

GO!Durban integrates Pinetown trees into station design with two trees needing to be removed

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GO!Durban the eThekweni Municipality's new Integrated Rapid Public Transport Network (IRPTN) is currently under construction in Pinetown. As part of developing a station and a dedicated bus median on Josiah Gumede Road, thirteen trees were originally earmarked to be removed. The eThekweni Transport Authority, however, through its consulting teams engaged with the National Heritage Council, AMAFA and several other role players and stakeholders to find a solution to save these trees.

The IRPTN layout and location of the station was duly revised and the end result is that eleven trees will be saved. Two Natal Fig trees in front of the Library on Josiah Gumede will unfortunately have to be removed to create space for these dedicated bus lanes and station.

All measures have been taken to keep the number of trees being removed to a minimum. A comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment was conducted and all the correct procedures and protocols have been followed, with final consent given to remove these two trees.

In line with the eThekweni Municipality's off-set policy, new indigenous trees will be planted in close proximity where possible, to replace these two trees. Every effort will be made to ensure that future "greening" endeavours of various nodes along the new IRPTN route will be made using indigenous flora.

For any further information on the construction of the IRPTN call 073 038 8000.

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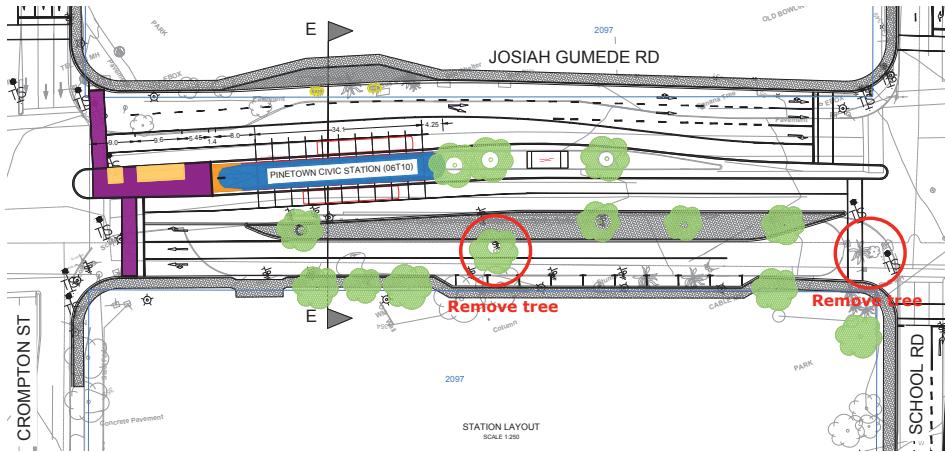
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iGO!Durban ihlanganisa uhlelo lokwakhiwa kwsiteshi ePinetown nalapho kuzosuswa khona izihlahla ezimbili

Uhlelo Iwezithuthi zomphakathi oludidiyelwe nolusheshayo, olwaziwa ngeGO!Durban-oluphinde Iwaziwe nge IRPTN-Integrated Rapid Public Transport Network, oluqhube kayo nokwakhiwa ePinetown. Njenengxene yokwakha isiteshi kanye nomzila ozosetshenzisa yizithuthi zomphakathi kuphela, emgwaqeni uJosiah Gumeede, Izihlahla eziyishumi nantathu okwakuhlewe ukuthi zizosuswa. Umnyango ophathiswe ezokuthutha kuMasipala weTheku behlangene nelinye ithimba elisiza kulentuthuko baye babonansa nesigungu sikazweloneko sokungcinwa kwamagugu Kanyne nezinye izinhlaka zomphakathi ukuqhamuka nesi sombululo sokugwema ukususwa kwalezizihlahla.

Imingcele yentuthuko yeIRPTN nendawo lapho kuzokwakhiwa khona isiteshi ibuye yacutshungulwa, okuthe emva kwalokho kwathathwa isinqumo sokuthi izihlahla eziyishumi nanye zingabe zisasuswa. Kodwa izihlahla ezimbili zomkhiwane eziphambi kwsikhungo somtapo wolwazi(Library) esisemgwageni owaziwa ngoJosiah Gumeede zisuswe ukuze kuhlinzekelwe indawo lapho kuzokwakhiwa khona isiteshi kanye nomzila ozosetshenzisa yizithuthi zomphakathi.

Kuzanywe yonke imizamo yokwehlisa isibalo sezihlaha ezizosuswa ukuba sincishiswe. Uhlelo locwaningo Iwezinga eliphezulu lokubhekelelwa kwengcindezi kwezemvelo kulendawo lwaphothulwa ngempumelelo, yonke imithetho nemigomo okwakumele ilandelwe yalandelwa, okwathi emuva kwalokho kwabekuthathwa isinqumo sokugunyazwa ngokusemthethweni ukususwa kwalezizihlahla.

Imithetho ehambisana noMasipala weTheku mayelana nokugcinwa kwezihlaha eztishalwe kulendawo igunyaza ukuthi lezizihlahla zibuye zitshalwe endaweni eyotholakala maduze nalapho zasuswa khona.

Kuyokwensiwa konke okusemandleni ukuthi okufanelekile ekuthuthukisweni kwezinhlalo zokubhekelelwa kwezemvelo ziyo landelwa kuyo yonke imizila emisha yohlelo Iwe IRPTN ukuze kuthi zonke izinhlobo zezihlaha ezatshalwa kulendawo ziagcinwa.

Ukuze uthole imininingwana mayelana na lentuthuko ungashayela kulenombolo elandelayo 073 038 8000.

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