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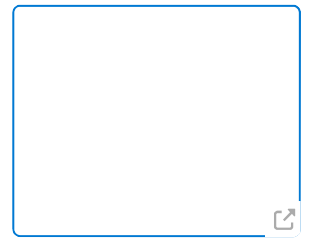
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Xanthon · 14 days ago

We have terrible infrastructures for cycling.



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forth like a park.

[Many cities such as New York are able to carve out cycling lanes alongside bus lanes within a very short period of time without affecting the traffic.](#)

One thing we know Singapore is good at is infrastructure planning. I think it's more an unwillingness than an impossibility at this point.

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Hazelnut526 · 14 days ago

Ok I complain about it, but I think I understand the government logic (which I don't agree with, btw). Government sees cycling in 2 ways (and only 2 ways)

- Leisure/Recreation: They build PCNs and infrastructure around parks and other nature areas for the occasional weekend cyclist
- Commute to the closest MRT: They build infrastructure that starts from some residential area and ends at the closest MRT station, because you're supposed to take MRT from there.

The government seems to be not interested **at all** to promote Singaporeans commuting all the way to work or commute on a daily basis everywhere. I suspect some of their reasons for this is hot climate. Regardless, is quite funny to yo have such a car-centered philosophy for a city with: 1) excellent public transportation, 2) land scarcity, 3) a flat island in the century of climate change

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anakajaib · 14 days ago

Don't forget paths with a bustop in the way. Seems like a half assed measure. Could at least carve a path behind the stop for safety of commuters and cyclists

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fortprinciple · 14 days ago

It does affect private car traffic. It improves cycling experience at the expense of driving, which is the right thing to do because [r/fuckcars](#).

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Bcpjw · 14 days ago

Remember they wanted to register bicycles and/or license to ride?

Lol! Maybe they will do it for bicycle lane/road tax!



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Doxq · 14 days ago

The problem fundamentally stems from the way the transport infrastructures are managed.

PCN is managed by NParks, whose mission is to create the best possible living environments. Thus, PCNs are designed for lifestyle activities. Think fresh air, plants and flowers, jogging, young kids on scooters, and casual cycling. As name suggests, PCN's main role is to create one big interconnected park.

Cycling lanes on LTA's roads are meant to be part of the transport system. Cars, lorries, right beside. LTA's roads must bring you from your home to your office.

But if we shuffle between roads, cycling lanes, PCN, pavements, it's very confusing to cyclists, and very dangerous also. Furthermore, pedestrians still feel very entitled on shared paths (Granted some cyclists don't adhere to speed limits).

Point is, we do have the cycling paths that the Ministry of Transport envisioned for the National Cycling Plan, but the network is a mixbag of everything. It would be simpler to declare cycling path for cyclists, pedestrian paths for people, and roads for cars. No point boasting "240km cycling paths" when usually really cannot even cycle 100m without facing some kind of obstacle (Humans or pathway transition).



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FunerealCrape · 14 days ago

Gotta love being instructed to dismount and push every 100 metres or so. At that point it gives up all pretense of being a cycling path, more like a cycling-themed footpath



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NoSugarHor · 14 days ago

Mature Citizen

Why only Sengkang? My cycling experience outside of Sengkang is not any better too.



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Because WP ask for it lor



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Senior Citizen

this is raised by the Sengkang WP MPs



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Becuz Oppo wards are slums apparently

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learn from Europe.

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Sweat life

The Netherlands especially.

It's a slippery slope though. First we build effective cycling infrastructure, next thing you know we're legalising weed.

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sneakpeek_bot · 14 days ago

Call for suggestions on ways to improve cycling experience in Sengkang

SINGAPORE - Residents of Sengkang have been asked to provide suggestions on how to improve the cycling experience in their town in an open call that was put up online on Sunday (July 24).

This comes amid requests by some for more infrastructure there, as the roads and sidewalks have become busy with cyclists in recent years.

Widening pavements in high-traffic areas and carving out designated bicycle lanes from roads with lower traffic were among the ideas mooted by Sengkang GRC MPs He Ting Ru, Jamus Lim and Louis Chua, who put out the call for feedback. The latter proposal was previously raised by Associate Professor Lim during the debate on the Ministry of Transport's budget earlier this year.

In a Facebook post, the MPs said most of Sengkang town is located within 2km of the MRT system, but the existing cycling paths there do not link well to transport nodes and park connectors in the area.

"This presents a great opportunity for our town to get off cars and get onto bicycles, be it for commuting to the MRT or for leisure," they added.

The aim is to work with the Land Transport Authority (LTA) to implement some of the proposals from residents, as the Government looks to expand the islandwide cycling



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could span 28.3km by 2030, with feasibility studies under way.

According to a cycling route map on LTA's website, there are currently less than 2km of dedicated cycling paths in the area.

Ms He, Prof Lim and Mr Chua told ST the key issue is that Sengkang does not have a high enough density of cycling paths, despite the significant number of cyclists there. They suggested that there is potential for Sengkang to be a walking and cycling town, alongside Tampines and Ang Mo Kio.

Ang Mo Kio was earmarked as a model walking and cycling town in 2014 and is slated to have 27km of cycling paths by 2026. Tampines became the second such town in 2017, with 17km of cycling paths now. This will grow to 30km by 2026.

The MPs said Sengkang is both relatively compact and flat, which makes it more conducive for cycling than other towns. Residents have also flagged that the footpaths in the town can be narrow and congested.

"We have observed that particularly around Sengkang Central and along the main thoroughfares, there are a higher number of delivery riders, especially during the rush hour," said the MPs, noting that this adds to congestion on footpaths there.

Polytechnic student Farhan Sam, 21, who lives in Sengkang and also delivers food in the area, prefers to cycle on the road as it is faster than riding on the pavement.

He said dedicated bicycle lanes on the road will be helpful for delivery workers as it will make it safer.

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citruspers2929 · 14 days ago

The main issue to me (coming from Europe) seems to be the attitude of drivers on the road. I frequently get overtaken at terrifying speed and separation only for that car to then immediately stop in front of me. There is very much an attitude of cars > bikes.

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BrightAttitude5423 · 13 days ago

Because this is Singapore and we ain't got no time to slow down and get stuck behind inconsiderate cyclists who take their own sweet time.

Oh, the total number of productive hours lost...what a tragedy!

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potatetoe_tractor · 14 days ago

Bobo Shooter

To describe drivers here (in general) as entitled would be an huge understatement. They can't even be trusted to drive nicely amongst themselves, let alone drive nicely amongst other, more vulnerable road users.



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taejongdae · 14 days ago

yes please. Cycling in Korea amazing compared to here

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Separate-Direction88 · 13 days ago

Bukit panjang is actually not a bad town for cycling to get about. Most of the new areas have nice wide pavements

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unliketrap · 14 days ago

A lot of keyboard warriors here but no real suggestions to improve the infrastructure

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Tiger_King_ · 14 days ago

Sengkang has bigger fish to fry.

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Kayrehn · 14 days ago

I have to handle different agendas at work each day, do you?

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