



ETHEKWINI ECONOMY *'AT A GLANCE'*

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GLOBAL STATE OF THE ECONOMY

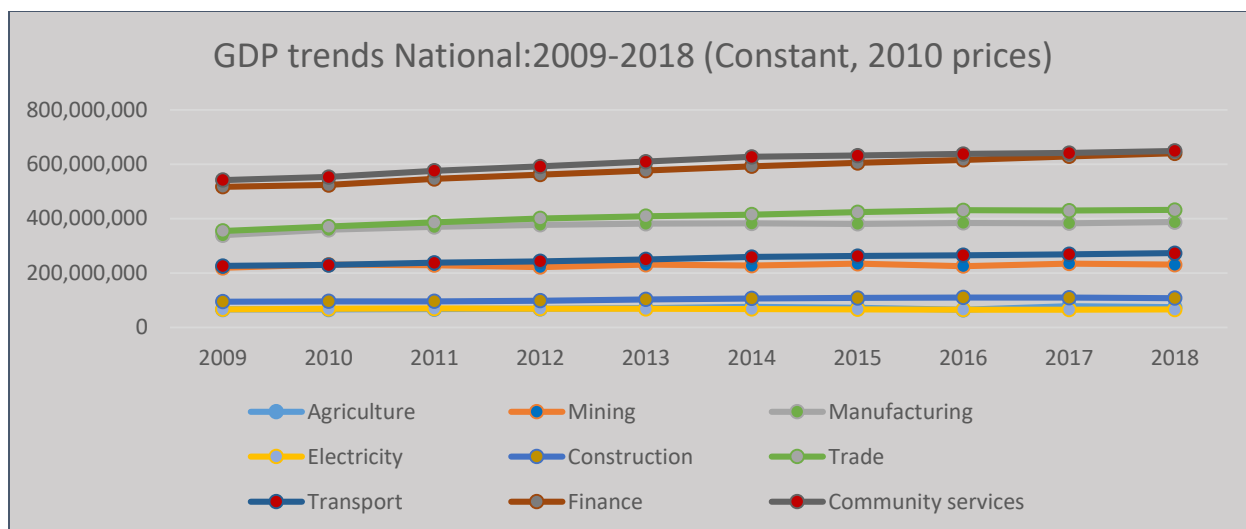
	IMF	World Bank	OECD
Projected GDP Growth 2019	3.2%	2.9%	2.9%
2018 GDP Growth	3.7%	3.1 %	3.7%
Projected GDP Growth 2020	3.5%	2.8%	3.0%
Global GDP in 2018	84,835 trillion US\$ (Current prices, as per the World Bank)		

GLOBAL HIGHLIGHTS

Trade Conflict a threat to global growth	Africa: Impact of trade tensions
Trade conflict has resumed between China and the US during August 2019 following the US announcement of a further \$300 billion tariff imposition on Chinese imports, after which China imposed an additional \$75 billion of imports from the US. This has triggered sharp movements in global equity markets, a decline in global oil prices and higher capital outflows from emerging economies. This has also resulted in an ongoing cyclical slowdown in global economic activity. (http://www.bit.ly/wespbrief)	The US-China trade tension has contributed to slowing demand in Africa's key trading partners, including China and the EU area, leading to lower commodity prices and weaker demand for Africa's commodity exports. While China is Africa's largest single trading partner, and with the US in 5 th place, any further trade conflict may severely affect the continent's growth during 2019. (http://www.bit.ly/wespbrief)

NATIONAL STATE OF THE ECONOMY

	South African Reserve Bank	IMF	The World Bank	OECD
Projected GDP Growth for 2019	1.0%	0.7%	1.3%	0.5%
Projected GDP Growth for 2020	1.8%	1.1%	1.3%	1.0%
2018 GDP/Growth	R3.14 trillion (Constant, 2010 Prices, 0.8% growth from 2017 , sourced from <i>Global Insight</i>)			



