

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING FOR 2010 FIFA WORLD CUP SOUTH AFRICA –  
EVENT OPERATIONAL PLANS**

**Guest Speaker : Gregory William Pryce-Lewis, Pr Tech Eng  
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Greg was educated at Graeme College, Grahamstown and at the Port Elizabeth Technikon (now Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University) where he completed a Masters Diploma in Transportation in 1987. Between 1973 and 2008 he was employed by the now, Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, Directorate of Infrastructure and Engineering where his experience covered a wide range of projects in the road design, traffic and transportation engineering fields. As Assistant Director: Transportation, he was responsible for the preparation of Integrated Transport Plans, Public Transport Plans and, more recently the planning and design of a Bus Rapid Transit system and planning of the transport operational plan for the 2010 Fifa World Cup. SSI Engineers and Environmental Consultants now employ him as a Principal Associate in the Transport Sector, where he has continued his involvement in planning for the 2010 Fifa World Cup.

Greg is 54 years old and is married with two children. His hobbies include Mountain Biking, reading and he is a qualified Championship Show Judge for the Dog Agility discipline.

**SYNOPSIS**

Port Elizabeth is a Host City for the 2010 Fifa World Cup and will host 8 games, including a quarter final and the third / fourth place play off. The event is the biggest sporting tournament ever to be held in South Africa, and Host Cities have to comply with the requirements and guidelines set by Fifa and the Local Organising Committee for the organisation and supply of transport services.

The Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality is constructing a new stadium in North End and is making the necessary arrangements for the upgrading of the transportation network to ensure that transport services comply with the requirements. These arrangements include the upgrading and construction of new transportation infrastructure, the restructuring of public transport operations, the implementation of special event related public transport services, provision of parking and traffic control measures.

The restructuring of the public transport system is a key element that will be highlighted in the presentation. The Nelson Mandela Bay is one of the only areas in the country where the minibus taxi industry and the local, subsidised, bus company are being restructured into a new operating entity that will operate the new Bus Rapid Transit system and its feeder services. The restructuring process has involved intensive negotiations with transport operators to arrive at a mutually acceptable institutional arrangement. The successful implementation of the new system will have a profound impact on the city and its future growth as a "world class city".

The presentation will also provide details of the planning process that has been adopted, financial arrangements, organisational aspects and the implementation programme for transport services during 2010 as well as the proposed new Bus Rapid Transit system in Nelson Mandela Bay.

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