

<b>MEDIA RELEASE</b>	PSA warns of impact of underground fire on government service delivery in the Johannesburg CBD
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) has been notified by the City of Johannesburg that an underground cable fire that erupted on the M1 South near the Smith Street exit in Braamfontein, is expected to significantly impact service delivery from several government departments operating in the Johannesburg Central Business District (CBD).

While the full extent of the damage is still being assessed, initial reports indicate that critical infrastructure may have been affected, including power supply lines servicing municipal offices and government buildings. The disruption is likely to affect essential public services such as licensing, housing, and social development offices in the area. The PSA is currently working closely with City Power, the Johannesburg Emergency Management Services (EMS), and the Johannesburg Metro Police Department (JMPD) to secure the area and restore normal operations as soon as possible.

In the interim, the public is advised that some government buildings in the CBD may experience power outages and reduced service capacity. Motorists should avoid the M1 South after the Smith Street exit owing to lane closures and traffic congestion and residents requiring urgent municipal services are encouraged to make use of online platforms where available or visit alternative service centres.

The PSA urges all residents and commuters to remain patient and cooperative as emergency teams continue with recovery efforts. The City will provide ongoing updates as more information becomes available.

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