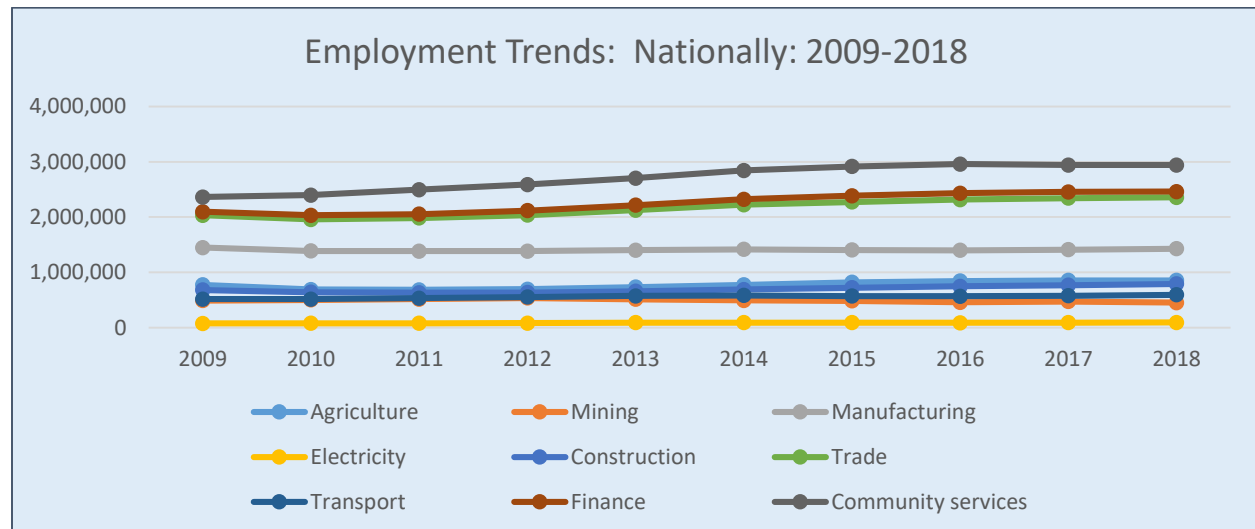
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NATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

GDP grows by 3.1% in 2nd Quarter	SA Economic Freedom ranking drops	Business Confidence drops during Q3	SA-China to strengthen relations
The country's GDP grew by 3.1% in the 2 nd Quarter of 2019. The mining and quarrying industries contributed to the increase by 14.4%. Finance, real estate and business services increased by 4.1%. In contrast, the agriculture, forestry and fishing industry and the construction industry decreased by 4.2% and 1.6% respectively. (SA News, 4 th September 2019).	The country's economic freedom score has dropped 54 places to 101 out of 162 countries according to the Economic Freedom of the World report 2019. The report measures the degree to which a country's policies and institutions support economic freedom by assessing size of government; legal structure and security of property rights; access to sound finance; freedom to trade internationally and regulation of credit, labour and business. (Mercury, 16 th September 2019)	The RMB/BER business confidence index dropped to 21 in Q3, down from 28 in Q2 as 79% of businesses surveyed found business conditions unsatisfactory. The biggest decline was in the wholesale and retail sectors, with manufacturing and building also declining. The Bureau for Economic Research (BER) states that more and more people participating in the survey are simply giving up hope and say that courageous leadership is required to help break the negative feedback loop where weakening business activity feeds into even lower business confidence, less investment and job creation. (https://www.investec.com/en_za/focus/economy.html)	According to the Department of Trade and Industry, South Africa and China are committed to strengthening their economic relations. This was confirmed by the signing of 93 Economic and Trade Cooperation Agreements between the two. These agreements are expected to help create jobs and deepen the country's industrialization agenda to grow the economy. At present there are 300 Chinese-funded enterprises carrying out production and operation activities in South Africa, according to the Bank of China. (SA News, 10 th September 2019).

