### Child Road Injuries: eThekwini Status Quo

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		PVC (41)	MVC (59)	Total	
ds	15	Average/patient	Average/patient		
ety of all road	Days on ward	2152	3279	281,681	
	Days in ICU/HDU	534	385	44,616	
	Ward sundries	15	11	1276	
he seen from a	NG feeds	10	6	733	
	Medication	50	52	5122	
yk et al., 2002)	Radiology	625	619	62,146	
	Lab tests	99	79	8756	
	Blood transfusions	208	121	15,660	
	Time in Operating theatre (OT)	1373	1558	148,230	
	OT sundries	43	40	4143	
	Implants	1680	977	126,48	

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- 5) Road fatalities have high financial implications on individual and country. Pedestrian ZAR 78 800 and passenger ZAR 82 700

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Source: Parkinson et al., 2014

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Time taken to access education

 Majority take longer than 15 minutes (67%), crossing high-speed arterials – create safer roads, differential speed (Pretoria)?







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- Cars, Minibus taxis (VKTs?) and Light duty vehicles placing road users at risk



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- Further analysis is required on geocoded data that is available, especially from eThekwini Municipality
  - Geocoded data can provide us information as to locations that are dangerous for children. Are these locations closer to home or to school?

### Way Forward

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- Road Safety Interventions The difficult conversation
- 1) Low Road Safety budget, therefore, we need to prioritise
- 2) Prioritise child pedestrian and passenger children
- 3) How? Determine cause of these injuries and recommend localised interventions based on the five pillars of road safety – 'walk in the direction of traffic'
- 4) Lets engage to curbing the fatality problem DOT and DOE.
- 5) Conducting a review of current policies and finding gaps.
- Data required yet Let's share all data
- 1) Mortuary data that provides cause of road fatalities gap in deaths caused by alcohol
- 2) National geocoded data
- 3) Data that divides child injuries by age group

Name of Scenario:	Costs (R million)		Lives saved/20 years		Overall BC Ratio/20 years		Break-Even (fatalities only)				
	Capital/20 year	Operational/year	Conservative	Optimistic	Conservative	Optimistic	Conservative	Optimistic			
Infrastructure based scenarios											
Prince Alfred Hamlet	9	0.0868	16.0	79.1	11.3	56.0	60 (67)	2 (29)			
Khayelitsha	9	0.0868	58.4	288.9	41.3	383.2	44 (49)	28 (29)			
Rumble strips in Grabouw	0.784	0.014	286.8	371.8	2113	2738	3 (4)	3 (3)			
Lighting at the intersection in Rawsonville	0.135	0.001	4	16	202.9	811.5	26 (31)	13 (16)			
Enforcement based scenarios											
Speed over distance in Leeu Gamka	2.1	1.0	59.13	80.41	21.0	28.5	15 (17)	14 (16)			
Education based scenarios											
Campaigns	0	45.2	1238	1238.4 15.1		19 (21)					
Emergence Medical Services based scenarios											
Improved ambulance services	1.8	0.495	200	300	67	101	1(1)	1(1)			
Improved motorcycle services	0.6	0.145	200	280	224	314	1(1)	1(1)			
Improved helicopter services	0	18.0	215	7648	4.7	166	1(1)	1(1)			
All costings are based on base year values. No inflation on costs or benefits have been included											



Data Source: Red Cross War Memorial Hospital, 1991-2016

# 'Lollipop' Intervention





Source: Amend and FIA, 2016

### Quick video





