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# Dh16b initiative to boost Dubai's urban mobility

2024-27 PLAN INCLUDES TRACKLESS  
TRAMS ACROSS EIGHT LOCATIONS

DUBAI

BY FAISAL MASUDI  
Assitant Editor

Dubai is planning 22 major projects worth Dh16 billion to develop main roads and new transport systems, it was revealed yesterday.

The Main Roads Development Plan 2024-2027 of the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) was reviewed by Shaikh Hamdan Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, and Chairman of The Executive Council of Dubai.

The plan includes a 'Trackless Tram' project, an autonomous, eco-friendly electric transport system, at eight locations across the emirate.

Shaikh Hamdan was also briefed about an autonomous bus equipped with the latest AI and self-driving technologies to ensure maximum safety.

Cycle-friendly city

Dubai will also become more accessible on bicycles. RTA plans to further expand cycling tracks to connect coastal areas like Jumeirah, Al Sufouh, and

Marina with external tracks in Al Qudra, Saih Al Salam, and Nad Al Sheba via Al Barsha and Dubai Hills.

Roads and bridges

In terms of major road projects, the Latifa Bint Hamdan Street development plan will cover 12,200 metres from its intersection with Al Khail Road to Emirates Road, encompassing 8,100 metres of bridges. It will cut travel time by 15 to 20 per cent.

The plan also includes, among several others, the Meydan Road development project, which will involve 10,600 metres of roads, 3,300 metres of bridges, and three tunnels totalling 1,500 metres. It is expected to reduce travel time from Umm Suqeim Street to the extension of Meydan Street to just four minutes.

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With a speed of 40km/h, the autonomous bus is designed for first and last-mile transport, connecting main transit hubs with final destinations.



## PRESIDENT MARKS FLAG DAY AT QASR AL HOSN

President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan yesterday marked Flag Day by raising the national flag at Qasr Al Hosn in Abu Dhabi, symbolising the pride, unity, and sense of belonging that the flag represents. The flag-raising ceremony was attended by a group of top-achieving students from across the country. SEE ALSO P4



Rayyan Badr Mohammad

## Grade 1 boy wins heart of Dubai Ruler

DUBAI

BY SAJILA SASEENDRAN  
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A six-year-old boy has become a great source of pride for his parents and school in Dubai after recently receiving a personal gift from His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai.

In an unforgettable moment for Al Imda'a Model School-Cycle 1, grade one student Rayyan Badr Mohammad became a hero by winning the heart of Shaikh Mohammad when he visited the school a day after it became the Best School in the 8th Arab Reading Challenge. When Shaikh Mohammed asked one boy to give his name, Rayyan, who was standing next to the boy, confidently said the Vice-President's full name. Shaikh Mohammad was so impressed he gifted Rayyan a special Expo 2020 Dubai badge he was wearing.

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