

PHILIPPI STADIUM UPGRADE

MAP OF THE PROJECT



PROJECT SUMMARY

Built over 40 years ago, the Philippi Stadium is located in one of Cape Town's most socio-economically strained areas, the stadium presents an urgent yet catalytic opportunity for the Western Cape Government to reassert its commitment to infrastructure equity, youth empowerment, public safety, and community revitalisation.

Extensive vandalism since 2021 has stripped the facility of all services, including plumbing, electrical and security. Structural engineers have declared both the East and West stands as unsafe for public access.

The upgrade to the stadium consists of three phases that outline the critical need for interim functional recovery, comprehensive structural rehabilitation and long-term compliance with the Safety at Sports and Recreational Events Act (SASREA).

PROJECT STATUS



Phase 1 is ready to proceed. An Interim Work Package cost estimate to enable functional local use was submitted in February 2025 and is awaiting approval. Structural engineering investigations need to be prioritised to assess the safety and viability of cantilever elements and column reinforcements. The project aligns with the Western Cape Infrastructure Framework 2050.

FINANCIAL NEEDS



Approximately R40 million. Phase 1 is estimated at R5m, covering the interim work package. The total budget across the three phases is estimated at R40m, subject to structural investigations.

PRIVATE SECTOR OPPORTUNITY

The project offers a compelling case for collaboration between government, private investors and civil society. It supports:



Government goals for infrastructure and youth development



Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives



Long-term financial returns through diversified revenue streams

KEY PARTIES

- **DCAS:** Western Cape Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport (Project Owner)
- **DOI:** Western Cape Department of Infrastructure (Implementing Authority)
- **City of Cape Town:** Oversight, land use approvals and integration with urban plans
- **Local Community and Ward Councillors:** Input on design, usage and social impact
- **South African Police Services (SAPS):** Safety and security integration
- **Youth and Sports Clubs:** Beneficiaries of training programmes and facility access
- **Private Investors and Sponsors:** Funding, branding and commercial partnerships
- **NGOs and Civil Society:** Programme delivery, community outreach and advocacy

TIMELINE

Planning Horizon

Phase 1:
Short-Term (1 - 3yrs)

Phase 2:
Medium-Term (3 - 5yrs)

Phase 3:
Long-Term (5 - 10yrs)

Strategic Fit

Engineering investigations and interim work packages for functionality and vandalism mitigation

Structural rehabilitation, ablution restoration, lighting and partial SASREA compliance

Masterplan-led precinct development, second access road, broadcast capacity and formal handover