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SAFETY

NEW TECHNOLOGY BOOSTS LEVEL CROSSING SAFETY

Metrorail is testing new radar technology at the Albertyn Road level crossing near Muizenberg to improve safety and efficiencies. **Jaye-Dee Jansen**

The latest in radar technology, using radio waves to detect obstacles, is being utilised to ensure that the Albertyn Road crossing area is free of vehicles and pedestrians before a train is released to approach.

“The trial started on the 2 December 2017 and will be in place for one year before final approval is sought from our chief engineer and the regulators,” says Raymond Maseko, Metrorail’s engineering services manager.

Raymond explains that Metrorail also uses track circuit technology to detect approaching trains in certain sections of the railway track.

“We are using track circuits at Albertyn Road to detect trains approaching from Muizenberg and Lakeside before they reach False Bay Station. When an approaching train is identified, the track circuits will activate a flashing light to warn motorists, which might not be visible from the bend near Muizenberg,” he says.

The radar technology cost just over R2 million to install. “Should the trial be a success, the technology will be introduced across the country, including non-PRASA level crossings,” adds Raymond.



LEVELLING UP: Safety improvements at Albertyn Road level crossing enables obstacles to be detected through the use of radar technology.

HOW DO TRACK CIRCUITS WORK?

The following sequence is put into effect when the track circuit is active:

- The flashing lights are activated to warn motorists when a train is approaching.
- Ten seconds after this activation, the entrance booms will close.
- With no cars trapped, the level crossing operator will close the exit boom.
- The radar detects the presence or absence of an obstacle. If all is clear, the signals protecting the level crossing will indicate that a train can proceed.

DID YOU KNOW?

Metrorail used to have a full-arm barrier – a single boom that covers the entire level crossing – at the Albertyn Road crossing. The rail operator has introduced half-arm booms that inhibit traffic coming from opposite directions at the crossing. This is the prevailing standard for booms in South Africa.

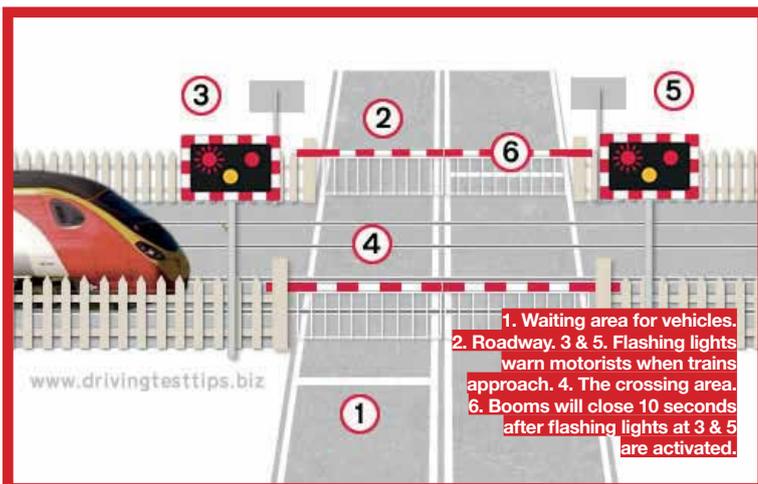
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SAFETY CORNER

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Protection services	021 449 4336
Claims office	021 449 2041/3645
Transport info number	0800 65 64 63
RAILWAY POLICE	
Stock Road	021 370 1005
Cape Town	021 443 4325
Bellville	021 941 6800
Retreat	021 710 5129
24-hour operational room	021 443 4309 /10



1. Waiting area for vehicles.
2. Roadway. 3 & 5. Flashing lights warn motorists when trains approach. 4. The crossing area. 6. Booms will close 10 seconds after flashing lights at 3 & 5 are activated.

