

PROPOSED N21 (R300) CAPE TOWN RING ROAD

FOCUS GROUP MEETING: AUTHORITIES

DATE: 14th November 2003
TIME: 11h30 – 12h30
VENUE: SANRAL Offices, Parc du Cap, Bellville
FACILITATOR: Desiree du Preez

1. ATTENDANCE

PRESENT	ORGANISATION
W Kloppers	Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
P Venter	Penway Consortium
N Daly	SANRAL
T van Schalkwyk	GMKS
D du Preez	Chand Ecosense JV
E Herschell	Chand Ecosense JV

2. INTRODUCTION

D du Preez thanked those present for attending the meeting. She stated that the aim of this meeting was to present the proposed alignment to Ms Kloppers, to answer her queries and to record any concerns that she, as a representative of the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF), may have.

T van Schalkwyk presented the alignment to Ms Kloppers, and indicated areas that could be of concern to the DWAF.

3. DISCUSSION

D du Preez asked if Ms Kloppers had any questions or concerns.

I&AP	COMMENT/ QUESTION	PROJECT TEAM	RESPONSE/COMMENT/ QUESTION	ACTION
W Kloppers	Is this the final proposed route?	P Venter	Yes. I would think that what is especially important for you to comment on, are the bridges over streams.	
W Kloppers	Agreed, the Water Act states that changes to river banks or flow require a permit.	D du Preez	How long do permits take to be issued?	
W Kloppers	3 to 6 months. Are you	P Venter	Yes, this is an issue that we are aware of.	

	considering the proposed False Bay Ecology Park.			
W Kloppers	Do you know that certain groups want to have it classified as a Ramsar site? Have you considered any alternatives in this area?	P Venter	Yes. In terms of the space available, alternatives are not possible.	
W Kloppers	What is the background to this project?	P Venter	The route was identified in the 1970s. We are proposing to build about 80% of the original route. In 1998, the private consortium, Penway, put in a bid to SANRAL to build it.	
		T van Schalkwyk	Yes. The section in the south was called the False Bay Coastal Arterial. We would need to construct bridges over the Groot and Klein Lotus Rivers.	
		P Venter	Also the Sand River. The R300 is an existing route and we do not foresee any problems there.	
W Kloppers	Yes. Also the Kuils River.	T van Schalkwyk	In that area, we would need to regrade the N1 interchange by lowering the road, but making the bridge longer.	
		D du Preez	There are also a number of small streams which run through the farms in sector 3.	
		T van Schalkwyk	The proposed alignment would also traverse a dam on the farm Phisantekraal.	
W Kloppers	The Diep River crossing is important. Will the	T van Schalkwyk	It will be passing the waste site on the northern side. A buffer	

	alignment be going through the waste site?		area has been maintained.	
		P Venter	We have been holding monthly meetings with the City of Cape Town.	
W Kloppers	Yes, Waste Management need to be informed. Have you consulted with the people from Morningstar?	P Venter	Yes, the minutes of this meeting are available.	
W Kloppers	Have there been any problems in the Blouberg/Melkbos areas?	P Venter	Note that the original proposal ended at Melkbos – it now ends at Blouberg. We have included the Blaauwberg Municipality's proposal for the East-West Arterial Alignment.	
W Kloppers	What about the Blouberg Conservation Area?	D du Preez	Yes, there is a buffer zone between the proposed road and this area.	
W Kloppers	Our greatest concerns would include bridges over rivers, the span and height of these bridges, potential flooding, impeding water flow etc.	P Venter	This detail would be available during the tender phase.	
		T van Schalkwyk	See green below	
W Kloppers	I would like to see the specialist report.	D du Preez	I will put the freshwater ecologist and the groundwater specialist reports onto CD and forward it to you.	DdP

5. CONCLUSION

After ascertaining that there were no more queries or concerns, D du Preez closed the meeting at 12h30.

T van Schalkwyk	Bertram van Zyl – versoek gekry beplande dam – not interfere. Wasn't aware XXX finaliseer.
W Kloppers	Daar was 'n ondersoek – not gerealiseer is; kyk of dit 'n moontlikheid is.