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More towns to pave safer paths for cyclists

Seven HDB towns chosen for $43m intra-town cycling programme

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HANDS up, those who think it's too dangerous to cycle on roads.

What if there was a dedicated off-road cycling path you could cycle on?

Residents will soon be able to use these cycling paths to run a quick errand in the neighbourhood or travel to the nearest MRT station or bus interchange.

Seven HDB towns and Marina Bay will have dedicated cycling paths in place by 2014.

Last year, a $43 million intra-town cycling programme for five HDB towns – Yishun, Tampines, Taman Jurong, Pasir Ris and Sembawang – was announced.

At a press conference yesterday, Mr Teo Ser Luck, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Transport, said Changi-Simei and Bedok towns will be joining the list.

A separate network of cycling paths will also be built in Marina Bay. For this, $26 million has been set aside.

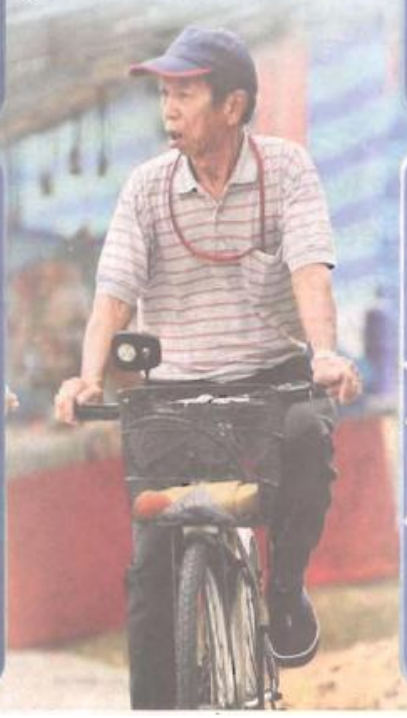
The first phase will comprise 16km of cycling paths.

The cycling paths in five of the HDB towns and in Marina Bay were also unveiled for the first time yesterday. The first 1.2km stretch in Tampines will open for use on Sunday.

Said Mr Teo: "Cycling is a more environmentally friendly, cost-effective and healthier mode of transport.

"The Land Transport Authority (LTA) will continue to work with the community to identify suitable towns which can benefit from having such cycling infrastructure."

Safe Cycling Task Force's (SCTF) president Steven Lim, who was also present at the press conference, welcomed the new cycling infrastructure. But he stressed that it was important for users of cycling paths to wear proper safety gear and ride in a responsible manner.



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