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MODDERFONTEIN DEVELOPMENT

An artist's illustration of the Modderfontein development which will inject R84 billion into the economy of the Gauteng City Region and is expected to create 150 000 jobs over the next 20 years. The provincial government's partnership with the private sector and the City of Johannesburg has resulted in a R6.5 billion injection into Steyn City development, including the construction of a new arterial road (R511) and infrastructure for basic services. Phase two of the development will inject in excess of R50 billion into the economy of the Gauteng City Region.

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Growth and change for Gauteng

Ten highlights from State of the Province address:

- ▶ Changing ownership patterns to bring black people into the economic mainstream.
- ▶ Revitalising old Kliptown and Alexandra townships which are in a sorry state of disrepair.
- ▶ Extending Rea Vaya Bus Rapid Transit system.
- ▶ More houses to be built for Gauteng residents.
- ▶ Changing schools into paperless institutions of learning and teaching.
- ▶ Creation of jobs during projects.
- ▶ Increasing electricity generating capacity of power stations in Tshwane.
- ▶ Work on water security.
- ▶ The development of e-health systems.
- ▶ Service Delivery War Room developed to address communities' concerns.



SMART SCHOOLS PROJECT



Premier David Makhura with learners in an IT laboratory. The premier said in his State of the Province address the goal in Gauteng is to be a smart province. The Gauteng education department hoped to roll out its Smart Schools project to all Gauteng township and rural schools by the end of the 2017/2018 financial year at an estimated cost of R17 billion.

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AEROTROPOLIS



Together with the Ekurhuleni metro and national government, the Gauteng provincial government is undertaking 29 industrial initiatives under the banner of the Aerotropolis to revitalise manufacturing, aviation, transport and logistic industries linked to OR Tambo International Airport. This will dramatically transform the current industrial structure of the economy of Ekurhuleni.

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Billions earmarked to boost township economy development

Gauteng's township economy is now firmly part of the national economic policy, Premier David Makhura said.

During his State of the Nation address earlier this month, President Zuma said "economic transformation to unlock growth also means improving the support provided to small enterpris-

es, especially township and rural enterprises, which will promote economic activities at local level."

The Gauteng government has already committed more than R160 million to the township economy.

"In the 2015/16 financial year, we have allocated more than R300 million to support township en-

terprises and cooperatives. At the same time municipalities have made substantial investments in township enterprise hubs."

Makhura said over the next five years, the City of Johannesburg has set aside R3 billion, Tshwane R22 million and Ekurhuleni more than R150 million to support the township economy and township

entrepreneurs.

"We are advocating for the establishment of a Township Economy Partnership Fund involving the corporate sector, township enterprises and government to promote investment in the township economy and development of township enterprises and cooperatives."

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Read the full version of Premier David Makhura's State of the Province address at citizen.co.za

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I once more stand before this House as a humble servant of the people of the province

Gauteng Premier **David Makhura**



R178bn

injection to build five new cities

R10bn

in public and private investments in the regeneration of Joburg CBD in next five years

R500m

plus will be invested in the BRT system in Ekurhuleni over next five years

R160m

plus has been committed by the provincial government to the township economy

Makhura addresses problems

ACTION: MACRO INTERVENTIONS IN PROGRESS TO REVITALISE ECONOMY

» **Infrastructure and township economies get special attention.**

Steven Tau

Gauteng Premier David Makhura says it is common cause the provincial economy has major structural problems which mirrors those of the national economy.

Speaking during his second state of the province address

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Ten pillars which constitute the core mandate of the current Gauteng administration:

- ▶ Radical economic transformation
- ▶ Decisive spatial transformation
- ▶ Accelerating social transformation
- ▶ Transformation of the state and governance
- ▶ Modernisation of the economy
- ▶ Modernisation of the public service and the state
- ▶ Modernisation of human settlements and urban development
- ▶ Modernisation of public transport and other infrastructure
- ▶ Re-industrialising Gauteng as our country's economic hub
- ▶ Taking a lead in Africa's new industrial revolution.

(Sopa) this week, Makhura said while the provincial economy had consistently grown above the national average, Gauteng needed to grow at a much higher rate to help pull the national economy.

