



IMPACT OF BUS STRIKE WILL BE FELT THROUGHOUT THE CITY

Date Published: 12 APR 2017

Nearly 300 000 people use buses in Cape Town every working day so the impact of the bus strike will be felt throughout the City.

It comes at a time when Metrorail is underperforming and running at close to capacity during commuting hours leaving commuters with very few alternatives but private cars and taxis.

This would cost both time and money in terms of taxi fees and lost productivity.

I appealed to employers to be understanding and urge motorists to give colleagues lifts wherever possible. In fact, this might be a good time to start lift clubs and plan car-sharing schemes for the future. Perhaps this is a crisis we should use to find new ways to beat Cape Town's traffic congestion problems.

It's difficult to predict the effects on the economy as this depends on how long the strike lasts. It comes at a very bad time for business as April has three public holidays and we lost business during the protests last week. In addition, the month has also brought us the credit down grade so the combined effects will be serious but almost impossible to quantify at this stage.

Some areas will suffer more than others. MyCiti has been providing a good service to Milnerton and beyond and with no rail alternative we can expect monster traffic jams.

Council should give cars with more than one occupant permission to use the red lane normally reserved for buses. Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures and we might well learn something from the improvisation.

Janine Myburgh

President of the Cape Chamber



CAPE CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

Tags: bus strike, business, cape chamber, Chamber Says, Golden Arrow, Infrastructure, Janine Myburgh, metrorail, MyCiTi, small business, Small Business Development, SME, SMME, strike, transport, where opportunity meets

Categories: Featured Item, Press Releases