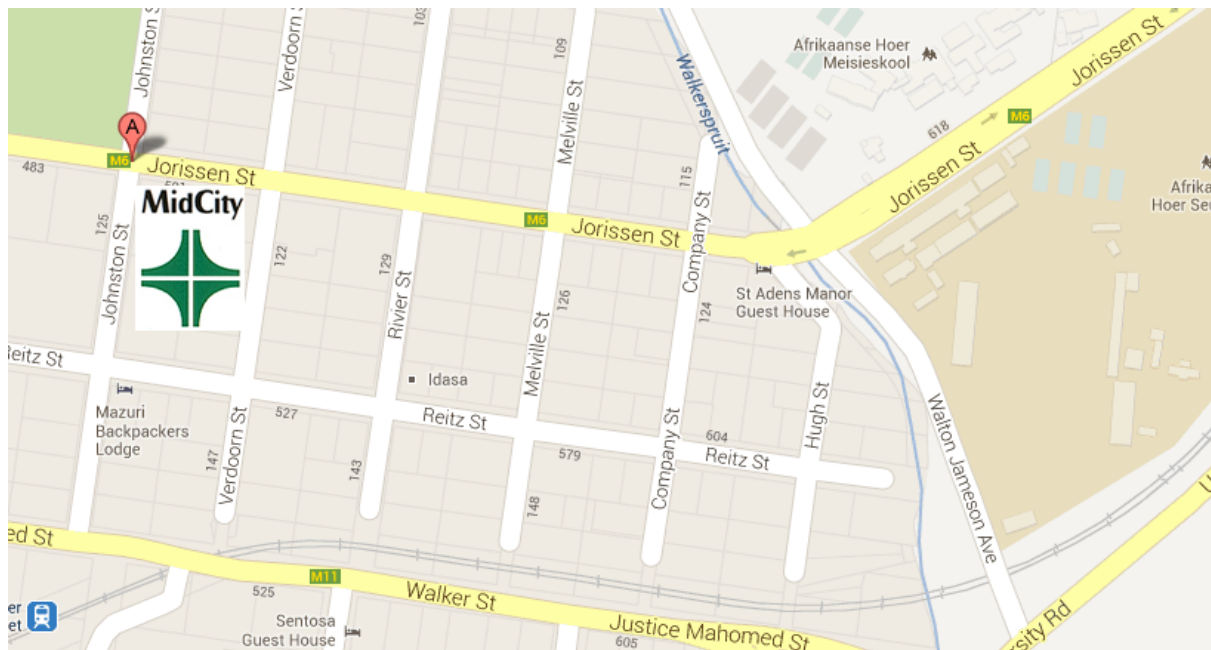


Construction Starts on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System Affecting Access Routes to our Offices.

Construction work has started on the Tshwane Metro Council's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system which is expected to be operational in the CBD in April next year. It is important to note that the access routes to our offices will be affected by the road construction process which will commence in our area during July 2013 with envisaged completion during November 2013. Jorissen Street will be closed for that period.

The following alternative routes to our offices are suggested:



- Travelling West on Walker street turn right into Johnston Street to find our offices on your right-hand side or alternatively after turning right into Johnston Street Turn Right into Reitz Street and Left into Verdoorn Street- MidCity Offices will be on your left-hand side.
- When approaching Jorissen Street from Loftus, turn left into Company Street and then right into Reitz Street to continue west, turn right into Verdoorn Street- Midcity Offices will be on your left- hand side.

The first phase of the BRT (inception phase) is expected to run between Pretoria's city centre and Hatfield, with construction on the first BRT station expected to start towards the end of this year. It is expected that the first phase of the BRT will be introduced between the city centre and Hatfield (inception phase), and from Akasia to Menlyn. BRT stations will be in Church Square (to Hatfield), University Road (to Menlyn), Boom Street (Rainbow Junction) and Rainbow Junction to Akasia, excluding Rachel de Beer Street, Pretoria North. Construction on Line 2A (Church Square to Hatfield) is expected to start in August and will be completed in October next year, while construction work on Line 2B is expected to start in January and will be completed in February 2015.

Tshwane Metro Council has outlined its plans to permanently close major routes to general traffic as part of the implementation of its Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system.

According to the metro council, the streets earmarked for closure during the construction work are:

- Nana Sita Section (Paul Kruger – Kotze) – construction started in January and is expected to be completed in August. Two lanes per direction have been closed temporarily along Nana Sita.
- Closure of intersections along Nana Sita are planned as follows: Thabo Sehume, Lilian Ngoyi, Sisulu, Kotze (June 21 to July 14)
- Kotze – University: full temporary closure with access for local residents and businesses on Kotze to Nelson Mandela (July 8) Meintjies to Troye (June 13 to October 29).
- Troye to Vos (July 3 to 15)
- Vos to Melville – (July 5)
- The University of Pretoria section has to be approved by council before dates of road closures can be confirmed. Motorists who used to travel in an east/west direction along Nana Sita Street before construction can take the following alternative routes:
 - Eastbound – alternative route is along Francis Baard (between Bosman Street and Nelson Mandela). Alternatively, motorists can take Jeff Masemola (Jacob Mare) Street. Motorists will be able to cross Nana Sita in the southern direction at various intersections except during closures listed below.
 - Westbound – alternative routes are Pretorius Street (between Nelson Mandela Drive and Sophie De Bruyn Street) and Visagie Street (between Nelson Mandela Drive and Bosman Street)

The system, once completed will feature dedicated and segregated bus-only lanes, as well as bus stations that are safe, comfortable, weather-protected and friendly to disabled passengers. BRT systems combine the best features of rail together with the flexibility and cost advantages of road-based transport, and have the added advantage of being easier and faster to build than a light rail transport system.