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Gauteng Government meets metered taxi industry

Gauteng MEC for Public Transport and Roads Infrastructure Jacob Mamabolo today, 30 March 2021, held a fruitful meeting with metered taxi industry leaders as part of the Department of Roads and Transport's drive to stabilize the public transport in the province.

Amongst important issues under discussion included turf wars between various modes of public transport that often result in instability and shedding of blood.

"The meeting with this sector, my first in this term, lays an important foundation for addressing issues that relate specifically to the tumultuous relations between metered taxis and e-hailing services. These engagements are quite crucial if we are to integrate all modes of public transport and foster smart mobility" said Mamabolo.

Through its Growing Gauteng Together Through Smart Mobility vision, the Department has prioritised the integration of all modes of public transport as an enabler for efficient movement of people.

"For way too long, issues arising from development of new settlements and technologies in the public transport have been left to operators. We, as the Sixth Administration, have put these at the top of our agenda to intervene, ensure peace and stability in the system as a basis to integrate these modes," added the MEC.

Mamabolo further said that as the smallest province with high population density, the task of creating a seamless, integrated system involving all modes of public transport is set to make travelling more cost-effective and convenient.

He has committed to on-going engagements with the sector in an effort to improve it for the benefit of the people of Gauteng.

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