

TECHNICAL WORKSHOP 1 – ETHEKWINI METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY



Durban Inner-city Tour

1. BACKGROUND

The eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality is the largest City in this province and the third largest city in the country. It is a sophisticated cosmopolitan city of over 3 442 398 people (as per 2011 Census). It is known as the home of Africa's best-managed, busiest port and is also a major centre of tourism. Its land area of 2,297 square km is comparatively larger than other South African cities.

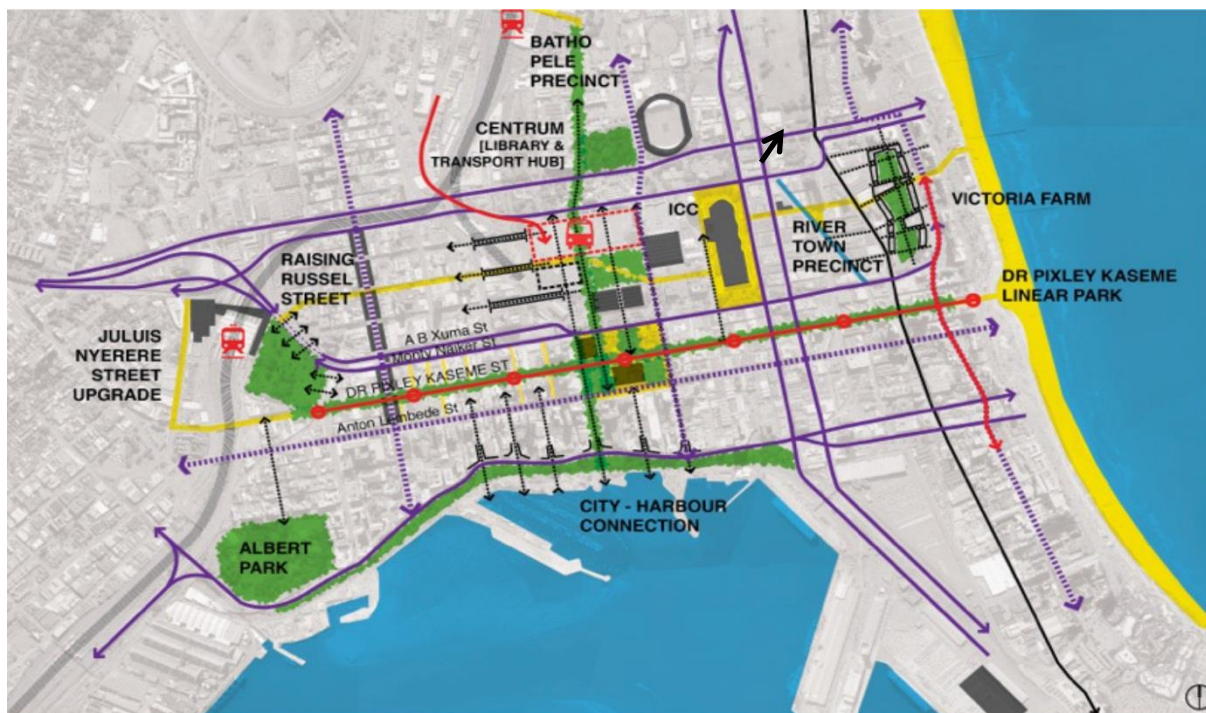
The eThekweni Municipality landscape is still dominated by apartheid planning, which was based on racially divided places of residence. This is reflected in the current state of the Inner- City, the streets design and the building types within the city still resemble the social divisions. Warwick as a point of entry to the city (city gateway) is still perceived and regarded as downtown by its design, it was meant to cater for non-white commuters (Indian and black people) whom were not allowed to travel further than Russell Street and portions of Grey street, now DR Yusuf Dadoo. The built form of this side of town still resembles the Indian nation, as it was the only area where Indians were allowed to buy properties, and where black communities were afforded a temporal accommodation around this transport node.

The urban design of the core was for the white supreme, the existing spatial character of the core still commands this authority. The core provides for high order of social facilities (City, Post office, Social welfare, etc.), which was not equally accessible to all people. Even though

South Africans have moved away from social division and adopted democracy nothing much was done to redress the spatial imbalance. The urban design of the City centre and associated infrastructure i.e. one way road network and gated buildings are still contributing to further divide of people. This has contributed to the current decay of the Inner- City, which is now accompanied by the vacant buildings, traffic, safety and security challenges.

