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The Blackheath City Improvement District August 2019 Newsletter.

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Welcome to the August 2019 BCID Newsletter.

We are celebrating dam levels of around 80% with the promise of some more rain this week. This is great news for Cape Town, although, if the last few days heat wave is anything to go by then we are in for another very hot summer this year.

The Blackheath CID staff are very busy addressing the rapid Spring growth, mowing, weed pulling and are also planning to plant more trees in September.

As you all know the constant and further damage to the local Fever Trees is ongoing despite our efforts to protect them from being debarked.

The PVA treatment to the bark is a temporary measure and with the harsh local climate, it does not last for more than a month or two. Resources are challenged in repeating applications as regularly as this both for cost and manpower and so it would make sense to rather plan to replace the trees in time with trees that will be more hardy and less attractive to "Muti collectors".

For those who missed the story on SABC's Fokus on the 09th of June 2019, here is the link to that story:

[YouTube link - SABC Fokus 09 June 2019](#)





Upgrades in Rand Road.





Road infrastructure upgrades have taken place in the cul de sac in Rand Road to enable access to the property at the rear of the PERI Formwork Scaffolding Engineering (Pty) Ltd Premises.

This will allow for better access and turning circles in the area.

Buttskop Road - Roadworks and non-motorised transport lanes.



Concerns have arisen relating to the quality of workmanship and lane widths in the Buttskop Road area. The BCID Staff have been engaging with the City in this regard and have flagged a range of concerns relating to vehicle turning circles, lane widths and the levels. Concerns have also been raised about the type of kerbs that have been placed there.

The sharp edged kerbstones do not bode well with heavy vehicles and may pose a threat to tyres and indeed the life span of the kerbs themselves.

Heavy vehicles pose a challenge to the painted lines in the area and the Municipality recently completed a program to renew lines, especially along this route.

The plan is to attend to the broken up black top on the corner of Trafford and Anfield Roads as part of the tarring of the Buttskop Road sections.



Delays at Frederick Street are as a result of the fact that Eskom is required to move their power lines.

This is impacting on the completion of tarring works along the entire Butskop Road.

We trust that Eskom will attend to this request as soon as they are operationally able to do so.

Range Road improvements and raised intersections.



The raised intersection and additional stop controls that have been implemented in Range Road have increased safety along this route and have definitely assisted in reducing speeds between Anfield Road and the Blackheath Station.

In time we believe that the intersection of Anfield Road and Range Road will also be raised, this will further address safety at this intersection. In the past vehicle driving speeds and the failure to stop at the Stop controls in Range Road were a huge concern.

Driver behaviour is a major concern throughout the City and we act to ensure that we improve road safety within the Blackheath Industrial Area.

We would like to see further raised intersections being implemented at the intersection of School and Wimbledon Roads and also Heath Close and Wimbledon Road in the future.



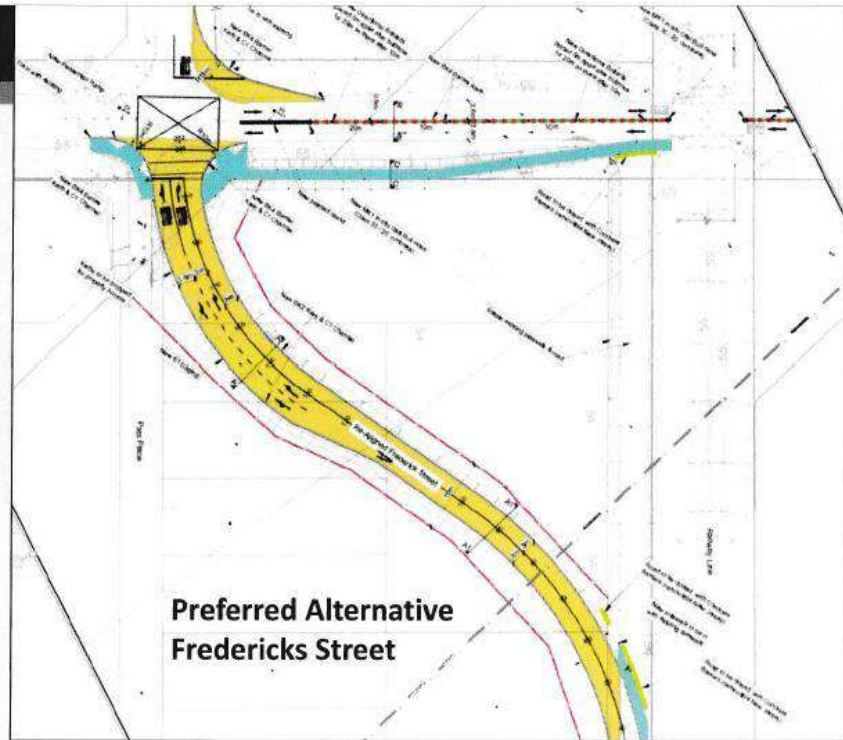
Buttskop Railway Level Crossing

The closure of Frederick Street adjacent to the Buttskop Road level crossing is the first step in addressing the challenges being experienced in Buttskop Road and will surely make for a better arrangement and especially at the level crossing.

