

# THE SOCIAL IMPACT OF CURRENT TRANSPORT SYSTEMS

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## **ABSTRACT**

The entrenched apartheid spatial planning is categorised by townships located far away from main urban centres where the majority of work, and education opportunities are located. At the advent of democracy many developments took place with the aim of addressing the resulting social exclusion. Transport is seen as a bridge between the periphery and the established urban centres and a substantial investment has been made to ensure that transport systems serve the needs of communities. The study aims to provide a snapshot of the social impacts of transport systems, to determine how transport systems affect the day to day lives of communities on the periphery. This is done by assessing the activity diaries of 5 public transport users from various parts of Gauteng who travel on a daily basis to urban centres for employment. The assessment will establish details such as how early users wake up and return home and the subsequent time spent away from the family, access distances to transport and the impact of late or non-operational services.