upgrade of the Kenneth Kaunda/ Beachway/ Umhlanga Rocks Drive and Blackburn Intersection, Durban North, located within the Ethekewini Municipality

LOCATION

Erf 2755, Durban North

GEOGRAPHICAL CO-ORDINATES

(29°46'39.68"S) (31° 2'1.84"E)

PROJECT APPLICANT

eThekwini Municipality Development Engineering Department

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In order to register as an interested and affected party, please submit your name, contact information, and interest in the project in writing to the EAP within 30 days of this advertisement. Further information on the project can also be obtained from the above contact details.

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Interested & Affected Party (I&AP) Registration Form

Name and Surname	
Landline number	
Cell number	
Fax number	
Email address	
Physical address	
Postal address	
Project name	
Date of comment	
Comment	

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