

# Take it easy this Easter with...



# Bakwena

## N1N4 toll

This communiqué comes with the compliments of Bakwena...  
In the interests of a safe journey for you, our valued road user.

## Keeping you informed...

The Easter weekend starts from around midday on the Thursday, before Good Friday and ends on Easter Monday.

Over the long weekend, travellers can expect all toll roads to be very busy – and the Bakwena N1 N4 Toll Road is one of the busiest in the country. As has been the case in the past, the N1 from Gauteng northwards to Polokwane/Pietersburg is almost certain to be abnormally busy at this time, with hundreds of thousands of people expected to participate in the Moria Festival, which takes place annually over the Easter period.

In the peak periods, we anticipate that anything up to 2 400 vehicles per hour will pass through the Carousel and Pumulani Plazas – a traffic increase of between 60% and 80% above normal peaks, and over double normal daily traffic. Bearing this in mind, motorists are strongly advised to plan their journeys and avoid peak periods as far as possible.

Be aware that from Thursday at 12:00 and all day on Good Friday, the roads will be extremely busy. There will be in excess of 500 buses travelling on the Bakwena toll road to Zion City at Moria, Polokwane.

 **TIP: Plan your journey in advance and avoid the peaks!**

## Keeping you safe...

With the roads much busier than usual we urge you take special care and apply the following safety measures:

- Watch your following distances and be considerate
- Don't speed
- Don't drive if you've consumed alcohol
- Rest approximately every two hours
- Don't be distracted by the goings-on in your car
- Don't overload your vehicle: suspected overloading will be monitored and this could delay your journey somewhat. If you think the bus/taxi you're travelling in is overloaded, find another one, or you could be sitting on the side of the road waiting for matters to be resolved before your journey can continue
- Ensure your spare wheel is inflated and you have the necessary equipment to fit it
- Have a torch available when driving at night
- In the event of a breakdown, pull over and put your hazards on, dial 0800 BAKWENA (0800 225 9362) for assistance.

 **TIP: Use your e-tag!**

**e-tag**  
Keep moving!



## Keeping you **moving...**

- In order to speed up traffic flow and reduce blockages, all the North-bound toll gates and some of the South-bound toll gates will be operational from midday on Thursday and on Good Friday. On Easter Monday all the South-bound toll gates and some of the North-bound gates will be operational
- The biggest peak anticipated is on Easter Monday as all the buses will be returning and they will all leave Moria at 13:00 or thereabouts
- If you are a holiday traveller going South on Easter Monday we recommend that you ensure you are through the Carousel Plaza by 13:00 to avoid the peak congestion time
- For our travellers' safety the speed limit at Bapong has been reduced and will remain reduced until road works have been completed
- Make sure you have the correct toll fee handy – the latest rates are available on our website or a brochure can be requested at any of our toll gates
- Additional toll collection staff will be on duty and rotated to ensure that efficient, prompt collection is maintained at the highest level through the peak periods
- Additional route patrols will be made over the Easter weekend to assist you on the road if required. Specifically both directions on the N1 will see an additional patrol vehicle deployed, and a further vehicle on standby at Pumulani, for use if needed
- With the expected large number of buses passing through the tolls, Bakwena has provided them with pre-paid coupons to speed up the through-flow
- Bakwena plan to have a heavy vehicle breakdown truck to assist with any breakdowns on the N1



**TIP: In an emergency,  
dial our toll-free number:  
0800 Bakwena**

Time:	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
24h00 - 03h00	Level 0	Level 1 A	Level 1 A
03h00 - 06h00	Level 0	Level 2 A	Level 1 A
06h00 - 09h00	Level 1 A	Level 2 B	Level 2 B
09h00 - 12h00	Level 1 B	Level 3 A	Level 3 A
12h00 - 15h00	Level 3 A	Level 2 B	Level 3 A
15h00 - 18h00	Level 3 A	Level 2 A	Level 3 B
18h00 - 21h00	Level 3 A	Level 1 B	Level 3 B
21h00 - 24h00	Level 2 A	Level 1 B	Level 1 B

**We at Bakwena wish all our road users an enjoyable long weekend – but above all, have a safe journey, both ways!**

The table to the left is a representation of the expected busy times and the key below will assist you with the translation.

Code Level	Definition
Level 0	Little to no difference in traffic volume
Level 1 A	Slight increase in traffic volume
Level 1 B	Clear increase in traffic volume
Level 2 A	Volume is busy
Level 2 B	Volume is busy and pace is slowing down
Level 3 A	Volume is heavy but still moving gradually
Level 3 B	Volumes are very heavy and pace is slow and backed up

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**Keeping you safe...**  
 Keeping you **moving...**