NATIONAL KEY INDICATORS

INFLATION RATE / NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT	PETROL PRICE	EXCHANGE RATES	VEHICLE SALES	QUARTERLY GDP
<p>Annual inflation rate in South Africa was at 4.3% in August up from 4% in July. (https://tradingeconomics.com/south-africa/inflation-cpi)</p> <p>National employment in the 2nd quarter of 2019 was recorded as 16,313 million, up by 21,000 from previous quarter (0.01%). (http://www.statssa.gov.za/publications/P0211/P02113rdQuarter2018.pdf)</p>	<p>93 Octane: R15.83</p> <p>95 Octane: R15.39</p> <p>0.05% Diesel: R14.09</p> <p>As at 4th September 2019</p> <p>(https://www.gq.co.za/fuel-pricing)</p>	<p>Rand/Dollar: 14.8057</p> <p>Rand/Pound: 18.5748</p> <p>Rand/Euro: 16.3620</p> <p>As at 20th September 2019</p> <p>(Mercury, 20th September 2019)</p>	<p>New Car Sales Summary - August 2019</p> <p>NAAMSA confirmed that aggregate domestic sales for August 2019 was at 45 537 units which is a decline of 2 440 units or 5, 1% from the 47 977 vehicles sold in August last year.</p> <p>(https://www.naamsa.co.za/SalesStats)</p>	<p>National GDP increased by 3.1% in the 2nd quarter of 2019. (https://tradingeconomics.com/south-africa/gdp-growth)</p>

