

RECOGNISING NEW IDENTITY NODES AND ENHANCING OUR FAMILIAR PLACES

1. To create endearing neighbourhoods that can help build strong communities and strengthen our shared sense of belonging and identity, URA has recognised three new identity nodes at Siglap, Moonstone Lane Estate, and Newton as part of the DMP2025.

2. This follows the introduction of five Identity Corridors — at Historic East, Thomson-Kallang, Inner Ring, Rail Corridor, and Southern Ridges and Coast — to deepen efforts in strengthening the character and local identities of key corridors across Singapore as part of the last Long-Term Plan Review. Engagements were carried out with over 2,300 residents, stakeholders and members of the public from July 2024 to May 2025 on the Identity Corridors. Through street surveys, visioning workshops, small group discussions and larger focus group sessions, URA sought to understand people’s aspirations and ideas for spaces along three of the Identity Corridors — Historic East, Kallang River, and Inner Ring.

Safeguarding the character of our beloved spaces

3. Each of the three new identity nodes is defined by a unique character and charm: Siglap, which maintains a laidback atmosphere that exudes a unique urban charm; Moonstone Lane Estate, with its intimate waterfront setting and rich multi-cultural history; and Newton, a community-centric neighbourhood with greenery, heritage and identity woven into the area. They will add on to the existing 18 identity nodes that URA had recognised over the years and progressively enhanced since 2002. In all, there are now 21 identity nodes across the island.

Translating the community's aspirations and ideas into implementable plans to enhance the Identity Corridors

Historic East Identity Corridor: New pedestrian mall in Katong-Joo Chiat and Siglap South public space

4. Amongst the ideas and feedback received for the Historic East Identity Corridor, residents and stakeholders suggested improving walkability and having more community spaces within the Katong-Joo Chiat neighbourhood, so that residents and visitors could have more opportunities for social interactions and forge stronger bonds.

5. Having studied the feedback and the site context, URA is now developing the plans for a new pedestrian mall along East Coast Road, from the intersection of Joo Chiat Road, between i12 Katong and Katong V. Envisioned as a key public space, the pedestrian mall could include landscaping, seating, recreational spaces and facilities for users seeking respite, and as well as for community events and activities.

6. In addition, as part of the upcoming Siglap South integrated development, a new public space will be introduced within the development to host events and activities for the community. This will provide opportunities for the community to interact and add vibrancy into the neighbourhood.

Kallang River Identity Corridor: New waterfront park and cycling paths to support active lifestyles amidst green and blue landscape

7. URA is also developing plans together with the National Parks Board, Sport Singapore, and Jalan Besar Town Council for a new waterfront park along Kallang River, between Serangoon Road and Bendemeer Road near to the former National Aerated Water Factory at Moonstone-Bendemeer. Planned to be integrated with the new Sport-in-Precinct facility in Kolam Ayer, this park builds on feedback received from the community and public for more spaces to support recreational activities along the Kallang River Identity Corridor and the Kallang Park Connector.

8. Construction is ongoing for Singapore's longest elevated pedestrian and cycling bridge over the PIE under Phase 2 of the Bishan-to-City Links project, near to the future waterfront park. When the bridge is completed by the second half of 2027, the future park could serve as a pitstop for cyclists travelling from Bishan to the city along the Kallang Park Connector, and a new community space that brings people closer to the waterfront. Set amidst existing mature trees, the park could also be designed with landscape features, playgrounds and seating pavilions, for visitors to enjoy the blue and green surroundings.

9. New cycling paths and public realm improvements along the riverbank fronting St Andrew's Village will form an extension to the existing Kallang Park Connector, enhance the connectivity in the area, and allow more residents and visitors to enjoy the waterfront view. There are also opportunities to create shaded public spaces at Potong Pasir-St Andrew's for people to enjoy the river and potential outdoor classrooms for the school communities.

Inner Ring Identity Corridor: Connecting diverse neighbourhoods through enhanced walking and cycling paths

10. The Inner Ring Identity Corridor is made up of diverse neighbourhoods, each with their unique charm and character, including upcoming residential neighbourhoods at Pearl's Hill, Paterson and Newton. To allow more people to explore these areas at their leisure, agencies will enhance the connections between these neighbourhoods by repurposing the stretch of Zion Road between Ganges Avenue and River Valley Road for wider walking and cycling paths. The design considers public feedback for both cyclists and pedestrians to feel safe and comfortable sharing these streets.

11. There will also be cycling paths implemented in the western stretch of the Inner Ring Identity Corridor between Outram and Orchard areas, and in the eastern stretch along Lavender Street between Kallang Road and Balestier Road, by 2030.

Continuing the partnership to enliven our Identity Corridors

12. URA is also releasing a series of Identity Corridor Guides as part of the effort to raise awareness of the unique history of these corridors. Featuring interviews with personalities that have strong connections to the corridors, the guides serve as a rich repository of lived stories, experiences and community memories along the corridor to inspire placemaking projects. The guides on the Kallang River, Inner Ring and Historic East Identity Corridors can be downloaded at go.gov.sg/localidentityguides.

13. In the coming months, URA will continue to develop plans for these enhancements in partnership with residents and stakeholders to realise the potential of these places.