He said some of the structural problems include the exclusion of the overwhelming majority of black people, women and youth as key participants in key sectors of the economy.

"Another challenge is that of the dominance of unskilled and semi-skilled labour over the skilled labour force, as well as the apartheid economic geography and spatial inequalities, which contribute towards higher costs of living for those on the periphery," he said.

In a bid to address the structural problems, Makhura said changing ownership patterns to bring black people into the economic mainstream is needed.

He said three macro interventions in the form of spatial reconfigurations, township economy revitalisation and massive infrastructure investments are being made jointly with municipalities and private sector partners to change the space and structure of the provincial economy in an attempt to address issues of unemployment, poverty and inequality.

He said over the next five years, more than R10 billion in public and private investments will be mobilised in the regeneration of the Johannesburg CBD as the seat of the provincial government.

"Having spoken to private sector leaders, I am confident there is an appetite and passion to invest



STEADY. Gauteng Premier David Makhura gives his state of the province address in Johannesburg on Monday. Picture: Refilwe Modise

Gauteng spearheads nation's economy

Gauteng remains the economic and industrial hub of South Africa, the Southern African Development Community and a significant player in Africa.

At current prices, the Gauteng economy is now a more than R1 trillion economy. The province contributes 36% of the country's GDP, 40% of total industrial output and 60% of exports.

Gauteng is also the biggest

contributor to national employment and the number of employed people grew from 2.7 million in 1995 to 4.88 million people in 2014.

Gauteng accounts for more than 10% of Africa's GDP. A 2014 Ernst & Young survey showed that, since 2010, Gauteng has been the most popular foreign investment destination for projects in Africa, prompting Premier David Makhura to say: "We

are a gateway to Africa."

Between 2003 and 2013, the provincial economy has consistently grown above the national average.

In 2013, provincial economic growth recovered to 2.2%. Noting the National Development Plan and Vision 2030 sets an annual national growth target of 5%, Gauteng needs to grow at a much higher rate to help pull the national economy.

in the revitalisation of the city," he said.

Makhura said the provincial government was also working with national government and the city on a definite and concrete plan to revitalise the old townships of Kliptown and Alexandra.

According to Makhura, the two townships are in a sorry state of disrepair.

He said in order to change human settlement patterns, over the next five years 140 000 housing units will be built in Lion Park,

Diepsloot, Fleurhof, Cosmo City, Malibongwe Ridge and Goud Rand.

"In addition, we are working with the private sector and the city on initiatives to radically change the spatial landscape of the central corridor in Masingita City, Rietfontein, Waterfall City, Modderfontein City and Steyn City.

"All these developments will have major socio-economic benefits with regard to decent employment and economic inclusion," Makhura said.

Commenting on transport, the premier said the city will be expanding the existing Rea Vaya Bus Rapid Transport system to cover more areas.

He said the city had invested R2 billion in this project.

In contributing to the reindustrialisation of Ekurhuleni, Makhura said the Passenger Rail Agency of SA (Prasa) is rolling out approximately 7 224 new coaches with a projected investment of R123 billion over a period of 20 years. - stevent@citizen.co.za

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An activist government is not afraid of communities, however angry they may be

Gauteng Premier David Makhura



R1.6bn

investment in the Riversands/Diepsloot SMME Incubation Hub to benefit 160 township entrepreneurs

R2.6bn

allocated for education infrastructure delivery

R300m

plus investment in ICT infrastructure over the next three years

88 000

tablets have been provided for use in schools and will advance e-learning further

Five corridors funnel growth

FOCUS: FROM REGENERATION TO DIVERSIFICATION, MAXIMISATION OF RESOURCES IS THE AIM

➔ Investment and working with the private sector key.

The five corridors to be used in reconfiguring the Gauteng city region's space and economy:

Northern Development Corridor:

The City of Tshwane will invest R525 million to establish a Business Outsourcing Park in Hammanskraal, which will offer on-site training, technical support, incubators and SMMEs. This project is expected to create 1 000 jobs during construction and over 1 000 indirect jobs.

