

# Fast Forward Urbanism: Building New Cities in the (so-called) Global South

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# Introduction

- This presentation is as much about actually existing cities as unreal, imaginary sites
- Re-urbanism in Africa and elsewhere involves the construction of master-planned, holistically designed, and privately managed enclaves that appear like “alien spaceships” that drop in from somewhere else.
- These new satellite cities epitomize the drift toward “capsular urbanism” – or what Gavin Shatkin called “bypass-implant urbanism”

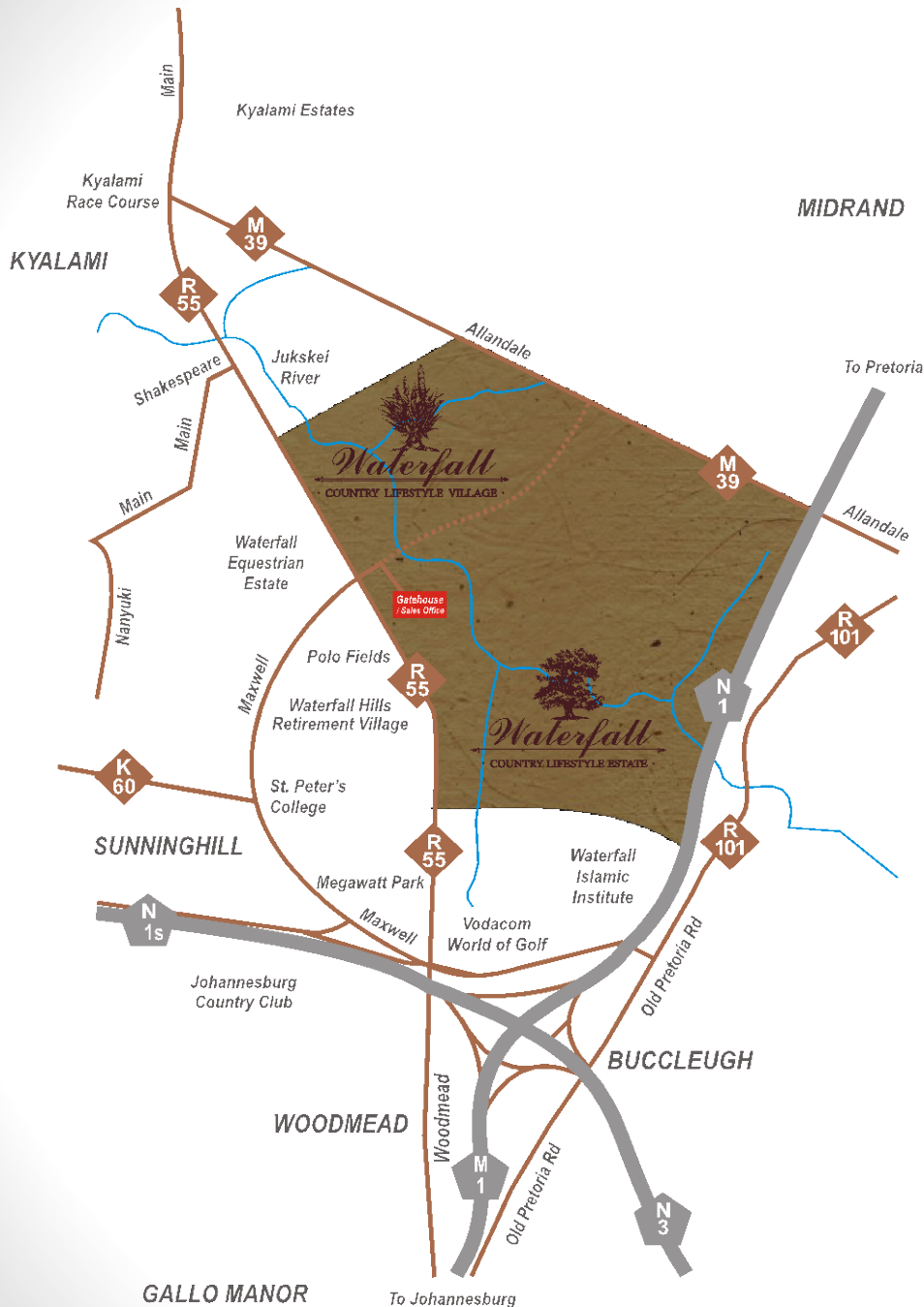
# Introduction cont'd

- These urban enclaves offer a change to conventional urban studies which has typically presumed that cities grow incrementally in states and develop over historical time through a process of “erasure and re-inscription”
- The process of re-urbanism in contemporary Africa and elsewhere suggests that (1) a fast-track holistic approach replaces the gradualism and incrementalism of conventional city-building practices; (2) building from scratch pushes aside historical depth and collective memory of place; (3) fragmented enclaves substitute for the modernist ideal of integrity and wholeness of urban landscapes; (4) the production of urban enclaves elevate the status of post-public space; and the dominance of private regulatory regimes replace public authority.

