

New era for Rustenburg



Rustenburg: The Rustenburg Rapid Transport (RRT), ensuring a better future for Rustenburg and surrounds. The project was officially launched on Thursday 21 July at the Rustenburg Civic Centre.

If you thought that 2010 has put Rustenburg on the map, brace yourself for the futuristic developments we have entered into. It would be a first for a medium size city like Rustenburg (population just over half a million) to receive such a futuristic transport system. "This R3 billion transport project is about more than just transport, it's about securing Rustenburg's development, making it safer and more accessible," said Deputy Transport minister Jeremy Cronin during at the official launch of the project.

The bold project would see no less than 37 stations being built and 100 buses operating. Commuters would be using a tag (swipe) system on all the RRT transport systems. An extensive feasibility study indicated that about 200 000 people would make use of

the Rapid Transport buses once the system is up and running in 2015. Taking into account that the project cost amount to R3 billion, whilst the Gautrain project reached R25 billion (its projected number of passengers being only 125 000 per day) the RRT is a much better deal.

Executive Mayor of the Rustenburg Local Municipality, Cllr. Mpho Khunou, shared his excitement and reiterated his full commitment to the objectives of the RRT project.

"An effective transport system enhances the growth of a city. This futuristic system would lead to the regeneration of our CBD, numerous jobs, it would improve the quality of life of thousands and would also contribute to the protection of our environment, by reducing carbon emissions" he said.

The Platinum Weekly will keep you updated on the developments of the RRT system.

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Bodies of 2 newborn babies found in Tlhabane

Rustenburg/ Tlhabane – The police are appealing to the community to come forward with any information which may lead to the arrest of the mothers involved in abandoning their babies (particulars of birth unknown).A woman abandoned her (dead/stillborn?) baby at Oukasie in Tlhabane (20 July 2011). This gruesome discovery was made by children playing in Sechele Street on Tuesday afternoon.

According to the police reports, the children first saw an umbilical cord outside a black refuse bag. Upon further examination they discovered a what appears to be a dead baby lying next to the bag. Within minutes they alerted their parents who then contacted the police.

Another baby was found abandoned near a shopping complex at Oukasie in Tlhabane.

On Thursday, 21 July 2011, at about 09:00, a municipal employee was busy collecting refuse in the area when she stumbled upon a box containing a black plastic bag. According to the police reports, the 48-year-old woman had tried to remove the plastic but found it a little heavy. She only became worried when she saw blood oozing out of the plastic. On further examination, she saw a stillborn with the placenta on top of it. She quickly raised the alarm and alerted the police. Police recovered a grey tracksuit on scene.

Anyone with any information that can assist the police in apprehending the suspect, should contact D/Const Karabo Lekgoale of Tlhabane Detectives on 014 565 8500 or the CrimeStop number 086 001 011. Police are investigating cases of concealment of birth.

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