

# Governance Workshop

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Cape Town, South Africa.  
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## Workshop Introduction

Presented by

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# Workshop Objectives

- To raise awareness and understanding of how poor governance impacts on the delivery of road services to users.
- To introduce key stakeholders to proposals on how to assess the capacity of governance in the transport sector (especially pertaining to roads).
- To obtain feedback on these proposals and how they might be developed further.
- To obtain some consensus on the approach to be taken towards assessing governance capacity in the transport sector.

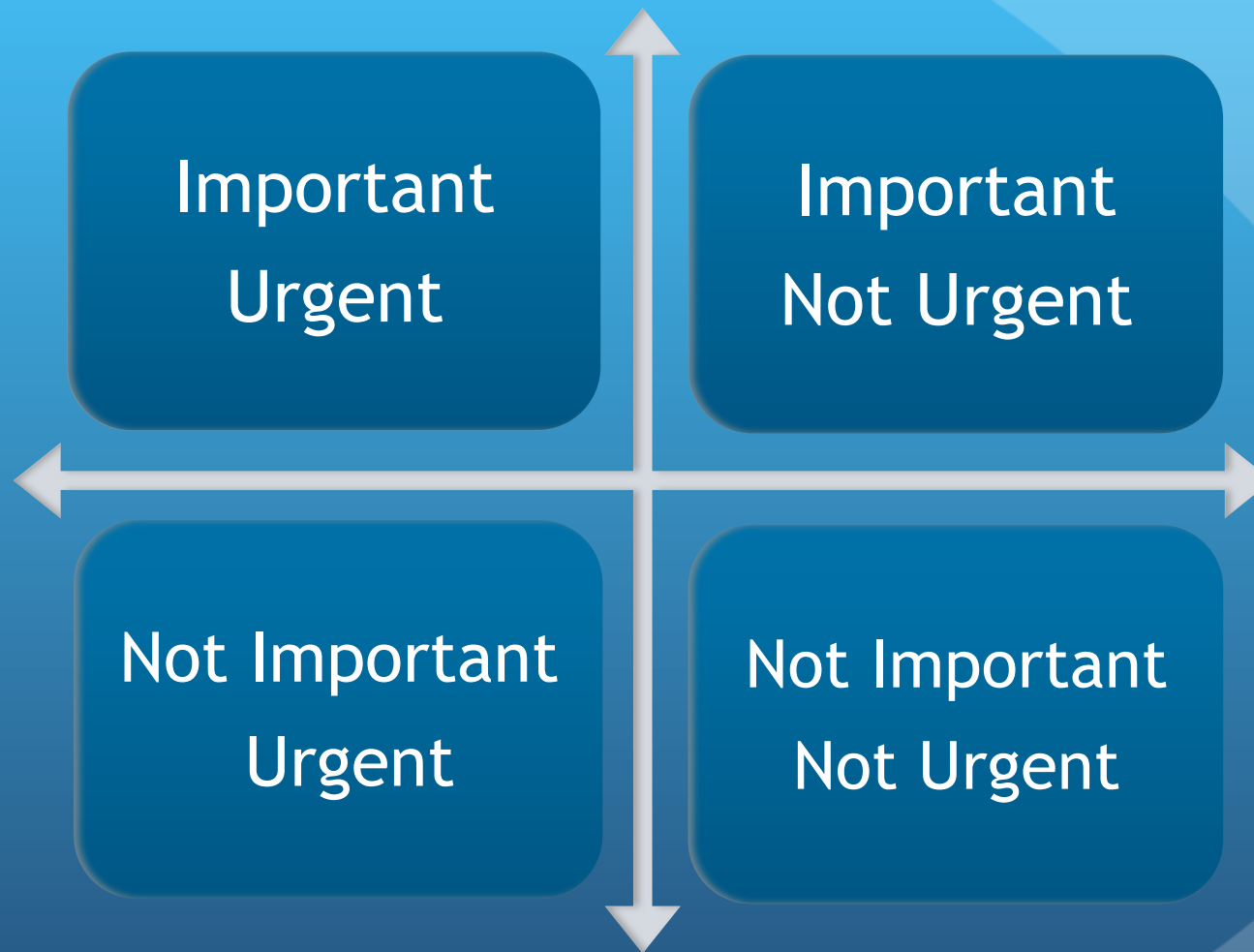
# Structure of Workshop

| <b>Time</b>   | <b>Session</b>  | <b>Presenter/Facilitator</b>             |
|---------------|---|--|
| 09:00 - 09:30 | <b>Opening Remarks</b>                                      | Mark Thriscutt                           |
| 09:30 - 10:30 | <b>Session 1: Governance Issues</b>                         | Dr. Malcolm Mitchell                     |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Break   |  |
| 11:00 - 12:30 | <b>Session 2: Evaluating Governance</b>                     |  |
| 12:30 - 13:30 | Lunch   |  |
| 13:30 - 15:30 | <b>Session 3: Developing Specific Governance Indicators</b> | Mark Thriscutt with Dr. Malcolm Mitchell |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | Break   |  |
| 16:00 - 17:00 | <b>Closing Session</b>                                      | Mark Thriscutt                           |

# Why Have this Workshop?

- Governance issues are difficult to define, identify and quantify. Senior managers don't devote the time necessary to understand their importance.
- The impacts from poor governance can be indirect or subtle, but they often undermine the performance of the entire sector.
- Governance issues require strong and strategic leadership, plus a long time to work.
- Problem is how to identify where governance is weak, what improvements are possible, their impacts, and what progress is being made.

# Governance is Important but Often not Urgent Enough



*Stephen Covey: Seven Habits of Highly Effective People.*

# The Purpose of this Workshop is:

- To discuss whether governance issues can be measured or quantified in a sufficiently objective way.
- To discuss if this is a good thing and whether this might increase the sense of importance and urgency that governance issues play in the roads sub-sector.
- To discuss the overall approach / methodology.
- To look at specific indices to see if the approach is practical and realistic.
- To discuss how this initiative might be developed further.