Through the Inner City LAP and Regeneration Strategy currently underway, the city is trying to redress spatial segregation and make an effort to reconnect and integrate the city. Key changes include, reverting back to two way streets, prioritising some roads to be pedestrian friendly, invest in urban design to achieve connected and safe open space and capitalise on investment to revitalise the City and create an investor friendly environment. While the plan is underway there are a number of catalytic projects that the City is facilitating to bring investment in the city, integrate the community and promote a live, work and play environment.

2. LOCATION MAP



3. DESCRIPTION OF THE TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS

This tour consists of three sites. The first site will take delegates through the Inner- City. The tour will start at the Warwick walk on Grey Street and turn to Anton Lembede down to the City Hall and have entertainment at the City Hall Park.

The second part of the tour involves meeting at the City Hall and walking across the Gugu Dlamini Park to the centrum sites to view the government precinct and the future of the centrum and how it fits into a current function of the city. The delegates will then walk across to the ICC through KE Masinga Street and get to the beach front to experience the promenade. This is a shared space where social integration, active and vibrant city will be discussed (the city we need).

The third part of the tour will start at the city hall with a walk toward the Marina (Victoria Embankment), to Wilson Wharf, and stop at the Bat Centre for Music and fine dining. The walk will carry on towards the Ushaka Marine and Point Waterfront where delegates will have a presentation on the future plans of the Point Waterfront, Beach Front upgrade and future expansion of the promenade.



4. 4 INNER-CITY SPATIAL PRINCIPLES

- A Connected City
- A Walkable City
- An Integrated and Inclusive City
- Realising the Potential



A Connected City

- Physical connections - roads, cycle and pedestrian
- Connected Open Space - green and blue
- Social and Economic Connections



A Walkable City

- Mixed-use and densified with access to public transport and a range of economic and social opportunities
- Structured around walkable neighbourhoods with a 400m radius



Land Use Intensity - An Integrated and Inclusive City

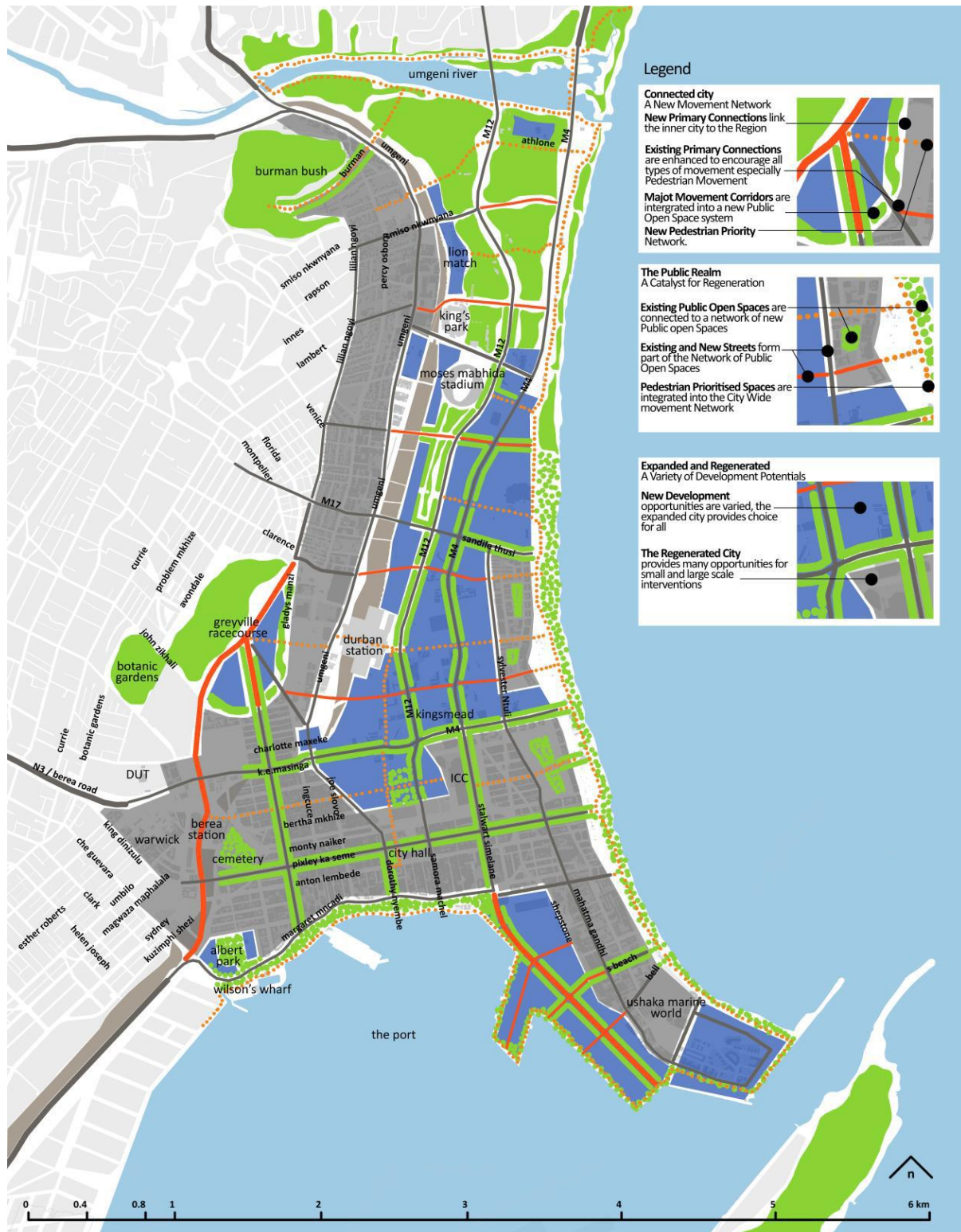
- Wide range of choice of housing and economic opportunities
- Commercial, Social, cultural and heritage facilities for the wider metropolitan region