Working with the private sector, the city is also rolling out free Wi-Fi and to date, R150 million has been invested in this.

From a human settlements perspective, more than 160 000 houses in Hammanskraal, Winterveldt, Sterkwater, Lady Selbourne, Soutpan Phase 1-7, Lotus Garden, Fortwest, Capital Park, Vermeulen, Olievenhoutbosch, Nelmapius, Zithobeni, Kirkney and Danville will be built.

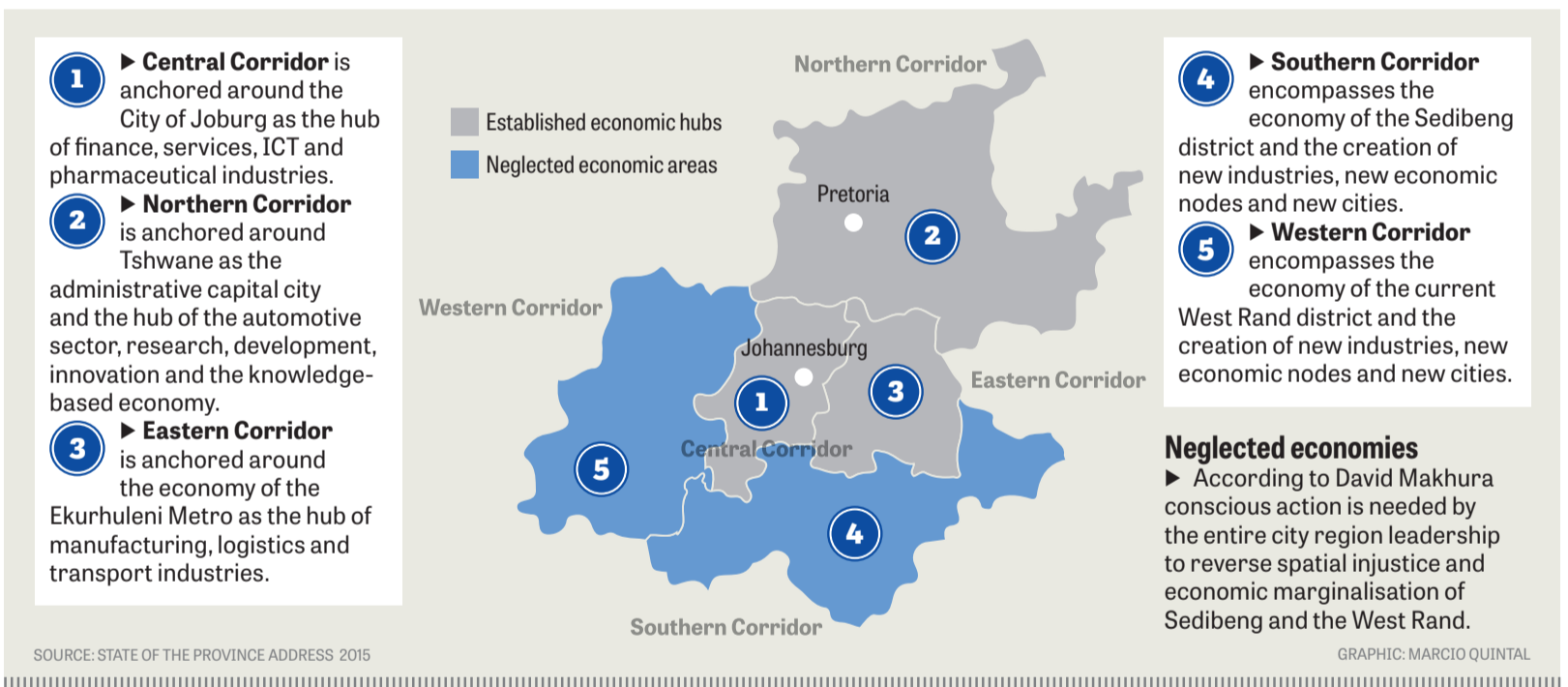
Western Development Corridor:

The economy of this corridor will focus on the green and blue economy initiatives in tourism, agro-processing and logistics. The Lanseria Airport and Maropeng World Heritage Site will be the main anchors of the new city and new economy of the West Rand.

