

SPEAKING NOTES FOR

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

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**ON THE OCCASSION OF THE LAUNCH OF MOSES MABHIDA STATION –
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**THEME: NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT SUVEY RESULTS – SURVEY
FOR KWAZULU-NATAL:**

Source: National Department of Transport, National Travel Survey for KwaZulu-Natal

- The National Household Travel Survey collected travel data from over 50 000 households in South Africa. The results were published in a technical report and released by the Minister of Transport in Parliament.
- **Key findings:**
60% of all households listed problems with access to transport as one of their two most important transport problems. In all areas, with the exception of Ethekwini Metro, more than 53% households listed access to transport as a problem.
- Interestingly still is that 27% of all households found transport too expensive while scoring low figures when it came to train usage as a mode of transportation - even though it is by far the cheapest mode of transport. This begs the question: are South Africans using all modes of transportation available to them or are they simply following a historic mode of travel?

- **Prasa's role in improving passenger rail services:**
- With the introduction of the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (Prasa) and its mandate by government to consolidate passenger rail services, It is evident that government is reprioritising passenger rail travel as part of South Africa's integrated transportation system.
- The launch of Moses Mabhida Station, and its proximity to the stadium has introduced a new travel option to the people of KwaZulu-Natal – not only for the duration of the 2010 FIFA Soccer World Cup but beyond. The responsibility to use train services as an option is there for the public to explore and to break the mold of transportation that has long dictated people movement in urban areas.

I thank you