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Gauteng government update on decommissioning of e-tolls

Gauteng Premier, Panyaza Lesufi on Tuesday, 21 November 2022, met with Finance Minister, Enoch Godongwana, and the South African National Roads Agency Ltd (SANRAL) technical team. The Premier was joined by Finance MEC, Jacob Mamabolo and Transport and Logistics MEC, Kedibone Diale-Tlabela. The Minister of Transport, Mr Fikile Mbalula tendered his apology to the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting sought to conclude outstanding matters pertaining to the decommissioning of e-tolls, which includes determining the 30% contribution by the provincial government towards settling the e-toll debt, as well as the funding model of the Gauteng Freeway Improvement Project (GFIP).

The meeting resolved that the total amount to be paid by the provincial government is R12,9 billion (30% of R43 billion) using different revenue streams in the form of a hybrid model. The provincial government will undergo a consultative process with Gauteng residents on the hybrid model.

The provincial government will negotiate a long-term repayment period on the 30% debt, and the timeframes to be advised by the technical team.

“A long-term repayment period will ensure that we relieve the pressure on the provincial government fiscus, whilst maintaining the delivery of social services and other imperatives such as fighting crime,” said Premier Lesufi.

The technical team was further mandated to thrash-out the maintenance part of the deal, as well as the process to decommission the e-tolls.

“More work still needs to be done jointly by the Gauteng government, national Department of Transport, SANRAL and national treasury to clarify maintenance, and decommissioning of e-tolls.” concluded Premier Lesufi.

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