As part of the transformation of the agricultural sector, to ensure food security and in order to stimulate economic activity in the corridor, the provincial government has invested in the Randfontein milling facility.

The provincial government also intend to invest in light manufacturing industries, part-

Gauteng's development corridors



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nering with the University of Johannesburg and other partners in the deployment of solar technologies and solar manufacturing plants or solar farms in the corridor as an area earmarked for renewable energy industrial development.

With regard to human settlement, more than 160 000 housing units will be built in Syferfontein, Chief Mogale, Kagiso Extension 13, Leratong, Westonaria Borwa, Thusang, Waagterskop, Kokosi Extension 6 and 7, Droogeheuwel, Mohlakeng Extension 11, Khutsong South Extension 1, 2 and 3 and Vaarkenslaagte.

Southern Development Corridor:

The provincial government's goal is to shift the economy of this corridor away from its overreliance on the steel industry and diversify to include tourism and entertainment, agroprocessing and logistics.

The development of the new

Vaal River City hydropolis aims to unlock the potential of the waterfront developments in the Emfuleni and Midvaal areas.

Already, the private sector is planning to invest more than R4 billion in this development, which will stimulate much needed economic activity in this corridor. The development is estimated to be worth between R7 billion and R11 billion and will create up to 7 500 jobs in the construction phase alone. The second area of focus is to unlock the agricultural potential of Sedibeng as the food basket of the Gauteng city region and position the region as an agropolis.

As far as housing is concerned, the provincial government intends to build 120 000 houses in Boiketlong, Golden Highway, Evaton, Vereeniging, Savannah City, Ratanda and R59 corridor over the next five years.

Also in this corridor, the provincial government will continue to support the Gauteng Highlands

development – a mixed-use development comprising industrial and residential space. This is a R40 billion investment aimed at creating 25 000 direct and indirect jobs.

Eastern Development Corridor:

Together with the Ekurhuleni Metro and national government, the provincial government is now undertaking 29 industrial initiatives under the banner of the aerotropolis to revitalise manufacturing, aviation, transport and logistics industries linked to OR Tambo International Airport.

With regard to freight and logistics, Transnet's investment in the inland ports of Tambo Springs and Sentrarand will also have a major impact in revitalising the economy of Ekurhuleni. The Tambo Springs inland port development will have an estimated R7.5 billion investment over five years, creating a total of 110 000 jobs over 15 years. In a bid to further change the spatial geography of this corridor, the bus rapid transit

(BRT) system in Ekurhuleni is being rolled out, and its first phase will be operational by March next year. Over R500 million will be invested in the BRT system over the next five years.

In order to change the human settlements paradigm, more than 100 000 housing units will be delivered over the next five years in areas such as Chief Albert Luthuli, John Dube Extension 2, Tsakane Extension 22, Germiston South, Leeuwoort, Rietfontein and Clayville Extension 45.

Central Development Corridor:

Over five years, more than R10 billion in public and private investments in the regeneration of the Joburg CBD will be mobilised.

In strengthening the position of this corridor as the financial hub of the country – and the continent – the provincial government will work with national government and the City to ensure it becomes the home of the Brics regional development bank.

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Gauteng will never be the same

Gauteng Premier **David Makhura**

Hospitals, clinics modernised

PROGRESS: LIFE EXPECTANCY HAS RISEN DRAMATICALLY

» **Fight against HIV, Aids and TB helps millions of patients.**

Steven Tau

Premier David Makhura reiterated that health plays an integral role in the well-being of our communities and in the effective functioning of the province's economy.

Gauteng has 375 primary healthcare facilities, which form the backbone of the health system and ensure the needs of communities are met.

By 2019, the province will have over 200 clinics which comply with norms and standards. "We will also increase the number of ward-based primary healthcare teams to over 400."

According to Makhura, the government's interventions have led to increased life expectancy at

birth. Comparing the period 2001-2006 with 2011-2016, life expectancy jumped from 56.1 to 62.9 years for males and for females from 60.2 to 66.4 years. "We have also shown significant successes in reducing the incidences of TB and in achieving a treatment cure rate of 85.1%, above the target of 84%."