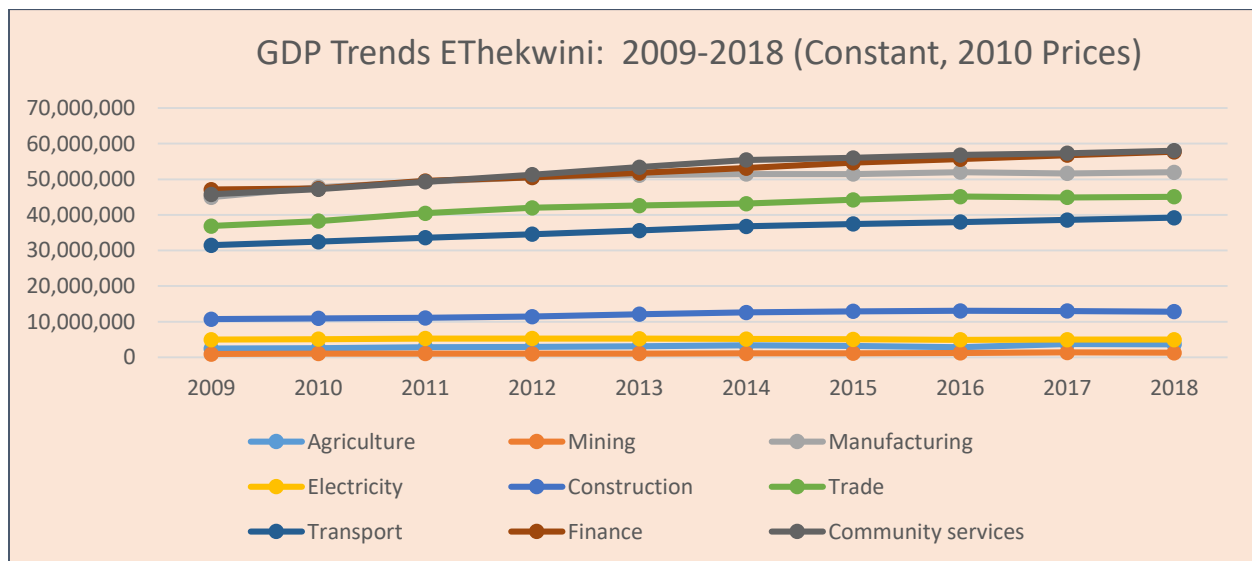


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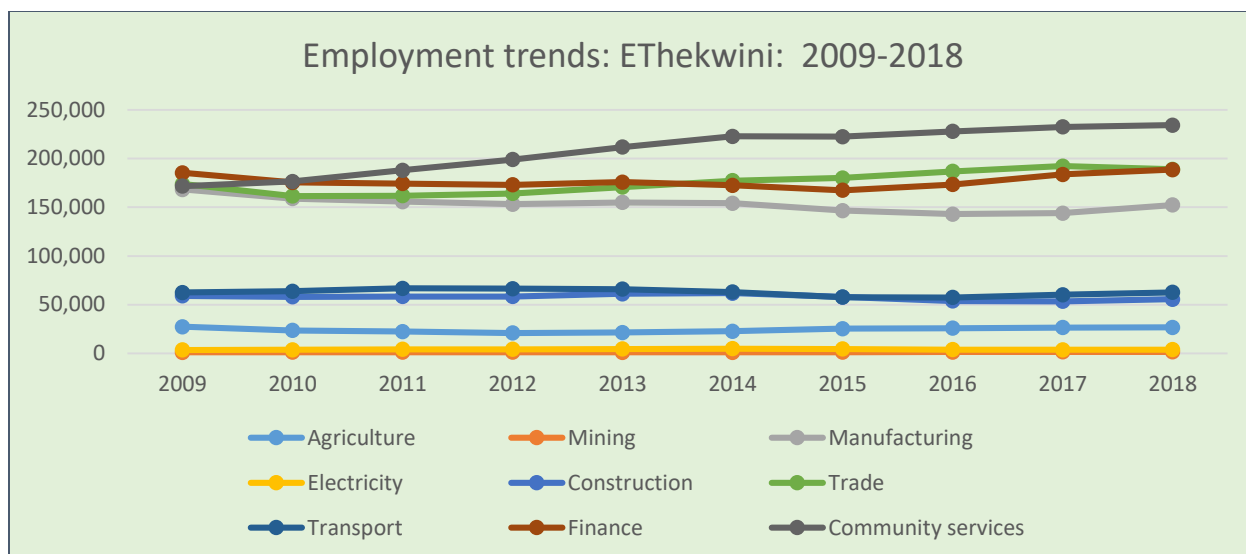
LOCAL STATE OF THE ECONOMY

ETHEKWINI INDICATORS

GDP / TOTAL POPULATION	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT Q2: 2019	Q2:2019 UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASED TO 21.9%	Development Indicators for 2018	ANNUAL TRADE 2018
<p>R305.9 billion, 0.9% growth from 2017. (<i>Global Insight 2019</i>)</p> <p>The eThekwini population was recorded as 3,918,863 in 2018 according to Global Insight (Increased by 1.4%) (<i>Global Insight 2019</i>)</p>	<p>Formal Sector employment recorded as approximately 1.159 million in the first Quarterly Labour Force Survey in 2019 according to Statistics South Africa. This represented a decrease of 1.6% over the previous quarter. (http://www.statssa.gov.za/publications/P0211/P02111stQuarter2019.pdf)</p>	<p>The City's quarterly unemployment rate decreased by 1.1 percentage points to 21.9% from 23.0% in the previous quarter.</p> <p>Number of unemployed is at 324,000, down by 22,000 from previous quarter. (http://www.statssa.gov.za/publications/P0211/P02111stQuarter2019.pdf)</p>	<p>Human Development Index: 0.66</p> <p>Gini coefficient: 0.62</p> <p>Functional Literacy:</p> <p>Total illiterate: 340,675 Total literate: 2,625,882</p> <p>Number of Households: 1, 125, 767</p> <p>Geographic Area: 2, 556 km²</p> <p>Number of Wards: 110</p> <p>(Source: <i>Global Insight 2019/ Development Planning</i>)</p>	<p>Total Exports: R82, 7 billion (Increased by 13.8%)</p> <p>Total Imports: R114, 5 billion (Increased by 8.5%) (<i>Global Insight 2019</i>)</p>



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ETHEKWINI EVENTS/AWARDS/INVESTMENTS

Creation of Problem Buildings Division	Ushaka Marine World wins award	Fuel cell factory to locate at Dube TradePort	2020 World Maritime Day Parallel Day to be hosted in Durban
The City has established the Problem Buildings Division to transform the inner city and enable it for attracting investment and ensure the residents are living in a clean, safe and healthy precinct. Some of the reasons for problem buildings relate to dilapidation, lack of maintenance, abandoned, dysfunctional body corporate, in arrears with Municipal accounts and other various public bylaw infringements. (Metro Ezasegagasini, 23 August-5 September 2019)	Ushaka Marine World has won an award in the tourism category at the Standard Bank Top Women Awards during August 2019. The Awards recognises organisations who have been uplifting women in business and society. (Metro Ezasegagasini, 23 August-5 September 2019)s	Chem Corporation is planning to build their first fuel cell factory in the country at a facility in the Dube TradePort special economic zone (SEZ). The fuel cell is an alternative supplier of power and protects a telecoms network against power cuts and provides power in offgrid areas faster, more reliably and at a lower cost than alternative power sources. (Engineering News, https://www.engineeringnews.co.za)	Durban will be the host city for the International Maritime Organization's World Maritime Day Parallel Event during 15-17 September 2020. The event will attract officials from the International Maritime Organization Member States, the United Nations Specialized Agencies and various intergovernmental organizations. (SA News, 19 th September 2019).

