

We want a solution: Motlanthe

The best possible solutions needed to be explored for the implementation of the Gauteng Freeway Improvement Project (GFIP), Deputy President Kgalema Motlanthe said in Johannesburg on Friday.



(Image: GCIS)

"There should be no overburdening of poor people with added cost," Motlanthe said in opening remarks at a meeting between the inter-ministerial committee on the GFIP and the Congress of SA Trade Unions.

However the SA National Roads Agency Limited (Sanral), which oversees the project, needed capital to fund its operation.

The committee, chaired by Motlanthe, on Thursday met several businesses and representatives from Business Unity SA, the SA Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association, the Opposition to Urban Tolling Alliance (Outa), the Road Freight Association, and religious leaders.

On March 7, Cosatu held a nationwide strike against e-tolling and labour brokering. On April 26 an agreement was reached in a meeting between the African National Congress and the union to delay the implementation of the project by a month.

On April 28 the High Court in Pretoria granted an urgent interdict, brought by Outa, to stop implementation of the tolling system, so that a full court review could be carried out to decide if it should be scrapped.

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