In intensifying the fight against HIV and Aids, the provincial government have tested over eight million people for HIV and put close to one million people on anti-retroviral therapy.

"We have reduced infant positivity to 1.4% through the programme to prevent the transmission of HIV from mother to child. We are intensifying our campaigns on HIV, Aids and TB, and paying particular attention to encouraging our people to live healthy lifestyles."

Makhura announced his government is making good progress after introducing the Health Turnaround Strategy and placing the department of health under section 18 of the Public Finance

Management Act. "We will be in a position to return to normality by May this year. As part of the modernisation of public health services, we will prioritise the development of e-health systems.

"We officially opened and handed over to the community the new state-of-the-art Natalspruit Hospital within the first 100 days of the fifth administration.

"We are proud to announce two hospitals, Zola-Jabulani and New Natalspruit, are now on the e-health programme, which includes the introduction of electronic patient records."

This will reduce queues and improve the efficiency of health facilities. "We are also working towards rolling out this programme throughout the province."

As part of improving health infrastructure, the building of new hospitals in Soshanguve and Lilian Ngoyi, as well as revitalisation of the Jubilee, Kalafong, Sebokeng, Yusuf Dadoo, Tambo Memorial and Kyalami hospitals, will commence in due course.



Schools for the future

The provincial government has taken major steps towards modernising the delivery of education in the Gauteng city region, through the launch of the highly acclaimed paperless, technologically-enabled "smart schools" and "schools and classrooms of the future".

Speaking at the official launch of the project at Boitumelong Secondary School in Tembisa early this year, Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa said the project will eventually boost the country's economy.

The Smart Schools project was being launched at seven Gauteng township schools.

Township schools that scored 100% in last year's matric exams were set to be the first to benefit from the project.

All schools on the programme will be provided with unlimited data for pupils while they are at school, and also get 4G connectivity to ensure pupils can also work from home.

The Gauteng education depart-

ment hoped to roll the project out to all Gauteng township and rural schools by the end of the 2017-2018 financial year at an estimated cost of R17 billion.

The provincial government's goal is to produce pupils who will compete with the best in the world, and for that goal to be reached, continuing to improve the quality of education across the schooling system is required.

Schools are being converted into smart schools. In addition to the seven schools launched in December last year, six more schools have been identified.

A total of 88 000 tablets provided for use in schools will continue to advance e-learning.

A total of R2.6 billion has been allocated for education infrastructure delivery.

The provincial government's total investment in information and communications technology infrastructure is more than R300 million over the next three years.

- Citizen reporter

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Aerotropolis to transform Ekurhuleni

Late last year the Gauteng provincial government announced that the five-year Aerotropolis Implementation Plan, for the creation of an airport city around OR Tambo International Airport, is on track.

The development has the potential to create up to 200 000 permanent jobs and is expected to inject new life into the area's struggling manufacturing sector.

Most of South Africa's bulk freight is transported by road, as opposed to rail; however, ideally, bulk goods have to be transport-

ed by rail, the provincial government said at the time.

On Monday Gauteng Premier David Makhura said in his State of the Province address the Gauteng provincial government will this year, together with the Ekurhuleni metro and national government, undertake 29 industrial initiatives under the banner of the Aerotropolis to revitalise manufacturing, aviation, transport and logistic industries linked to the OR Tambo International Airport. This will dramatically transform the industrial structure of the

Ekurhuleni economy.

The Aerotropolis footprint will also cover Lanseria Airport in Johannesburg and the Wonderboom Airport in Tshwane.

In addition there are also a number of unfolding initiatives by state-owned companies that will contribute to the reindustrialisation of Ekurhuleni. Prasa is rolling out approximately 7 224 new rolling stock units with a projected investment of R123 billion over a period of 20 years. A total of 30 000 jobs will be created over the same period.



Airport Company SA, Denel and major private companies are positioning themselves in line with the imperatives of the Aero-

tropolis. There is huge potential for these projects to attract massive foreign direct investment.

- Citizen reporter