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ISSUES UNDERLYING THE SLOW PROGRESS WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT POLICY



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OUTLINE OF THE PRESENTATION

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BACKGROUND

- ❑ Subsidised bus contracts have remained stagnant and most have been managed on a month-to-month basis since 2003
- ❑ The current system is characterised by out-dated information in relation to routes, passenger volumes and passenger kilometres. There are also cases of poor service.

POLICY DIRECTIVES

❑ Section 41 of the NLTA (No. 5 of 2009):

41. (1) Contracting authorities may enter into negotiated contracts with operators in their areas (once only) with a view to—

(a) integrating services forming part of integrated public transport networks in terms of their integrated transport plans;

POLICY DIRECTIVES...cont

- (b) promoting the economic empowerment of small business or of persons previously disadvantaged by unfair discrimination; or
- c) facilitating the restructuring of a parastatal or municipal transport operator to discourage monopolies.



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POLICY DIRECTIVES..cont

- ❑ The Public Transport Strategy has two key thrusts: **Accelerated Modal Upgrading** and **Integrated Rapid Public Transport Networks** and has identified 12 (plus 1) cities and 6 District municipalities for 1st phase implementation.



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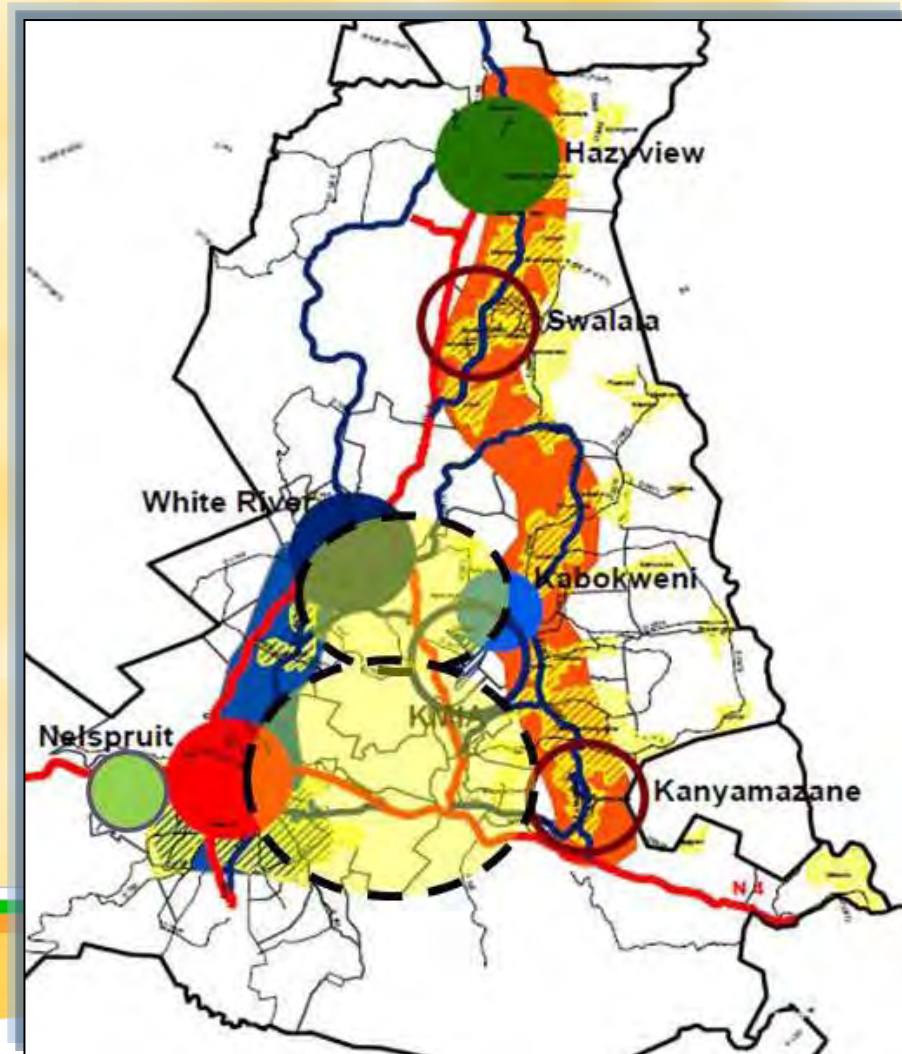
GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION

❑ The negotiations envisaged by subsections (1) and (2) must where appropriate include operators in the area subject to interim contracts, subsidized service contracts, commercial service contracts, existing negotiated contracts and operators of unscheduled services and non-contracted services