SAFETY

SAFETY FIRST

Many learners have returned for another year and still others are just starting their schooling career. Metrorail encourages its littlest commuters and their parents to stay safe. **Jaye-Dee Jansen**



Thousands of commuters, including students, took to the rail service this week as they returned to work and school. Among them were first-time train users, many of whom are starting Grade R.

Daphne Kayster, marketing and promotions manager of Metrorail Western Cape, encourages parents of first-time travellers to do a practice run over the weekends. "This will help the learners familiarise themselves with the train numbers and the platforms," she says. Daphne urges parents to ensure that the learners have a valid train ticket at all times.

"It is important that parents play a role in educating their children about the safety rules on rail. More importantly, parents should talk to their children about the dangers of standing over the yellow line and at an open door while the train is in transit," adds Daphne.

TIPS FOR CHILDREN

DON'T PLAY with a ball or other toys on the station platforms or railway tracks.

Make sure that you **TRAVEL IN GROUPS** and do not share your personal details with strangers.

AVOID getting into an **EMPTY CARRIAGES**, as you could be more vulnerable to crime.

HIDE YOUR VALUABLES so that you don't attract unnecessary attention, especially from criminals.

INFORM YOUR PARENTS of your whereabouts throughout the day.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

HANDS ON
Always hold your child's hand when you embark or disembark.

TAKE CARE
Don't let your children run around on the station platform. Keep an eye on them at all times during your train trip.

STRANGER ALERT
If your children travel without adult supervision, inform them about the dangers of talking to strangers.

NEED HELP?
Advise children to approach a Metrorail employee should they need help on the stations or trains.

ON THE DIAL
If your children travel with cellphones, teach them how to phone the police or rescue services in case of an emergency.



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HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES

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| 1 Jan | New Year's Day | 8 May | Mother's Day | Oct | Transport Month |
| 21 Mar | Human Rights Day | 16 Jun | Youth Day | 16 Dec | Day of Reconciliation |
| 30 Mar | Good Friday | 19 Jun | Father's Day | 16 Dec | Public Holiday |
| 2 Apr | Family Day | 18 Jul | Mandela Day | 25 Dec | Christmas Day |
| 27 Apr | Freedom Day | 9 Aug | Women's Day | 26 Dec | Day of Goodwill |
| 1 May | Workers' Day | 24 Sep | Heritage Day | 31 Dec | New Year's Eve |

2018 SCHOOL TERMS

TERM 1	17 January to 28 March	TERM 2	10 April to 22 June
TERM 3	17 July to 28 September	TERM 4	9 October to 12 December





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PROFILE

FILIPA'S 'SEVENTEEN'

She's already a hit in the United States, now Filipa has released her single, 'Seventeen' in her home country, South Africa. **Jaye-Dee Jansen**

Singer and songwriter, Filipa Carmo da Silva first burst onto the music scene in 2014 after winning an international Ryan Seacrest cover competition. Her rendition of One Direction's 'Story of My Life' shot her to instant stardom and provided a global platform to release her own debut single 'Chills' on RyanSeacrest.com.

Now boasting another hit single off her EP, *Truth, Lies & Boys*, 'Seventeen' has enabled her to soar to new heights. The single was written and produced by Filipa in Cape Town, in collaboration with SAMA-nominated and acclaimed singer-songwriter Jimmy Nevis.

As with most of her music, this song was inspired by Filipa's real-life experiences. "'Seventeen' is a song that I felt I had to write," says the 21-year-old singer-songwriter.

"Working with Jimmy Nevis was great. We immediately got on to the same page in terms of concept and message, and had a fun time bringing the song to life," she adds. "I wanted the track to have a calm, cool and collected vibe to it, with a bite."

INSPIRATION

Conveying personal messages in all of her lyrics, Filipa continues to touch hearts and minds with her music and talent.

"As an artist, you are the only person held accountable for what you portray, so the challenge is to stay true to your gut and heart," says the Pretoria-born artist.

