



DUKE ATTORNEYS

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Bulletin 100:

Report back on Public Participation meeting yesterday

Yesterday the City presented its proposed new policy, a copy of which is available at the following link:

<http://www.jra.org.za/jra-info/documents#strategy-and-stakeholders>

- Automation will be allowed provided it can be shown that it is “actively managed by persons and/or supported by human intervention”: the City would like to hear from residents what automated solutions are proposed and will take such input into account in formulating the final draft of the policy;
- The City recognises the need for bespoke solutions for individual road closures and will take into consideration all facts presented to it in the consideration of what to allow;
- For the first time the Department of Public Safety will play a role in the consideration of road closure applications and will attend section 45(2) hearings;
- “Urban functionality” will be considered in determining whether to approve a road closure.

The audience was invited to submit questions for clarity and to make proposals. It was emphasised that written comments should be

submitted by 20 January 2018 which would be taken into account in drafting the final policy which would be submitted to the Council in approximately March 2018 for final approval: once approved, that would become the policy utilised in the consideration of access restriction applications from the date of such approval.

The City advised it is in the process of updating its database on road closures for improved communication and enforcement. Closures that are operating illegally were again encouraged to engage with the City to legalise their structures.

I urge all closures to take advantage of this opportunity to make timeous representations to the City on what you would like changed in the policy, particularly regarding automation.

We will be making formal representations on behalf of all those closures that have given us a mandate to do so. Should you wish us to represent you, please contact us. For those who have given us a mandate, we will be sending you a more detailed analysis of the policy within the next week and asking for your comments.

Regards

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