

# Watt Avenue Interchange Traffic Diversions

As part of the City of Joburg's Rea Vaya BRT project along the Louis Botha Development Corridor, the Johannesburg Development Agency (JDA) – is commencing with construction of the Watt Street Interchange in Wynberg.

Due to the scale of this road development, JDA is creating awareness of the temporary road closures along Pretoria Main Road, from Arkwright Avenue to Thora Crescent.

To minimise the impact caused to the public, road users and pedestrians, we urge road users to use alternative routes where possible, be aware of traffic diversions that will be taking place in this area from Thursday, 5 July 2018, with an anticipated construction period of 18 months.



The construction activities include the demolishing of the existing bridge and the interchange at Watt Avenue, the construction of a new link from Rautenbach Avenue to Watt Avenue with an upgrade intersection on Pretoria Main Road as well as the construction of new BRT lanes and an underground station.

Watt Interchange forms part of the Rea Vaya Bus Rapid Transport (BRT) System, Phase 1C which includes the Rea Vaya trunk route from Sandton to Alexandra along Rivonia and Katherine Drive, and the trunk route from Parktown in the inner city of Johannesburg to Alexandra along Louis Botha Avenue.

The safety of the travelling public, and all affected parties remains of the utmost importance to us.

We apologise for the inconvenience caused, as we build a better city.

Visit [www.jda.org.za](http://www.jda.org.za) to download the detailed Traffic Management Plan and the Pedestrian Management Plan.

## Traffic Management Plan

Diversion of Traffic through Wynberg

### Detailed Closures

- M11 Main Road Pretoria will be closed to traffic at Arkwright Ave at the southern extremity of the construction zone. Only residents and/or business will be given access into the closed-off zone. The M11 Main Road Pretoria south of the Watt Street Bridge will be totally closed off to the traffic at the eastern side of South Street.
- M11 Main Road Pretoria will be closed to traffic at Chadwick Street at the northern extremity of the construction zone. Residents and/or business along this section will utilise the service roads located along the closed zone on the eastern and western sides.
- The most eastern extreme of Rautenbach Street will be closed off.
- Watt Avenue closed off on the eastern side at Third Street. Only residents and/or business allowed access. Permanent closures to be erected ramp/slip way into M11 Main Road Pretoria Southbound.

### Open Traffic Routes

- The existing traffic route on the following streets will not be interfered with:
  - \* 1st Street
  - \* 2nd Street
  - \* 3rd Street
  - \* Arkwright Avenue

• The traffic on the following streets will be converted to one-way traffic as follows:

- \* 4th Street - Northbound
- \* 5th Street - Southbound

## Pedestrian Management Plan

Pedestrian Traffic Management during the Construction of Watt Street Interchange Project.

### Pedestrian Routes

Currently pedestrians walk east to west and vice versa over Watt Street

Bridge crossing 4th Street along Rautenbach. This route, illustrated below will change with the demolition of Watt Street Interchange Bridge as well as construction works.



Post the bridge demolition the pedestrians will be accommodated on the shortest route possible as illustrated on the sketch below. Prior to excavations being carried out the route will be clearly demarcated and signs put up to direct pedestrian traffic. The route will be as follows:

### East to West Direction (Alexandra to Wynberg)

From Chicken Licken, walk southwards along the ramp closed to motorised traffic. Cross Old Pretoria Main Road opposite South Street and proceed onto South Street. Turn right into 4th Street and immediately left into Rautenbach Street.

### West to East Direction (Wynberg to Alexandra)

From Rautenbach Ave, turn right into 4th Street and immediately left into South Street. Proceed in easterly direction crossing Old Pretoria Main Road. Turn left towards the ramp and proceed on Watt Street out of the construction zone.



### Walkway Barricading

The walkway will be barricaded to prevent pedestrians from wandering off the safe route into the construction zone. Barricading will be monitored every day to make sure the route is secure and safe.

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Outsurance pointsmen will be deployed to assist with the flow of traffic at key intersections.

