

# **FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

*(Incorporating Fish Hoek, Clovelly and Sun Valley)*

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**SUBJECT: REQUEST TRAFFIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF FISH HOEK**

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Fish Hoek is an important commuter corridor for people accessing the South Peninsula, and as a public transport interchange: train station, the bus station and the taxi rank from surrounding areas such as Ocean View, Masiphumelele, Noordhoek, Sunnydale, Scarborough, Kommetjie and Simon's Town. It is a significant business node which serves the same people and at the same time creates much needed employment; it is a vital part of the Cape Peninsula scenic tourist route serving the world famous and popular Fish Hoek beach and popular Boulders Penguin Colony and Cape Point, which is visited by people from all over South African and overseas. Specifically, Fish Hoek Main and Beach Roads serve the critical function as mobility corridors, tourism routes and activity corridors for commercial uses of the Fish Hoek Central Business District.

We have noted that traffic does not flow through Fish Hoek smoothly / efficiently, especially on Main Road through our CBD with traffic jams in the mornings from the first robot in Kalk Bay and traffic circle at Main, Kommetjie and Simon's Town Roads in the mid-afternoon. There is also the concern for pedestrians trying to cross Main Road at our pedestrian crossings or being run down, as happened recently.

Our members have many suggestions, such as repainting and raising the pedestrian crossing running between the Fish Hoek Arcade and VideoRite or adding a flashing light here as this is the site of the most recent crash with a pedestrian. The flashing light could be similar to the lamp style in Europe/UK, and potentially battery/solar powered to save on installation. Also to remove the signalling at the two other pedestrian crossings on the main road northwards, following similar design of the Arcade crossing.

Another suggestion is a roundabout / traffic circle at Main and De Waal Roads incorporating the dogleg at Dunster Avenue. This dogleg is too short into De Waal Road forcing vehicles into the turning traffic to and from Main Road. To ease flow, De Waal Road to Main Road North should probably be double lanes. Pedestrians would need to cross De Waal Road and make their way to the Station Road pedestrian crossing to catch their taxi or train.

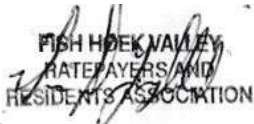
Fish Hoek Main Road needs an upgrade and rehabilitation of roads and services along Main Road from Clovelly to Sunnycove. This should include pedestrian improvements together with hard and soft landscaping with the possibility of spekboom trees on Main Road pavements (similar tree-ability to the Municipal Offices in Muizenberg).

While upgrading, temporary one-way roads would need to be identified. We request that consideration be given to making some permanent. For example, two one-way roads: one-way traffic starting from the Kommetjie Road / Simon's Town Road / Main Road circle, continuing until the current Beach Road turn-off at the Northern end and making Beach Road a concurrent, but opposite (Southerly) one-way traffic starting from the Main Road turn-off to Simon's Town Road. One-way traffic would be easier for pedestrians to cross. Additionally, 45° angled / diagonal parking on Main Road could be considered as this could apparently add between 30% and 40% to the existing parking. First Avenue could be the temporary Northerly one-way road as is currently its role.

## Summary

In conclusion, we request:

- a proper Traffic Impact Assessment be performed for Fish Hoek, incorporating the local knowledge and our future vision for Fish Hoek.

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