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Quick Repairs To Knocked Down Street Signs Being Piloted

The uMhlanga Urban Improvement Precinct (UIP) is continuing its work to ensure a safe and efficiently run precinct with the pilot of a new system which allows for quick repair to knocked down street signs.

With the support of the eThekweni Municipality, the UIP has replaced the metal poles on the directional signs at the Durban View Park with PVC poles that slot into a steel base. “Every week the signage at this traffic circle is knocked down and this means the municipality has to come in, dig up the steel pole, replace it with a new one and concrete it back into the pavement,” explained UIP operational manager Dewey Geldenhys.

With the new system, when the sign is knocked down the PVC pipe can be slid off the steel base and replaced with a new PVC pipe. “This system drastically reduces turnaround time and cost and with the UIP able to replace the signage if needed, will help the municipality with their work load,” explained Geldenhys.

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Note On The uMhlanga UIP

The uMhlanga Urban Improvement Precincts (UIPs) were established by the uMhlanga property owners to retain existing investment in uMhlanga; stimulate new investment; create economic opportunity; improve safety and quality of life, and respond to the challenge of environmental sustainability.

In terms of structure, there are two UIPs or Special Ratings Areas (SRA) as they are official termed by the municipality namely, The uMhlanga Promenade UIP established in March 2003 and the Village UIP, established in July 2008. These UIPs, collectively known as the uMhlanga UIP represent 29 large erven. In addition to the two UIPs, there are a further two Associate Managed Areas namely the Southern Promenade Properties (SPP) – established 2004 and the Northern Promenade Properties (NPP) – established 2010. These areas represent approximately 42 large erven.

The UIP partners with the eThekweni Municipality to ensure that this key node delivers an exceptional experience of public space. The UIP management team is constantly responding to the ever evolving needs of uMhlanga, whether it be service levels or special projects.

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