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CATALYTIC PROJECTS (updated as new information received from Catalytic Projects Unit)

CATALYTIC PROJECTS AT IMPLEMENTATION STAGE		
Project	Description	Status/Progress
Point Waterfront	One of the key catalytic projects in the city – and also forms part of the City’s initiative to redevelop and regenerate the inner-city. The first phase commenced in 2017 and relates mostly to the provision of infrastructure. The balance of the project will cover a 10-15-year horizon at between R30-R35 billions of public/private sector investment. When completed, the development will create 6,750 permanent jobs and provide 11,000 construction jobs with an annual rates contribution of R200 million.	<p>Implementation by eThekweni Metro, in conjunction with a private developer</p> <p>Construction of Bulk Infrastructure to support Phase 1 of development underway (includes promenade & bulks).</p> <p>The Promenade to be completed 30 October 2019. Practical completion was concluded on 1 Oct 2019, currently busy with addressing the GAP list.</p> <p>Contractors for the two Point water mains tenders have been appointed in July 2019. Contractors are awaiting for construction permits for site establishment. Work to start at end October 2019 and is anticipated to be completed in November 2020. The value of the contract is estimated R240 million</p>
Rivertown precinct upgrade	The proposed Rivertown precinct lies to the east of Durban CBD, between the City’s ICC and Durban Beachfront. The development entails a mixed-use precinct which includes providing linkages between ICC and Durban beachfront, providing opportunities for private galleries, small theatres, restaurants and other entertainment venues, promoting residential densification through social and market related housing, developing a cultural precinct that offers local and international tourists the experience of clothes, food and leisure unique to KwaZulu-Natal.	<p>Implementation by eThekweni Metro</p> <p>Construction for the upgrading of the Rivertown precinct commenced in June 2019. The completion date is February 2021.</p> <p>The value of the contract is R44 million. An amount of R38.8 million and R5.2 million to be spend for 2019/20/21 financial years</p>

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Ntshongweni Mixed use development	The Ntshongweni Mixed Use development is strategically located at the N3 and Kassie road interchange and forms part of the SIP2 corridor between Duran-Free State-Gauteng logistic and industrial corridor. The 2000-hectare precinct is a mixed development intended to create a new economic hub in Durban's Outer West area. The precinct development will include lifestyle and tourism based development, new lifestyle estates, high quality office and business parks, freight and logistics, gold, equestrian and leisure facilities.	<p>Implementation by Private Developer, in conjunction with eThekweni Metro</p> <p>The urgent infrastructure expected to support the development entails upgrading of Kassier road, electricity substation, water and wastewater treatment works upgrading. Construction work for the upgrading of Kassier road is awaiting the finalisation of compliance issues such as agreement on transfer of the provincial road to the city, WULA, issuing of A/B certificates, which are now expected to be concluded in November 2019. The roadworks will cost approximately R260 million. The value for the upgrading of electricity, sewer and water infrastructure is approximately R69 million. The infrastructure work will be completed in 2021.</p>
Dumisani Makhaye Development (MIDWAY CROSSING MALL DEVELOPMENT)	The development entails a Shopping Centre with a floor area of 21000 square metres, will accommodate a Sizakala Centre and Municipal Services centre (Library and Clinic). The Shopping Centre will be the first mall with a fully integrated Go! Durban feeder facility and Go! Durban safety & security centre, with an improved linkage between the Lindelani Community and Newlands community. Approximately 300 construction jobs over 18 months will be created as well 100 seasonal and permanent jobs during operational stage.	<p>Implementation by Private Developer, in conjunction with eThekweni Metro.</p> <p>Letter of Award has been issued on 28 June 2019 to appoint developer as implementing agent for the municipal infrastructure. MOA was signed in July 2019. Construction work has started already. The total budget for the development is R744 million, with eThekweni contributing R350 million and the private sector contributing R407 million, of which at least R200 million be spend on RET.</p>

