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“FRANSCHHOEK SKYTRAM”

Comment on the Maximum Number of Daily Visitors

INTRODUCTION

Trip data was received from the client based on their expectations while considering other cableway facilities. The number of visitors for the proposed cableway facility in Franschhoek is anticipated to vary from a minimum of 120 visitors per day (during off-peak season) to a maximum of between 2 500 to 3 000 visitors per day over a 12-hour period during peak season (i.e., an average of 250 visitors per hour for 3 000 visitors per day in peak season).

The background and context of the numbers was queried in the pre-submission meeting with the Stellenbosch Municipality on 27 September 2023.

COMPARISON TO CAPE TOWN CABLEWAY DAILY VISITORS

The Table Mountain cableway can transport 65 people at a time with a peak of over 800 people per hour and around 6 000 to 7 000 people per day (<https://secretcapetown.co.za/table-mountain-cableway-yearly-schedule/>).

Considering the immediate surrounding local population and the number of local and foreign tourists visiting Cape Town compared to Franschhoek, and, working on a maximum of 3 000 visitors per day (for Franschhoek) compared to the 6 000 to 7 000 visitors a day (for Table Mountain), 2 500 to 3 000 visitors per day is not considered unrealistic.

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FRANSCHHOEK SKYTRAM APPLICATION

The Franschhoek Skytram application is based on a peak capacity of 3 000 visitors a day and we believe the best way forward in terms of approval would be to cap the approval to a maximum of 3 000 visitors per day. This would be similar to an approval (for example) of a conference facility that is capped for the maximum number of delegates being applied for.

COMPARISON TO CAPE TOWN CABLEWAY PARKING

Parking at the Table Mountain cableway occurs along an 800 m section of the road before the cableway station and a 1 200 m section of road after the cableway station (based on January 2022 and 2023 City aerial images). In 2022 there were approximately 390 cars and in 2023 there were approximately 240 cars. There is also provision for 8 busses and $\pm$ 20 drop off bays close to the cableway station.

The Skytram proposes 148 bays plus 9 drop off bays and 3 tram / small bus bays. Larger bus bays will be off-site and make use of the tram / shuttle to the cableway.

CONCLUSION

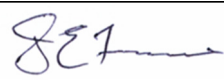
We trust that the above adequately addresses the concerns raised at the pre-consultation meeting.

Kind regards



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