


**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS**

**SOCIAL MOBILITY AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN  
EXPERIENCE - AFFORDABLE MOBILITY  
AS A HUMAN RIGHT**

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1. Mobility - Affordable or otherwise - Implies  
“ Freedom of Movement”
  2. Anybody that knows anything about the History of South Africa will know that the decades it was a Country and Nation distinctly characterised by the absence of “Freedom” of any kind of the majority of the people



### 3. For the Black people, there were no:

#### a) Political freedoms

- formation of political parties
- No voting rights

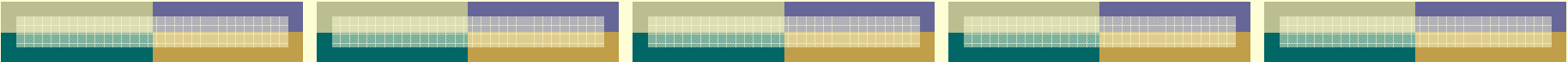
#### b) Economic freedoms

- Restrictions in the formation of Business
- Pass Laws to confine to homelands and townships to only come out to provide cheap labour.

#### c) Social freedoms

- No inter marriages
- No Socialisation across “Colour” lines.





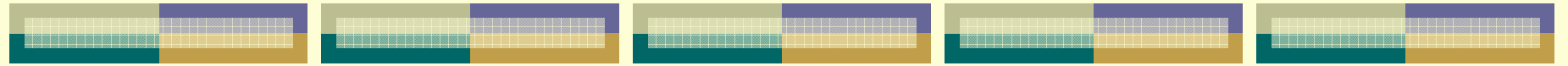
**4. These restrictions generally manifested themselves in spatial arrangements throughout the country.**

- **Separation of Residential Areas along Racial lines**
- **Separation of Residential Areas from places of work.**

**5. The separation of Residential areas, particularly those for Black people, and the strict regulation of their mobility, meant that:**

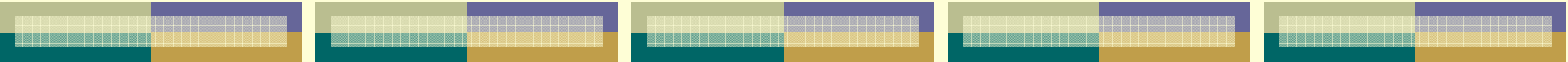
- **Access to education**
- **Access to resources**
- **Access to opportunities were severely compromised.**





6. The separation of Residential areas from places of work also resulted in :
- Urban transport systems, where urban poor have to commute long distances to employment centres
  - 67% of urban residents travel an average of 18km in one direction to get to work
  - Inefficient and heavily subsidized public transport system.



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7. **Strict regulation of their mobility, and restricted access to education, resources and opportunities resulted in the majority of the population being denied the ability to fulfil their human potential - a violation of their human right**
  
  8. **In 1994 political freedoms**
    - **In 1996 - The Constitution with Bill of Rights**
    - **However, for most communities nothing much else changed.**





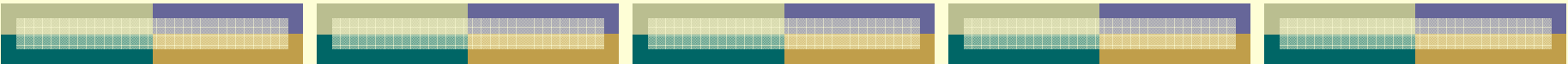
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- The South African Government invested R27.6 billion on housing delivery between 1994 and 2004.
  - More than 1.6 million houses were delivered which affected the lives of approximately 6.5 million people.
  - Despite this, the urban housing backlog increased from 1.5 million in 1994 to 2.4 million in 2004.



# National Travel Survey Results

- Public transport is not available or it is too far away (38.3% of responses in the Western Cape).
- Safety/Driver Behaviour was the second most important problem in most of the districts and the metro area (26.3% of responses in the Western Cape)
- 65.7% of households earning less than R500 per month spend more than 20% of their income on transport





# Our Interventions

**Ikapa Elihlumayo - Provincial Growth and Development Strategy.**

- **Social Capital formation**
- **Human Capital Development Strategy**
- **Micro Economic Development Strategy**
- **Provincial Spatial Development Framework**
- **Strategic Infrastructure Plan**





# Breaking New Ground Strategy

## Aspires

‘Promote the achievement of a non-racial integrated society through the development of sustainable human settlements and quality housing’





**Some Objectives**



- a. **Accelerating the delivery of housing as a key strategy for poverty alleviation**
  
- b. **Utilising housing as a instrument for the development of sustainable human settlements, in support of spatial restructuring.**  
**‘From providing houses to creating sustainable human settlements’**






# THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME (PTIP)

## Objectives:

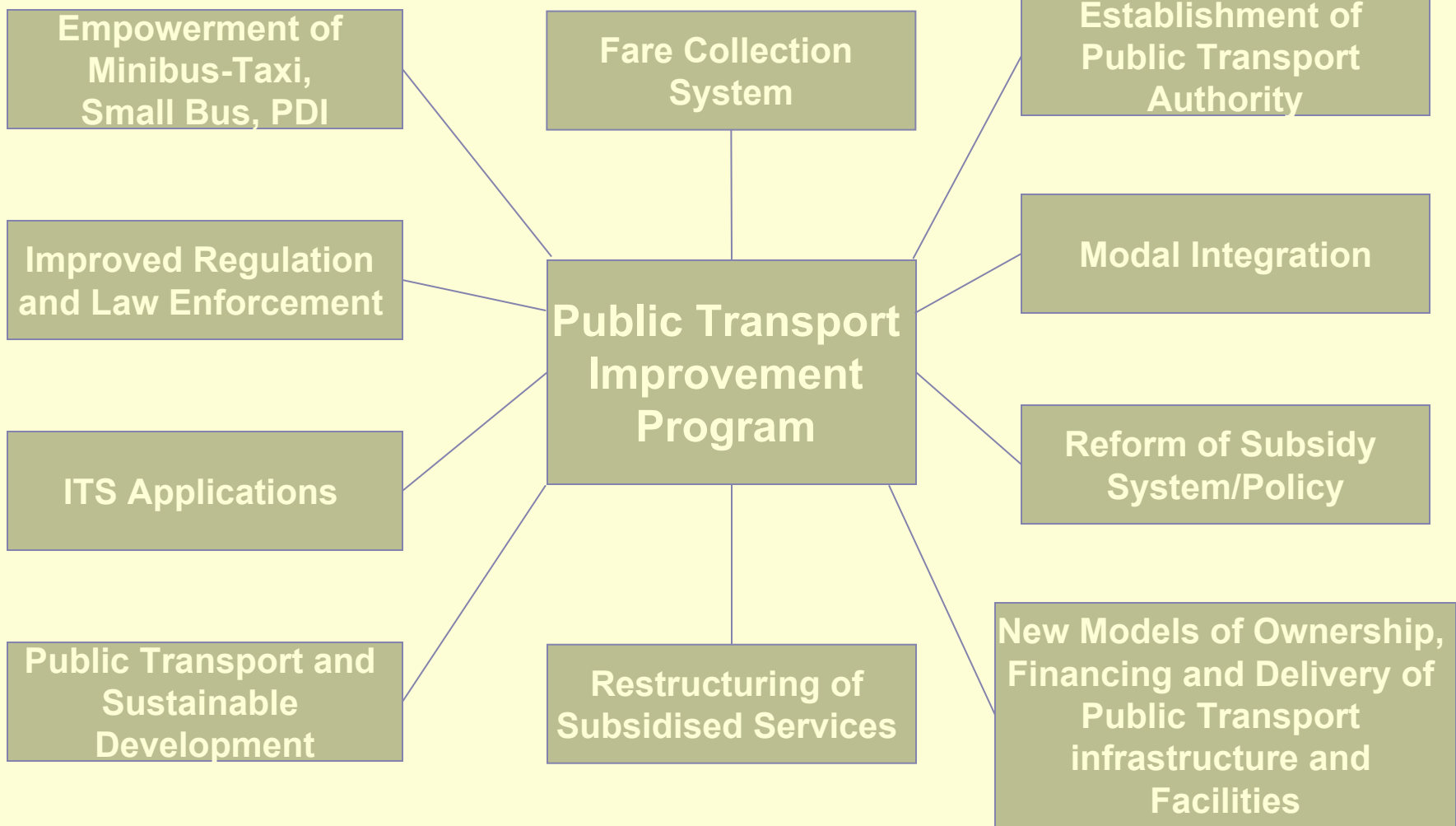
-  Making public transport affordable to users and the State
-  Ensuring that public transport contributes to Ikapa Elihlumayo by reducing the cost of doing business, building social capital, and supporting sustainable development



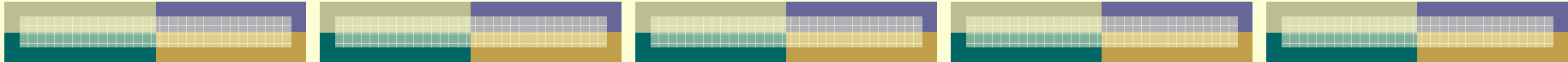
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- Giving equal consideration to all citizens in the Province (rural as well as urban areas)
  - Reducing amount of travel in private vehicles to public transport
  - Paving the way for administration of subsidy by the Department by moving from interim to tendered and/or negotiated contracts
  - Preparing for hosting World Cup 2010



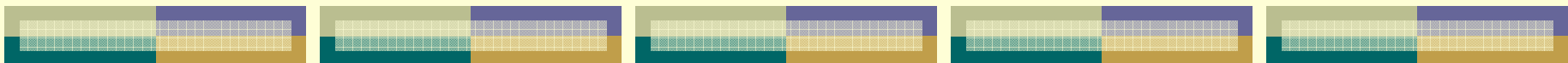












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