		The work is on track to allow for Mall to be opened in April 2022.
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Cornubia	Cornubia Shopping Mall is an 85,000m ² regional shopping centre that offers a mix of food, fashion, lifestyle and sports, which are all integrated into an outdoor family-orientated shopping experience in KwaZulu-Natal. The centre is strategically located within 1km from the Umhlanga/Mount Edgecombe interchange and is directly connected to the New Umhlanga Town Centre. It has great visibility and is easily accessible from the from N2 highway, the M41 and Cornubia Boulevard.	<p>Implementation by Private Developer, in conjunction with eThekwin Metro</p> <p>Currently under development, with approximately 30% of the planned precincts already complete including Phase 1 housing, an industrial and business estate, a business hub and major infrastructure. Filling station and offices under construction</p> <p>Road contract (C9 Corridor) as part of IPTN is also under construction by ETA.</p>
Dube TradePort	The Dube TradePort has attracted over R1.4-billion investment to date. Dube TradeZone has secured Samsung Electronics; Amsted Reelin, Rossi SA, Ukuphanta and DB Schenker. The latest business to locate at the TradeZone is Yangtze Optics Africa Cable and Cipla Biotech. Planning is underway for Dube TradeZone 2, as well as Dube AgriZone Phase 2. The Tradeport will eventually provide 150,000 permanent jobs with a total rates contribution of R180 million annually. The complete investment value is R13 billion.	<p>Implementation by Dube Trade Point, in conjunction with eThekwin Metro</p> <p>Bulk earthworks and plat forming in progress</p> <p>Installation of internal services is underway</p>
Keystone	The 152-hectare, R6.5-billion Keystone Park Light Industrial Warehousing and Logistics Precinct is currently being developed by Keystone Park CC, located immediately adjacent to the N3 Hammarsdale interchange. Development activity commenced during January 2015 with the 15,000m ² Malda Pack facility having started business operations; Mr Price's new 60,000m ² National Distribution Centre has been completed, with the construction of Pepkor's new 85,000m ²	<p>Implementation by Private Developer, in conjunction with eThekwin Metro</p> <p>Electricity: New permanent Eskom supply cables installed.</p> <p>Water & Western Aqueduct Link: Water infrastructure being delivered through the Western Aqueduct link. MR385: Discussion between DoT, the</p>

	Distribution Centre completed in December 2017. Several further significant top-structure projects are in the final stages of being packaged. This regional catalytic development will generate substantial employment opportunities including around 3,500 temporary construction jobs at peak and approximately 6,500 permanent employment opportunities and annual rates of R2 million when fully completed.	Developer and eThekweni Municipality underway to upgrade MR385.
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Clairwood Logistics Park	This R4.5 billion logistics park is aimed at supporting the logistics, commercial and surrounding light industrial developments in the broader South Durban Basin.	<p>Implementation by Private Developer, in conjunction with eThekweni Metro</p> <p>Earthworks, environmental off-sets and Warehouse completed for Phase 1.</p> <p>Awaiting approval of building plans for Phase 2, which will include a second warehouse. Construction will take about 8 months once building plans have been approved.</p>

CATALYTIC PROJECTS AT PLANNING STAGE		
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Centrum Site	<p>The development of the Durban Centrum entails a mixed-use precinct of IRPTN¹ and ICDS² bus stations, a new super basement parking garage with public service buildings, integrated with high-density residential, hotel, retail and commercial development. The 28-hectare site comprises the largest single area of the central city and provides the potential for comprehensive redevelopment. It is expected that this site will complement the adjoining central business district while trying to preserve the city's heritage in terms of its historic buildings. The total investment value is R9.4 billion to provide 3,350 construction and 1,350 permanent jobs with an annual rates contribution of R67 million.</p>	<p>Implementation by eThekweni Metro</p> <p>Specialist technical feasibilities complete.</p> <p>Tender Appeal for the appointment of a Programme Manager was upheld, leading to protracted SCM process. Appointment is now expected to be concluded by December 2019. Steering committee is engaging various internal stakeholder regarding the development of Council chamber, Libraries, Go-Durban station, etc. is in progress. Due to delayed SCM process, a preliminary report will be submitted to Council on 5 December 2019 to obtain approval for the implementation of the project outlining the various implementation phases and funding model</p>
Virginia Airport	<p>The City received an unsolicited bid from Seaworld Investment Holdings (Pty) Ltd for a 306,870m² mixed-use development, which was rejected. A study to establish best development scenarios has been commissioned. On completion of this, Council will open this up for public tender.</p>	<p>Implementation by eThekweni Metro</p> <p>The draft development options report was accepted by CIC on 24 June 2019. Based on the refinement that were required following CIC presentation, it will be submitted to Council sitting in December 2019 for approval of the re-development of the site.</p>