# Introduction cont'd

- Building the kinds of urban enclaves represents a new kind of global triage, amounting to a marginalization and abandonment of the urban poor.
- “Each epoch dreams the one to follow ... [W]hat emerges in these wish images is the resolute effort to distance oneself from all that is antique – which includes, however, the recent past.” – Walter Benjamin, *The Arcades Project*

# Waterfall City Master Plan



# Equestrian Estates





# Country Estate Gatehouse





# Design Concept: Eko-Atlantic





# Business District: Eko-Atlantic



# Eko-Atlantic, Lagos





# Reclaiming the Sea – Eko-Atlantic



# Alsunut, Khartoum





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# Cairo Festival City



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# Kigamboni New City, Dar es Salaam

## TRANSPORTATION NETWORK PLAN

### Public Transportation Plan





# Al Noor / Djibouti

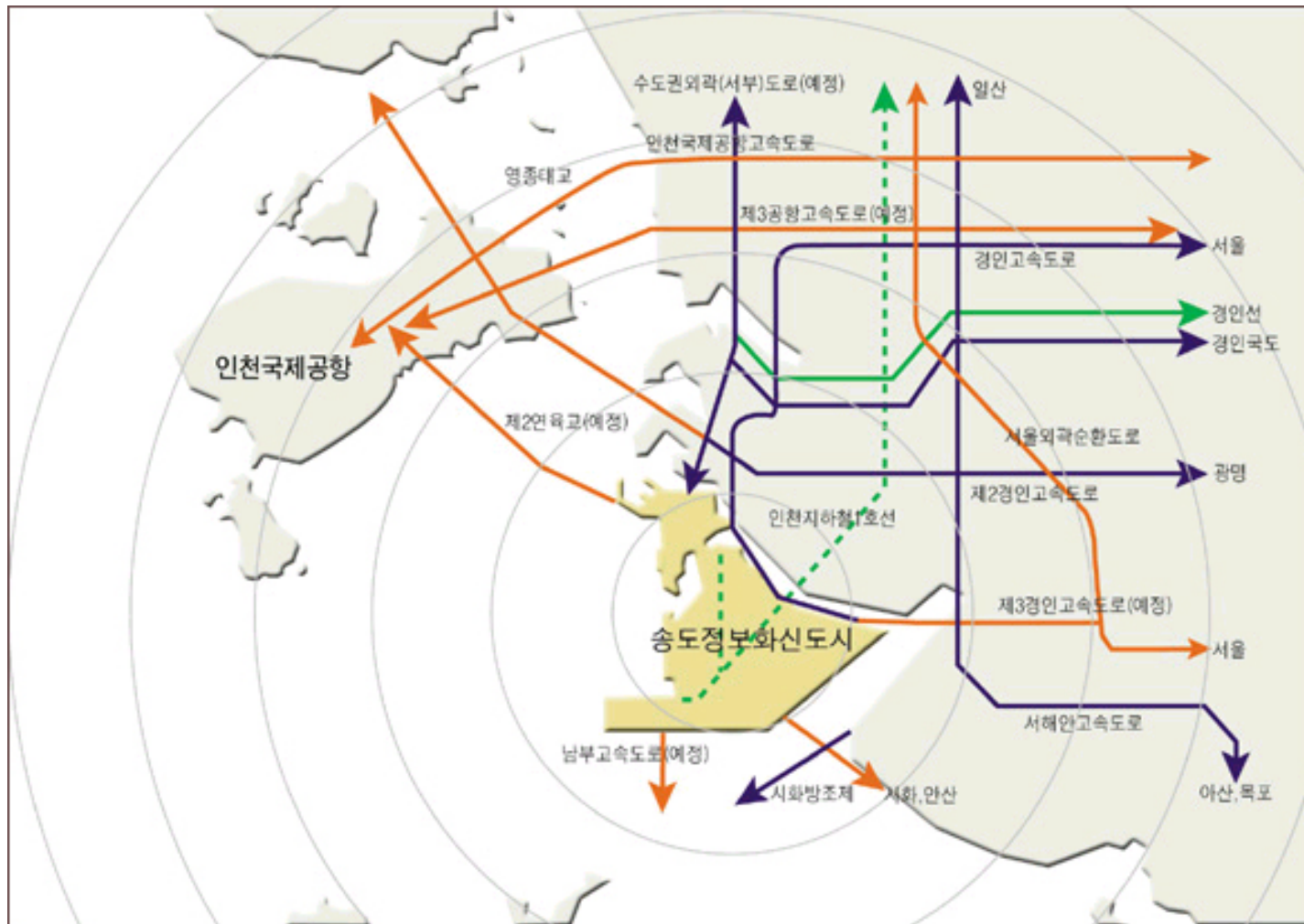


# Songdo City, Seoul





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# Machakos, Nairobi





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**Areas of Investment**  
Tackling the basics with wealth creation

**MACHAKOS: THE BEDROOM OF NAIROBI & KONZA**  
Machakos town and Machakos new city is currently only an hour drive from Nairobi and ten minutes to the upcoming ICT park of KONZA.

With the expansion of Mombasa highway to dual carriage status within two years, Machakos city will only be 30 minutes drive from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi. A new international airport is proposed just 15 kilometres from the New Machakos City.

Currently, there is a shortage of space for construction and high demand for housing in Nairobi city. Machakos is well positioned to provide housing to many people who are looking for secure neighbourhoods and good schools for their children.

As KONZA ICT comes up, Machakos will provide housing and social amenities and services.

*Machakos is truly, the place to be.*

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