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**Plan for Cornubia interchange unveiled**

The Colleen Dardagan KWAZULU-NATAL property development company, Tongaat Hulett, and the eThekwini Municipality have announced a R280-million interchange to link the Cornubia development and the Umhlanga precinct.

The multibillion-rand Cornubia development has been declared a national priority project. When it is completed, it will include 10 000 affordable residential units, 15 000 subsidized units, and 2.5 million square metres of commercial and industrial property. Thami Manyathi, the head of the city's transport authority said the bridge and interchange off the N2 highway would be built where the extension of Umhlanga Ridge Boulevard crosses the freeway, alongside the existing Porsche dealership.

Work on the project will start next month, and is scheduled to be completed in January 2017. Manyathi said the interchange was integral to the city's proposed rapid public transport system dubbed GO!Durban. He said R346 million was earmarked for roads, bridges, interchanges, sewer, water and electrical infrastructure already under way for the public transport system. Iain Burns, from Investec Properties, said the development would improve access and add to the attractiveness of the Cornubia Shopping Centre.

The new route is expected to alleviate the traffic congestion on the M41. Karen Pietersen, the development director of Tongaat Hulett Development, said the group expected to release the last available business precinct in the area to the market soon.