

Gauteng Freeway Improvement Project to benefit the connected?

I will be asking the Minister of Transport about the much debated Gauteng Freeway Improvement project. Media reports claim that Human Settlements Minister, Tokyo Sexwale has benefitted substantially from this project. A figure of R20 billion is quoted.

If these reports are indeed correct, then serious questions need to be asked.

An independent investigation into this tender would then need to be initiated.

This is a double slap in the face for Gauteng road users.

Not only will motorists have to pay daily to use highways but they may be doing so to ensure that politically connected elite individuals become even richer.

**Manny de Freitas MP
Shadow Deputy
Minister for Transport**

Road hog

I am sure that we are all sick to death of the sub-standard driving in this town.

I have observed a particular driver, in and around Alberton, for the past two years and believe you me the road manners

are questionable to say the very least.

I hope that the driver of this black Mercedes Benz, can park, because he sure as hell can't drive.

Chancing gaps in the traffic because you have (what you might think to

be) a fancy car does not give you the right to weave in and out of the traffic.

In closing, are indicators an optional extra on your almost outdated Mercedes?

Alberton Resident

Dankie mnr Izak Berg

Mnr Berg, baie dankie dat u vir ons 'n ander alternatief as die DA gee om voor te stem.

Ek het my finale afgeeny van die DA, weens die optrede (damsstappies) van die leier van die DA, mev

Zille. Haar optrede op televisie by vergaderings van die DA laat 'n slegte smaak in my mond.

Haar damspossies pun nie by haar posisie as leier van die amp telike opposisie nie.

U kan op my stem staatmaak in die opkomende verkiesing, siende dat die DA en mev Zille dit kan bekostig om 'n stem soon myne te verloor.

Marie Steenberg

People to read their own meters?

It was with horror that I read a notice in the newspaper that the EMM

only lead to claims should anyone be electrocuted and/or sustain an injury.

reconnect at their leisure. This begs the question as to who authored this action

Some drivers just don't care

Schools are re-opening again soon and we will see all the school transport vehicles careering around again. Thank goodness my kids are grown up and my grandchildren are collected by parents!

How many parents actually investigate the transport they pay to cart their kids to and from school? I exclude those who have the safety of the children at heart - there really are a few of them. The rest skip stop streets, go through red robots and speed to get to the next collection point.

I recently saw a white Venture dropping off a little girl who was probably in grade 1 or 2. He pulled halfway into a driveway, the child got out, battled with her school bag and started crossing the road without looking for oncoming traffic - she came out from the side of the vehicle and was only seen at the last minute - luckily I was driving slowly. This child got no help or supervision from the driver. The driver just reversed and drove off before the girl had even crossed the road safely!

Had a car knocked her down, who would be to blame?

Then we have the after-care lady driving a maroon Kombi. She parks right on the corner of the T-junction at Brackenhurst Primary obscuring the view of anyone stopping at the stop street, forcing them to pull almost into the middle of the road to check for oncoming traffic. Lady, get your licence and if you have one, try obeying the rules of the road as the kids who are the future of our nation are all over the place.

Worried granny

Has the DA committed?

Recently there has been a groundswell of rising dissatisfaction regarding councillors performance, regardless of party or politics.

The ANC supporters are extremely unhappy, quite rightly so, with the ANC candidate selection system.

The DA is suffering from the same symptoms, with

Oudsthoorn councillors leading the way and certain DA councillors in the eastern areas defecting to other parties.

Jim Powell has suggested that councillors sign a commitment to voters in their area.

This week I received a

form signed by Izak David Berg agreeing to the following condensed version of his commitment document:

"I acknowledge that I am effectively an employee of the voters of a certain ward ... and that it is the voters of this ward that pay my salary,

"I commit myself to regular and effective consultation with the voting public ... and continuous communication with residents' associations and community groups

"I agree to vote in council in the best interest of the voters who elected

me

"I agree further that the registered voters in the ward should be able to remove me from office ... If 51% or more of the registered voters of said ward sign an open petition I will comply with their wishes and resign.

"Should I refuse to resign I will donate R100 000 to the community."

Which is why I ask, "Have the DA councillors committed?" I sincerely hope so.

But I would rather trust the word of an independent than have a party playing the tune.

Ivor Shepherd

Cars are still stolen despite car guards