Unleash the Potential

- Regenerate and Expand
- Include Existing Projects
- Identify New Projects

5. INNER-CITY LOCAL AREA PLAN



6. EXPECTED OUTCOME

- A set of walkable connected neighbourhoods where land use intensity will vary depending on location within this framework
- Land use intensity will be greatest at the heart of the walkable neighbourhoods, in the most connected locations with a varied mix of land uses and higher densities (retail, commercial and residential)
- Land use intensity will also be high along open space areas where the public amenity is high and contributes to property value e.g. residential and tourism development along the waterfront, parks and sporting areas
- Other land uses that need to be accessed by the general population will occur along the connecting roads e.g. social services
- Less dense residential development and allied uses will occur in the spaces between the connectors

7. ITINERARY

Technical Workshop Item	Description	Time
Workshop delegates depart from Durban ICC	All participants and delegates depart from the Durban ICC to the City Hall to meet and greet the Mayor. Participants and delegates receive a presentation of the Durban Inner-City LAP and Regeneration Study	Depart - 08:00 and arrive at 08:30 at City Hall Depart from City Hall at 10:00
Delegates will be divided into three manageable groups	Depart from City Hall, walk across Gugu Dlamini Park/ the workshop passes the centrum sites to demonstrate the Government Precinct and the future of the centrum site. From there delegates will walk toward the Warwick Precinct via Monty Naiker, past Dr Yusuf Dadoo and Bertha Mkhize streets to get into Warwick. Delegates will have a first-hand	10:00 – 11:45

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	experience of South African Asian Markets, the former non-white town centre and informal shopping at the Berea Station. The associated built form says a lot about the rich history of the area. The congress will visit key strategic sites and spend time at the Dennis Hurley Centre for a Warwick Precinct presentation and informal discussion of the role of the centre.	
Workshop delegates depart from Warwick	Delegates will hop into a Rickshaw Bus toward the Marina driving past Bertha Mkhize, Yusuf Dadoo streets to access the Wilsons Wharf through Margaret Mcadi Avenue.	11:45 – 12:05
	Delegates will then go on a boat ride and experience Durban's port while discussing Durban Port Expansion future plans and the Marina development challenges and proposals.	12:05 – 13:30
River Town (Beerhall) Precinct from the Durban Marina to Rivertown	Delegates will again hop into a Rickshaw bus taking them to the River Town Precinct for a Centrum Precinct presentation. Lunch will be had outside the River Town Beerhall in the beautiful Durban weather to experience Durban's fine street dining experience with local entertainment and different cuisines that represents Durban's diversity.	13:30 – 15:30

Technical Workshop Item	Description	Time
Durban Beach Front (The Promenade)	After Lunch the delegates walk the Promenade, where they will experience the Promenade. Delegates will be encouraged to board a Durban Rickshaw at their own cost, use a bicycle or walk along the promenade.	15:30 – 17:30
Delegates return to Durban ICC		

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