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MITIGATING THE IMPACT OF COVID 19 IN THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT INDUSTRY



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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to give progress on the integrated planning and implementation approach adopted by Government and industry as a measure to help curb the spread of Covid-19 in the public transport industry.



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Legislative mandate



Enforce Law & Regulations

Disaster Management Act, No 57 of 2002
National Land Transport Act, No 05 of 2009,
Free State Public Transport Act, No 04 of 2005
National Road Traffic Act, No 93 of 1996
Taxi Violence Strategy
Section 99 of FSPT (Impounding of Vehicles)
Standard Constitution
Code of Conduct



Monitor Compliance

Seating Capacity, Covid-19 Regulations, Screening of Vehicles,
Cross Provincial Taxi Operations. Standard Constitution, Code
of Conduct, Taxi Sanitization and PPE Distribution.



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BACKGROUND

- The Hon. President declared the National State of Disaster from the 26th of March 2020.
- The Minister of Transport issued Transport Directives to guide the national spectrum on how transport imperatives would be managed through the respective lockdown levels in accordance with the Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002.
- Public Transport Law Enforcement bodies in the Free State were mandated to ensure compliance with the National Land Transport Act 5 of 2009, Free State Public Transport Act 4 of 2005 and the Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002 and the underlying regulations issued in terms of these prescripts.
- Partnerships were formed with public transport stakeholders and law enforcement bodies to formulate plans that would assist in ensuring that the spread of Covid 19 was minimized, with specific reference to public transport operations



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STAKEHOLDERS

- South African National Defense Force (SANDF)
- South African Police Services (SAPS)
- Department of Health
- Taxi Industry (SANTACO and NTA provincial and local taxi associations)
- Bus industry (IBL and MBS)
- Supervisory Monitoring firm
- Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality
- District and Local Municipalities



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FREE STATE ASSOCIATION STATISTICS

TAXI ASSOCIATIONS = 48

SCHOLAR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATIONS = 21

OPERATORS = 5877

VEHICLES & OPERATING LICENSE = 7437

District	Taxi Associations	Scholar Associations	Metred Taxi Association
Thabo Mofutsanyane	11	8	0
Fezile Dabi	12	4	0
Lejweleputswa	16	5	0
Motheo	6	4	1
Xhariep	3	0	0



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LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERVENTION STRATEGY

- Law Enforcement organizations are tasked to ensure the implementation of the Public Transport Regulations under the 3 legislative acts. (i) Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002. ii) National Land Transport Act 05 of 2009 and (iii) Free State Public Transport Act 04 of 2005.
- Transport Law Enforcement, SAPS and Traffic officials were responsible for monitoring public transport services to ensure that operators are compliant with Covid-19 safety requirements. These organizations frequently conduct visits to public transport facilities and conduct roadblocks to monitor and ensure compliance with COVID-19 health & safety guidelines and to ascertain that associations have appointed a designated safety compliance officer at public transport facilities.
- Law Enforcement organizations ensure that social distancing is maintained at all ranks as per the regulations of the Disaster Management Act.
- Law Enforcement organizations plan and conduct integrated rapid roving roadblocks at various locations in the Free State, focusing on compliance to the Disaster Management Act and the underlying Regulations applicable to public transport.



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- 180 Educational and awareness campaigns were hosted throughout the lockdown phases. These campaigns were supported by the Deputy Minister for Police, the Free State Premier, the National and Provincial Commissioner, Department of Health, SANDF, Municipal representatives and other stakeholders that joined together to shorten the spread of the pandemic.
- The Department together with the public transport industry implemented a taxi facility disinfection program from the 27th of March 2020 until the 9th of May 2020 wherein 65 Formal taxi ranks were repeatedly disinfected.
- The custodians of the public transport facilities were allocated with 77 Germatol (20L) (disinfection gel), 66 Knapsack Sprayers, 115 Sanitisers (25L), 8700 masks and 8500 gloves in order to ensure that facilities were disinfected daily and that public transport operators had material to sustain operations during the pandemic.
- PPE Material was issued to the 46 taxi associations and the metered taxi association in the province in conjunction with the Provincial Taxi Council and Regional Taxi Council structures.



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- The Department engaged with public transport operators and users through radio, Facebook and other media platforms throughout the different lockdown levels.
- Long distance public transport facilities were disinfected from the 1st May to the 7th May 2020 in adherence to the special dispensation regulations as issued by the Minister of Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs.
- 3105 Scholar transport vehicles were disinfected through an integrated program established between the Department and Taxi Associations from the 16th of May 2020 until the 6th of June 2020 in all 5 regions of the province.
- Taxi Associations were encouraged to submit their applications for consideration by the Provincial Regulatory Entity through their respective regional managers and nominated representatives from associations to minimize travelling and gatherings.
- Transport Law Enforcement conducts weekly roving roadblocks, visits to public transport facilities to ensure and encourage compliance with legislative prescripts.



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INTEGRATED COVID 19 ROADBLOCKS

FEZILE DABI	LEJWELEPUTSWA	MOTHEO	THABO MOFUTSANYANA	XHARIEP
R57	R30	N1	N3 VILLIERS	N1
R82/R716	R64	N8	N3 VAN REENEN	N8
R59	R34	N8/R26	R34/R541	R706
N1		R702	R74	R726
R53			R103	N6
R76/R59				R391



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INTEGRATED COVID 19 ROADBLOCKS

MONTH	NUMBER
APRIL 2020	660
MAY 2020	682
JUNE 2020	660
TOTAL ROADBLOCKS	2002

TOTAL VEHICLE STOPPED	TOTAL ARRESTS	TOTAL FINES	TOTAL VALUE
334 856	1619	11 277	R5 615 449



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THE INTEGRATED COVID 19 ROADBLOCKS RESULTS

MONTH	TOTAL PERFORMANCE: 01-04-2020 till 20-12-2020	
	PUBLIC TRANSPORT VEHICLES IMPOUNDED	VEHICLE SCREENED
April 2020	33	76
May 2020	35	98
June 2020	63	482
July 2020	24	90
August 2020	142	429
TOTALS	297	1175



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Totals brought forward	297	1175
September 2020	179	908
October 2020	188	541
November 2020	123	636
December 2020	188	1157
Grand Total	975	4417



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All Law Enforcement agencies were urged to ensure compliance with the Ministerial Transport Directions throughout the respective levels, this entailed, but is not limited to the following:

- Public Transport vehicles are disinfected after each trip.
- No one is allowed in the vehicle without wearing a mask.
- No entry will be permitted to public transport facilities without wearing a mask.
- Strict utilization of sanitizers when accessing the public transport facilities.
- Frequent cleaning of key contact points (security counter, lifts, door handles etc)
- Strict adherence to social distancing regulations.
- Adhering to passenger capacity restrictions.



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