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Mobility in Johannesburg Context

- Apartheid spatial planning deliberate exclusion of communities.
- Apartheid transport provision and the rise of the minibus taxi sector.
- 53 to 47% modal split: Private car to Public Transport.
- Cars as status symbols
- Hosting of the FIFA World Cup: Legacy Projects.
GDS 2040: Fundamental Transformation
Two new programmes and set of five year outputs under banner of “eco mobility”

- **Programme 1: Promotion of public transport, walking and cycling**
  - Roll out of Rea Vaya BRT as part of integrated mass transit network
  - Promotion of walking and cycling
  - Travel demand management (esp. Peak period car use)

- **Programme 2: Transport infrastructure and congestion management**
  - Implementation of “Complete Streets” that are people friendly
  - Appropriate mobility for freight, logistics, delivery and service vehicles
  - Transport infrastructure construction, upgrading and maintenance
  - Intelligent transport systems
  - Road safety
REA VAYA BRT
National Public Transport Strategy of 2007 creates the framework for mode shifts...

- Fully supports direction to roll out integrated PT and NMT network in phases with aim of 85% of city residents within 500m access of network.
- Increasing road and parking space for cars is not viable, equitable or sustainable.
- Estimates that in 6 metro cities a combined total of 2.5m people use a car to work. 2 million of these are car drivers and 1 million of these do not need a car at work. These are prime target for positive mode shift onto high quality public transport networks like the Rea Vaya BRT.
- Of the 5m students in the 6 metros, around 1m use a car to go to school.
- Getting a good, basic integrated, city regulated public transport system in place is critical to reduce energy and carbon footprints in Johannesburg. Getting 6 car drivers onto Rea Vaya covers the energy use of an articulated bus carrying 120 passengers!
Transport Values
Opportunities to scale up...?

- Dispersed cities like Johannesburg need a lot more infrastructure to cover the same number of people when compared to denser cities like Bogota or Hong Kong.

- To avoid gridlock in the next decade the city simply has to find a way to accelerate the rollout of up to 300km of BRT trunk corridors to maximally cover the city and to transform all existing bus and minibus services into a single Rea Vaya system.

- A citywide network that can retain existing public transport users and attract at least 20% of current car users is the only way to go for a city like Johannesburg.

- To achieve this will take a massive effort across the spheres of government as well as across the city and with all local stakeholders and investors.
THANK YOU