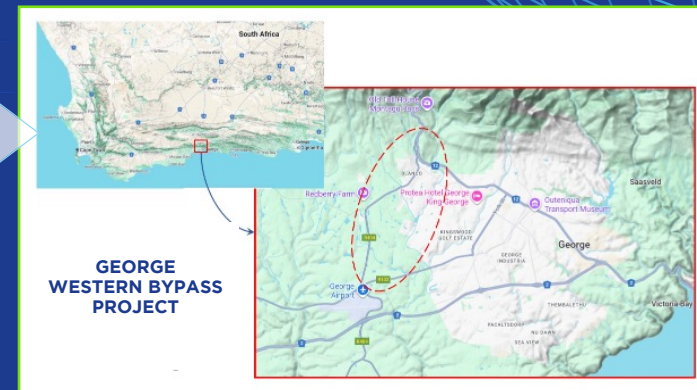


GEORGE WESTERN BYPASS PROJECT

PROJECT SUMMARY

The George Western Bypass is a 13km greenfield road connecting the N2, west of George, with the Outeniqua Pass (N9/N12). Designed to alleviate congestion and enhance national and regional connectivity, it will strengthen George's role as a regional growth hub. By reducing travel times, accidents and emissions, the project advances equitable economic, social and environmental development. Guided by the Western Cape Infrastructure Framework 2050 principles, it applies innovative infrastructure design, fosters resilient ecosystems, and promotes spatial justice by transforming mobility, enabling growth, and improving the quality of life for residents and businesses alike.

MAP OF THE PROJECT



PROJECT STATUS



The project has completed planning and is currently in the Concept and Viability Stage. It applies a mission-oriented approach, bringing government, communities and private partners together to tackle spatial inequality, build climate resilience, and unlock inclusive economic opportunities. Outstanding actions include land acquisition and advancing through design development, both managed within established statutory and regulatory processes. This bypass project is well-positioned to progress toward investment readiness, leveraging cutting-edge road technologies and sustainable construction practices for long-term impact.

FINANCIAL NEEDS



Approximately: R1.1 billion with a funding gap of R1 billion. While baseline allocations exist, additional investment is required to unlock the project's timely delivery and associated economic and social benefits. Current departmental allocations are insufficient to meet delivery within the required timeframes. Additional resources are necessary to secure implementation, which would ensure transport efficiency, climate mitigation and economic upliftment. In addition, this investment will strengthen national transport networks and unlock the regional economic potential, in line with policy commitments to sustainable infrastructure and the Western Cape Infrastructure Framework 2050 development vision.

PRIVATE SECTOR OPPORTUNITY

Private sector investors can engage through:



Structured co-financing partnerships designed to complement public allocations and accelerate project timelines.



Collaboration in construction delivery that integrates innovative, sustainable materials and practices.



Long-term maintenance frameworks enabling predictable returns while preserving infrastructure quality.



Participation in regional development initiatives linked to the bypass, ensuring broader socio-economic benefits.

KEY PARTIES

- Department of Infrastructure
- George Municipality
- SANRAL
- George International Airport
- Various landowners

TIMELINE

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PHASE 1
Concept and Viability Stage completed

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PHASE 2
Land acquisition and expropriation process underway

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PHASE 3
Detailed design development and environmental approvals

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PHASE 4
Procurement and contractor mobilisation

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PHASE 5
Construction of 13km bypass

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PHASE 6
Routine and periodic maintenance phase

The project has completed its Concept and Viability Stage and is advancing toward land acquisition and design approvals. Once procurement and contractor mobilisation are in place, construction of the 13km bypass will commence.

Following delivery, the project transitions into long-term routine and periodic maintenance, ensuring that the bypass remains resilient, efficient, and a lasting asset to the region.