Mbombela's IPTN

- **Projected cost of completion:**
- R 1.3billion – for reduced scale system including: Infrastructure, ITS and Transitional/Institutional Structures
- **Project Scope:**
- 21km of dedicated PT trunk route on R40 (Nelspruit/White River) and in Nelspruit Central area

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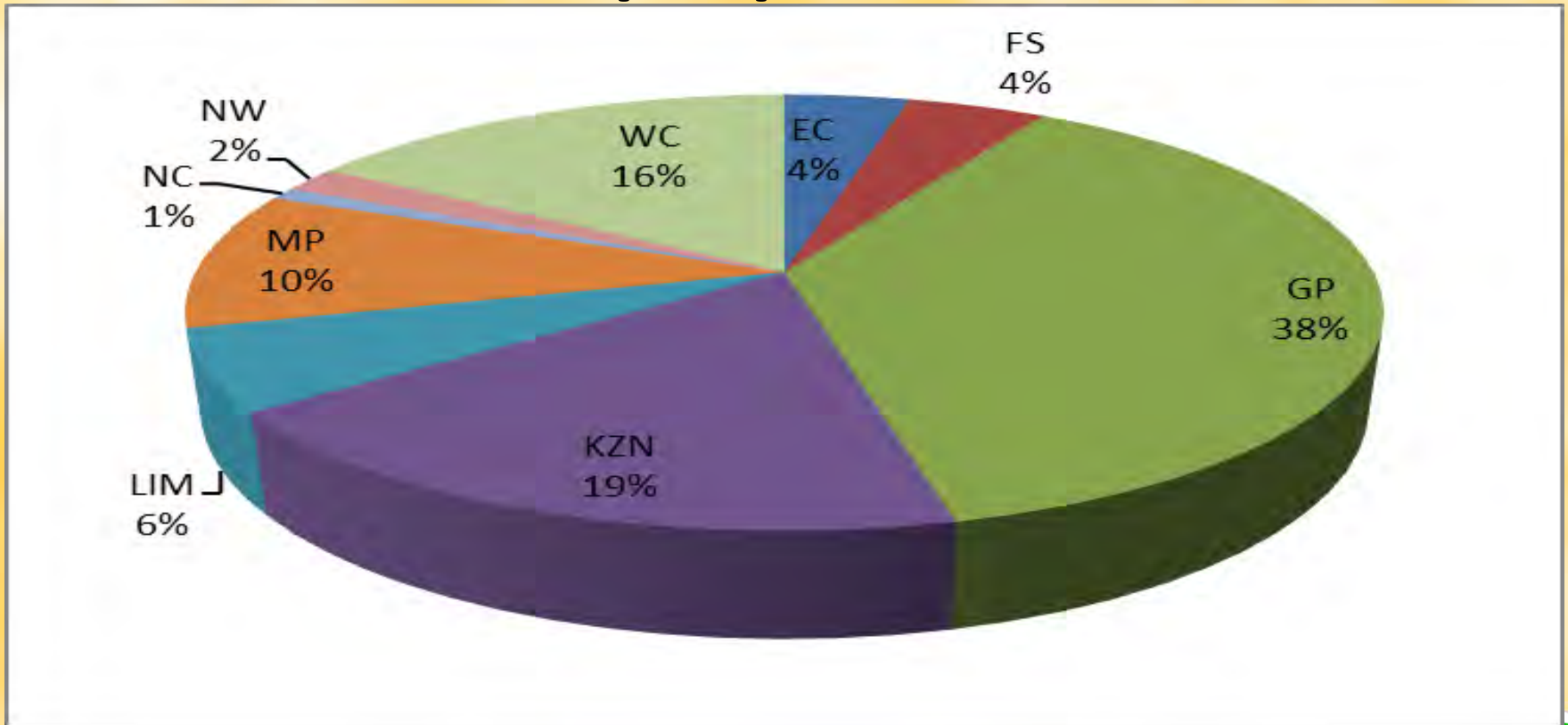
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CHALLENGES

- ❑ Far from IDEAL – For the past 25 years public transport has been neglected and there is a vast backlog
- Transforming public transport infrastructure and systems not a ‘quick fix’
- It will take some time for integrated, sustainable and universally accessible networks to be completed
- ❑ Taxis and small bus operators remain outside of the contract system.

PTOG split per Province



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WAY FORWARD

- Funding needs to be sorted out
- IRPTNs/IPTNs
- Contract negotiations

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