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ASSIGNMENT AND OR TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS ROADS, TESTING AND LICENSING CENTRES

**COUNCIL ITEM
SPEAKER**

1. PURPOSE

The purpose to request Council to consider and approve

- 1.1 the request by the Municipality to the Free State Provincial Government to assign and or transfer the function and management of all testing and licensing centres operating with Mangaung Metropolitan jurisdiction to be operated by the municipality; and
- 1.2 the request by the municipality to the Free State Provincial Government to assign the operation and management of certain provincial roads and traffic to the extent that they pass through high residential density, central business districts, economic and industrial zones and areas with high traffic volumes within the jurisdiction of the municipality.

2. DISCUSSION

Assignment of the Operations and traffic management and transfer of certain provincial roads

The municipality has certain provincial roads passing within its jurisdiction. Specifically, some of these road's pass through the Central Business Districts, industrial and economic zones and residential areas of the municipality. The integration of these roads and municipal roads is inevitably made by the high and use and higher traffic volumes by the municipality residents. The coordination of traffic management and enforcement of traffic law is currently operated exclusively by the provincial traffic officers even though such roads are used mainly and there is high traffic density for socio-economic reasons by the Mangaung Metropolitan community.

The municipality is deprived with the right to manage high volume traffic in provincial roads that pass within its jurisdiction, especially in high use by its residents. This limitation has

resulted in daily traffic congestion that negatively impact on free flow of traffic and greater economic growth and social activities within its jurisdiction.

Administration of provincial roads is a competency of the provincial government. However, it has become necessary for the municipality to administer these provincial roads to the extent that the roads passing through the high population residential, central business districts and economic activity areas of the city of Mangaung.

In terms of section 156 (1) (ii) the municipality may administer the provincial road and traffic if the province assigns this power and function to it. The assignment will enable the municipality to ensure free traffic flow, and more effective traffic management as a metropolitan area.

Transfer of all testing and licensing stations within the area of jurisdiction of the municipality

All testing and licensing centres within the jurisdiction of Mangaung Metropolitan municipality are currently administered by the provincial government. Mangaung Metropolitan municipality is the only category A municipality in the province and has the highest traffic volumes, biggest and high impact road and transport infrastructure for socio-economic activities.

Traffic management therefore constitutes an integral part of the safety of residents and the economic growth and sustainability of Mangaung metropolitan area. Metropolitan areas with high traffic volumes and vehicle licensing activities are given the right to administer licensing and testing within the area of jurisdiction to ensure better coordination, fast, effective and efficient localised testing and licensing for socio-economic growth within their area of jurisdiction.

In all except the Free State province, the testing and licensing stations have been transferred by other provincial governments for administration to metropolitan municipalities. The transfer has enabled more socio-economic activities, better management and maintenance of roads and faster efficient traffic flow and management and revenue for those cities. Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality like all other metropolitan areas should therefore be placed in a position to administer licensing and testing within its area of jurisdiction.

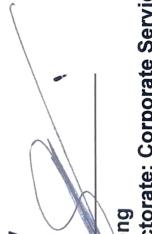
It is for the above reasons amongst others that there is a need for the municipality to request the provincial government to transfer all testing and licensing centres to be administered by the municipality

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

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 - b. the request by the municipality to the Free State Provincial Government to assign the operation and management of certain provincial roads and traffic to the extent that they pass through high residential density, central business districts, economic and industrial zones and areas with high traffic volumes the jurisdiction of the municipality.

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