The development of Parklands and its neighbouring areas took place without a commensurate increase in the capacity of the transport system linking it to the rest of the City. This has led to the long-standing frustration of people moving between this greater Blaauwberg North area and the rest of the City, experiencing high levels of congestion on the road network during peak periods.

Two major transport projects, which will significantly improve the accessibility of residents and workers in the area, are as follows:

1) The first phase of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system for the City, between Table View and Cape Town CBD, was implemented in June 2011, and has recently been extended along Blaauwberg Road to Wood Drive. With its provision for dedicated bus lanes and stations along the median of a road, it offers real travel time advantages compared with private vehicle travelling during peak periods. The BRT system has already proved to attract a significant number of existing car commuters. Currently the service carries 6 000 daily passenger trips between Table View and Cape Town. The further extension of the BRT lanes along Blaauwberg Road and Potsdam Road will become operational in early 2014, to be followed by another link along Koeberg Road and Omuramba Drive to Century City.

2) The extension of Sandown Road eastwards will be opened at the end of October 2013. It represents a critical new gateway to Blaauwberg North, providing a much needed alternative route to metropolitan destinations, especially to the east and south. The road crosses the Atlantis railway line, and meets the extension of the M12 northwards across the Diep River from its new interchange on the N7. This route, already completed in stages, will provide direct access to the Northern Suburbs, and will ultimately link with the Stellenbosch Arterial.
The illustration above shows the Sandown Road Link between the N7 / M12 (Malibongwe Boulevard) to the east and the R27 West Coast Road to the west. The Sandown Road Link is set to open at 5pm on 29th October 2013.

These initiatives begin to address the existing imbalance between the scale of developments in Blaauwberg North and the transport infrastructure serving the area. They form part of a transport and bulk services infrastructure framework which have been agreed to between the area’s major developers and the authorities that will continue to serve the area and integrate it with the rest of the City on a sustainable basis.