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PANEL DISCUSSION: PUBLIC TRANSPORT POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

- **Fundamental points of departure**

- *If the time between developing a plan or policy and implementation thereof is too long – the plan or policy loses its credibility*
- *Government must be a knowledgeable client & there must be institutional knowledge in a Department*
- *The more technical the Department the more critical institutional knowledge becomes*
- *Policies must be in line with the current realities of the country*

- **Fundamental points of departure**
 - *Policies must be based on a long term vision, with short to medium term deliverables*
 - *For policies and procedures to be implementable there must be extensive consultation with all role players – within a fixed period of time*
 - *The public must be brought on board and kept on board!*

- **Rules for developing Policies**

- *Must address the fundamental challenge facing South Africa*

- *Reducing poverty*
 - *Reducing unemployment*

- *Transport policy must:*

- *Promote the use of public transport*
 - *Promote modal integration*
 - *Address pollution & environmental issues*
 - *Address non motorised transport*

- **Rules for developing Policies**

- *Transport policy must:*

- *Seek to utilise the existing modes of public transport, but open up the sector to new entrants*

Implementation Process

- Four pillars
 - Continuous Political will & commitment
 - Viable project
 - Technical
 - Financial
 - Legal/Institutional
 - Funding
 - Government's portion
 - Private Sector's portion
 - Community acceptance & buy-in
 - Socio-economic benefits
 - Power of expropriation

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