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Warwick Node	The R1.3 billion Warwick Precinct is the dominant public transport node within the municipality and the projects will include a proposed Berea Station Mall, a proposed taxi-holding facility, a cold room storage and the erection of a bovine head facility. Annual rates estimated at R250, 000 with 3,500 construction- and 2,670 permanent jobs.	<p>Implementation by eThekweni Metro</p> <p>The initial urban designs and building plans for the mall and taxi facility were approved. However due to Go-Durban project and other factors, the original master plan is currently being revised to accommodate the revised Go-Durban inner city distribution routes, taxi holding facility, Student accommodation and social housing. Funding alternatives will be included as part of the submission of the revised master plan for approval during 2019</p>
Durban Film City	The development of the R7.5 billion film studio in eThekweni will go ahead upon the conclusion of the legal battle related to the land transfer issues with the South African National Defence Force (who still own a portion of the land at the former Natal Command site). The city will try and fast-track the transfer of the land to commence construction of a motion picture, media, resort and entertainment precinct with the potential to create approximately 4,000 to 5,000 permanent jobs and attract film makers from around the world.	<p>Implementation by eThekweni Metro, in conjunction with Private developer</p> <p>The development is currently held up by land-legal issues. The High Court hearing was postponed from July 2019 to 15 October 2019</p>
Durban Iconic Tower	The City received a proposal from the Durban Tower Development Company in 2016 to build a R6 billion, 88-storey skyscraper near the Moses Mabhida Stadium, which would become the highest building in the southern hemisphere. It will be built over the next 5 years and become operational by 2021 should construction commence in 2018, following approval of the project. The proposed location is on the site of the Durban Country Club and the premises of the Natal Mounted Rifles. The	<p>Implementation by Private Developer, in conjunction with eThekweni Metro</p> <p>A meeting was held with the Country Club during Mar 2019, who in turn committed to providing a response to the city by the end of May 2019 regarding their interest in allowing for any</p>

	project may serve as a potential catalyst to future large-scale development within the Durban Inner city and the greater metropolitan area.	redevelopment of the leased area. To date no response has been received.
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Finningley Growth Sphere	The proposed R45 billion development will include schools, universities, an airfield, as well as a mix of residential options, retail and commercial with agricultural and industrial developments. Annual rates estimated at R12 billion and approximately 27,000 permanent jobs over the 20-year development.	<p>Implementation by Private Developer, in conjunction with eThekweni Metro</p> <p>This is classified as an All Green development.</p> <p>The developer's application for Act 70/70 was declined. They have approached the High Court and the hearing took place in November 2018. Currently awaiting the court's outcome. In addition to sourcing funding from Development Bank of South Africa (DBSA), the developer has also approached international funders from the USA</p>
Illovo Auto Supplier Park	The R6.5 billion Auto Supply Park (ASP) development is a strategic economic priority for both national and provincial government. The development will accommodate at least 100 hectares of developable industrial land. The approval of the South Illovo Local Area Plan will include the development of 3,792 residential homes, 1,316,207m ² of industrial space and 51,810m ² of commercial space. The project will create 6,000 construction and 2,600 permanent jobs.	<p>Implementation by Dube Trade Point (on behalf of provincial government), in conjunction with eThekweni Metro</p> <p>A consultant has been appointed to complete all design planning processes. The project is currently at conceptual planning stage. Act 70/70 application submitted to provincial DAFF with letter of support from the city.</p> <p>Phase 1 development is targeted to be commence in August 2021 for site hand over to the User in August 2022.</p>

		<p>Discussions are ongoing with SANRAL regarding the N2 interchange required for the development.</p> <p>A draft MoA between the city and the province has been compiled and will be submitted to CIC/EMT on 14 October 2019 and Council on 31 October 2019 to mandate City Manager to commit the city for the provision of bulk infrastructure required within the project timelines.</p>
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