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Att: Vicki King

Dear Sir/Madam,

DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CAPACITY UPGRADES TO THE N2 AND N3, FROM CATO RIDGE INTERCHANGE (KM 19.4) TO LYNNFIELD PARK (KM 30.6), OUTER WEST REGION.

With reference to the abovementioned Draft Basic Assessment Report, please be advised that various Municipal Departments have had sight of the proposal and the following comments are submitted for your attention:-

1. eThekweni Electricity Department.

The H.V. Operations has no objection to the above mentioned application. Eskom will need to be consulted for an approval as they have infrastructure crossing the N3 in multiple locations.

Further, a separate approval must be obtained from MV/LV Operations regarding the availability of Existing Infrastructure and capacity to cater for this development.

- 1.1. The applicant must consult eThekweni Electricity's mains records (held in the drawing office at eThekweni Electricity Headquarters, 1 Jelf Taylor Crescent, for the presence of underground electrical services. In addition should any overhead line and/or servitude be affected, the specific permission of the Head: Electricity must be sought regarding the proposed development.

- 1.2. The relocation of MV/LV electrical services, if required in order to accommodate the proposed development, will be carried out at the expense of the applicant.

2. Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department.

The Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) for the planned widening of the N3 Freeway and associated interchanges – between Cato Ridge and Lynnfield Park has reference.

This Department has no biodiversity concerns regarding the upgrading of the N3 freeway and the Cato Ridge Interchange. The sites affected within the eThekweni Municipality are noted as being of low ecological value and as such impacts to these areas, if managed and mitigated correctly will not result in degradation to the local receiving environment.

This Department may comment further upon submission of the Final Basic Assessment and review of Interested and Affected Parties comments on the Draft Basic Assessment Report.

3. Land Use Management Branch.

- 3.1. The subject area (Cato Ridge Interchange) is identified and described as a National Route (N3), new ramps to be upgraded also falls within the boundaries of the National Route.
- 3.2. The N3 off-ramp Cato Ridge bound from Durban has an administration zone, however since this piece of land is owned by SANRAL, there is no unforeseen negative impact that may arise from the land use.
- 3.3. According to the Outer West Spatial Development Plan (OWSDP), the site form a link to the Investment Opportunity Nodes of Shongweni, Keystone and Cato Ridge.

This Branch has no objection to the Background Information Document at this stage.

4. Strategic Spatial Planning Branch.

This Branch has no objection in principle to upgrades proposed in the Draft Basic Assessment application at this stage. The subject area forms part of the Durban-Free State-Gauteng logistics and industrial corridor and the upgrades are planned in line with the Strategic Infrastructure Projects. The proposed upgrade will accommodate the future growth envisioned and should alleviate some of the capacity constraints.

The Strategic Spatial Planning Branch's comments are subject to the following comments:

- 4.1. This Branch's support is subject to the applicant meeting all sector requirements.

- 4.2. This support should not be deemed to be an approval of the eThekwini Municipality.
- 4.3. This Branch reserves the right to comment further should the need arise.

5. Coastal, Stormwater and Catchment Management.

This Department has no objection to the proposal however, this Department requires that the increased hardening which will increase the runoff needs to be mitigated.

6. Parks, Leisure and Cemeteries.

No comment received.

7. Pavement and Geotechnical Engineering.

No comment received.

8. eThekwini Transport Authority.

No Objection in principle to the Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) for the Strategic Infrastructure Project (SIP 2), SANRAL's proposed capacity upgrades to the N2 & N3, for the section of the N3 from the Cato Ridge Interchange (Km 19.4) to Lynnfield Park (Km 30.6), traversing Ethekewini Municipality, Mkhamaathini and Msunduzi Local Municipalities.

The following being noted :-

- 8.1. Majority of this section of the upgrades falls outside of the Ethekewini Municipal Boundary.
- 8.2. These upgrades are in line with the ETA Transport Master plan.
- 8.3. Any upgrades proposed at the existing Cato Ridge interchange will need to be reviewed / re-configured once the new interchange is confirmed.

9. Environmental Health Department.

No comment received.

10. eThekwini Water and Sanitation Department.

No comment received.

11. Cleansing and Solid Waste.

CSW has no requirement for this proposal.

12. Disaster Management.

No concerns from this Department.

13. Fire Safety.

No comment received.

Should you seek clarification on any of the above issues, please contact the writer on telephone: 031 - 3117136 or via e-mail: diane.vanrensburg@durban.gov.za in addition, the Department requests that a copy of the Environmental Authorisation be emailed to the same address.

Yours faithfully



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