Transport has been described as the “glue of our daily lives…”

What happens when the glue no longer holds?
COST AND TIME
“I arrive at the station at 4 AM to wait for the train, but sometimes the train only arrives at 7 AM, after I woke up so early. They see me waking up at around 3 AM to get to the station early, but when the school children arrive at the station at 7 AM, they find me still waiting. I’m supposed to arrive at work at 7 AM, but I arrive at 10 AM. When I arrive at 10 AM, what happens to my job?”

~ Mme Alina
ACCESS TO FACILITIES
“Yoh, there are so many people here. There are so many men, there are so many women, and I am on my periods, I can’t really just go behind the corner.

I was upset, I’m not going to lie to you, I was really hurt by that. That’s one of the things that I was like yoh.

Then I thought of boMama. I’m young, it’s fine, I could still go to use a bucket. There is an elderly woman there, and she is just there and I’m thinking, yoh mama I hope you are not in the same situation as me, because then where do you go as an elderly person? Where do you go?”

~ Thompho
SAFETY
“So if my own mother was to be in an incident, and God forbid, where she dies, what will I say? I am the guy who is supposed to be responsible for her safety, and she dies in the system that I have full control over, I could not live with myself.”

~ Jabulani
UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY
“Well what I basically base it on is the power of movement. Just the ability of being able to move. It has nothing to do with being disabled or not. Just on a general basic human level. Just being able to move. I usually ask how excited you were when you bought your first car? Suddenly, the thoughts that were running through your mind, you were thinking of all the places you could go to. And it’s the same for people with disabilities, it’s like the power of movement. It’s like a car is almost like my crutches if I don’t have.”

~ Vuyani
WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?
HOW COMMITTED ARE WE?
Are men threatened by the economic emancipation of women?
“If only a third of the people have cars, why do we give 100% of our streets to cars?”

~ Peter Calthorpe
“Clean... first of all. It’s very clean, it’s quiet. Electric vehicles, with solar panels. Everything is just quiet. And there is going to be smaller cars. Smaller and more efficient modes of transport. And then the bigger forms of transport it’s going to be for longer distances and stuff like that [which would be your trains, your busses?] Yes, your busses, your trams or any other autonomous transport modes. But we can’t have big vehicles, they will be blocking the space, everyone is going to be moving something.”

~ Xolela
1. Changing mindsets

2. Improve safety

3. Provide the necessary facilities

4. Political will
“I remember quite a while back (3 or 4 years ago) they closed a few streets in Sandton on Transport Month... Chaos... Chaos. You know why? Because people are very negative towards NMT... it is a class based thing. People look down on it. According to me, people look down on it. Hence I’m saying like if we had CEOs and these prominent people cycling to work, walking to work, taking a bus to work, taking a train to work, I think a lot of mind shifts would happen. And for me, that would be the ultimate goal. That should be the goal for all transportation engineers out there.”

~ Tshepo
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“Someone broke into our yard on Monday and tried to steal it. Like this Monday. When I heard him and I went outside and I saw the guy, like, he had just broken the lock. So I actually had to run and tackle the dude and get my bike.

And then I was limping for like three days, but I’m good now.”

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Cars driving on dedicated BRT lanes
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