In recognition of her hard work, she was honoured with Glamour's Next Big Thing Award at the Women of the Year Awards in 2014, as well as a Cosmo Awesome Women Nomination.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Fans can expect more from the local sensation going into 2018. She is set to release several singles in months to come. To stay informed about what she is up to musically, follow Filipa on Twitter @FilipaMusic, Facebook and Instagram at FilipaMusic.



Get service updates via SMS



Register for Metrorail's free SMS service to receive updates on train delays and cancellations. You can register immediately by calling the Transport Information Centre on 0800 65 64 63 or complete the form below and submit it at your nearest train station.

Personal details

Name:

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Surname:

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Select the route you travel on and wish to receive updates for.

- 1. Bellville via Esplanade and Lavistown
- 2. Bellville via Monte Vista
- 3. Cape Flats
- 4. Kapteinsklip
- 5. Khayelitsha

- 6. Malmesbury via Bellville
- 7. Muldersvlei via Stellenbosch
- 8. Southern Suburbs
- 9. Strand
- 10. Wellington via Kraaifontein
- 11. Worcester via Bellville



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AVOID TROUBLE. TRAVEL WITH A VALID TICKET

Travelling without a valid ticket is illegal. Avoid a fine by purchasing your ticket.



MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME 18 TO 24 JANUARY 2018



SOUTH: CAPE TOWN – SIMON’S TOWN AND CAPE FLATS

18 – 24 Jan 2018	Cape Town – Salt River	09:00 – 14:00	Maintenance between scheduled train service. Train delays of 10 to 15 minutes can be expected.
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NORTH: CAPE TOWN – MONTE VISTA – BELLVILLE – WELLINGTON – STELLENBOSCH – STRAND

18 – 24 Jan 2018	Maitland – Bellville	09:00 – 14:00	Platform changes will be announced. Train delays of 25 to 30 minutes can be expected.
18 – 24 Jan 2018	Kentemede – Century City	09:00 – 15:00	Platform changes will be announced. Train delays of 25 to 30 minutes can be expected.
18 – 24 Jan 2018	Bellville – Kraaifontein	09:00 – 15:00	Platform changes will be announced. Train delays of 25 to 30 minutes can be expected.



CENTRAL: CAPE TOWN – KAPTEINSKLIP – KHAYELITSHA – CHRIS HANI – SAREPTA

18 – 24 Jan 2018	Lentegeur – Kapteinskclip	09:00 – 14:00	Platform changes will be announced. Train delays of 20 to 25 minutes can be expected.
18 – 24 Jan 2018	Mutual – Ysterplaat	09:00 – 14:00	Platform changes will be announced. Train delays of 20 to 25 minutes can be expected.

While we try our utmost to do maintenance during off-peak hours to minimise possible delays, connecting trains may be subject to delays on all service lines. Your safety is our concern. We apologise for any inconvenience inadvertently caused. Performance reflects week of 4 to 10 January 2018.

PERFORMANCE

AM ON TIME

29.2%

PM ON TIME

32.8%

CANCELLED (AM + PM)

41.6%

AM ON TIME

31.5%

PM ON TIME

31.9%

CANCELLED (AM + PM)

31.6%

AM ON TIME

14.9%

PM ON TIME

33.7%

CANCELLED (AM + PM)

68.6%

TAKE CARE

The Myline team wishes all a safe and happy new year. Consider these safety tips whenever you're on trains and stations.

- Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you.
- Stay in well-lit and protected areas where security officers are present.
- If you think you are being followed, go to a public space or the nearest security officer or police station.
- Do not carry large sums of money. Carry your wallet in an inside pocket.
- Be alert when approached by strangers.
- Carry self-defence spray and use it when you feel you are in danger.
- Be careful when using earphones. This indicates that you have a phone, iPod or MP3 player, which may attract criminals. It also affects your awareness of your surroundings.
- Avoid carrying too much cash or flaunting your money. Try to make card payments as far as possible.
- Walk with purpose and leave stations as soon as possible after arrival.



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