Delays are being experienced in anticipation of the moving of the Eskom infrastructure.

Despite this, we trust that the roadworks here and all along Buttskop Road will be completed soon. The delays have caused much irritation and in some instances a danger to road users.

Current Work



The City of Cape Town has had many interactions regarding the future of the Blackheath Railway Level Crossing. Public engagements are set to start in October 2019.

Several options have been proposed and a preferred option has been identified. This and the other alternatives will be showcased at a public meeting in Blackheath in October.

I will ensure that all registered property owners are informed of the date set for this engagement and I urge you to register your opinion in this regard, whether in support of the proposed improvements or to voice further concerns or opinions in this regard in the interest of public safety and the future of accessibility via the Strand / Butskop Road entrance to the Blackheath Industrial Area.

Comparison of Alternatives

Buttskop Grade Separation Alternatives (17 Oct 2018)					
Alternative	1A	1B	2A	2B	2C
Short term cost (in yellow)	R76.3m	R89.8m	R81.4m	R83.1m	R82.6m
Long term cost (in grey)	R151.2m	R115.7m	R59m	R65.6m	R65.5m
Total cost	R227.3m	R206.5m	R140.4m	R148.7m	R148.1m
Properties affected outside SANRAL reserve	1 built, 1 unbuilt	2 built, 1 unbuilt	1 built, 1 unbuilt	None	None
Number of bridges (short & long term)	3 Long, 2 Short	3 Long	2 Long	4 Short	4 Short
Short term network improvement	Minor	Minor	Significant	Significant	Significant
Other negatives	Intersection in 3m fill	Mix Residential and Industrial traffic	Geometry not ideal	Intersection spacing not ideal	Intersection spacing not ideal
Effective length added to network (short term)	300m	300m	540m	540m	540m



The Blackheath Cleansing Team



The BCID Cleansing Team are constantly busy working through the area attending to litter-picking and verge clearing and maintenance.

Now that Spring is here they will be seen mowing verges and pulling out weeds throughout

the area. Litter picking and verge maintenance is a constant task. No sooner have they cleaned a street and it's almost time to repeat the operation.

Littering is a huge problem in Blackheath as well as trucks that often lose their loads along the internal roads.

Please report issues to the BCID office or to me directly.

Safety and Security

Below are the stats collected by the Blackheath CID and our partners and does not include SAPS Stats that have not been forthcoming in the last 2 months due to failure on the part of the SAPS to report on same.

We have an engagement set for tomorrow, the 19th of September at 10:00am and trust that we will be served on all of the outstanding SAPS Stats for June, July and August 2019.

Security Service Report - 2019													
Services	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Insecure Premises	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	3					32
Fires	7	3	1	12	1	0	2	4					30
Accidents	2	5	3	4	2	1	3	2					22
Assistance to stranded vehicles	33	8	15	30	38	27	31	34					216
Suspicious vehicles checked	3	4	3	8	7	15	17	14					71
Suspicious persons checked	16	9	12	21	20	24	39	28					169
Burst pipe/blocked drains reported	2	0	1	2	1	2	3	0					11
Horse and carts checked	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Animal Cruelty/Dead	4	3	6	5	3	4	3	7					35
Dumping reported	18	13	16	11	21	14	17	12					122
Electricity faults	2	1	0	0	0	6	2	3					14
Potholes reported	11	10	14	11	17	12	13	11					99
Alarms	609	451	578	266	237	291	223	262					2917
Power Failures	0	6	8	0	4	0	3	2					23
Damage telephone/Electrical boxes	6	6	4	7	8	6	5	11					53
Theft	9	7	6	5	5	11	10	11					64
Attempted theft	3	3	2	4	4	3	4	5					28
Housebreaking	3	1	0	1	6	3	3	3					20
Possession – suspected stolen property	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0					2
Stolen property recovered	4	3	3	3	3	4	4	4					28
Public indecency	5	10	17	15	8	9	7	8					79
Drunkenness/Drinking in public	6	4	7	6	7	3	7	6					46
Melicious damage to property	2	2	0	1	6	4	3	5					23
Drugs/substance abuse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Trolleys confiscated	17	10	19	15	12	11	9	12					105
Wheeie Bins Confiscated	25	18	28	21	16	17	21	25					171
Litter removal (Bags): 2 cleaners	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	9					65
Patrol (km's): Security	4399	3397	4436	3954	3684	3764	3901	3808					31343
SAPS patrols	15	14	14	25	15	16	13	12					124

The Blackheath CID Annual General Meeting 10 October 2019 @ 13:00



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Notice Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Blackheath City Improvement District NPC (BCID) will be hosting an AGM. All stakeholders are invited to a review of the year's activities and planning for 2020/21.

Date: 10 October 2019
Time: 13:00
Venue: Homechoice, School Road, Blackheath Industria

Resolutions presented at the Members meeting can only be voted on by bona fide members of the BCID. This membership is available free of charges to all owners of non-residential property within the BCID footprint, but they must be registered before 30 September 2019.

For further information, documentation and how to register go to www.bcid.co.za or e-mail brendan@bcid.co.za or call 021 905 0929



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