Making Singapore More Pedestrian Friendly

It is now a requirement for developers to put up a Walking and Cycling Plan with every development submission. What are the factors that make a city more pedestrian-friendly? How do we create safe and comfortable pedestrian environments that are coherent, and reclaim spaces that invite everyone to enjoy the city? In this lecture, land transport experts will share their experiences and insights on making Singapore more pedestrian-friendly.

“People, rather than cars, should be the most important design feature of any traffic system.”
— Mr Bruno Wildermuth

“It is a step in the right direction to place the most vulnerable road users, the pedestrians rather than vehicles, at the centre in the design of any traffic system.”
— Mr Menon Gopinath

Panelist
Mr Bruno Wildermuth
Principal Consultant and Owner
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Born in Zurich, Switzerland, Mr Wildermuth obtained a Masters of City and Regional Planning at the University of California. Joining the then leading Transport Planning Company Wilbur Smith and Associates, the MRT (Mass Rapid Transit) planning project brought him to Singapore where he was the key planner for the initial MRT system. He subsequently joined the MRT Corporation, introduced the integrated TransitLink Farecard system and founded his own transport ticketing consulting company.

Panelist
Mr Menon Gopinath
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Mr Menon has 43 years of experience covering urban traffic management, traffic impact analysis, traffic signal control, bus priority, pedestrian management, road safety engineering/audits, road congestion pricing (demand management), car park planning, expressway monitoring and intelligent transport systems. He was effectively the Chief Transportation Engineer of Singapore from 1991 to 2001, when he was working with the Public Works Department and the Land Transport Authority.

Moderator
Mr Jeremy Yap
Deputy Chief Executive
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Land Transport Authority of Singapore (LTA)

Mr Yap oversees land transport policy, planning and public transport operations, as well as active mobility in LTA. An Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore and a lawyer by training, he has spent over 3 years in the Ministry of Transport of Singapore overseeing land transport policy matters. Mr Yap is also the current chair of the Organising Authorities Committee in the International Association for Public Transport (UITP).