

## **REJUVENATION OF THE RAIL CORRIDOR**

The 24 km Rail Corridor runs from Tanjong Pagar in the south of Singapore to Woodlands in the north, with approximately one million people living within 1 km of the former railway line, linking communities throughout its entire length. Works to enhance a central 4 km stretch of the Rail Corridor, between the Hillview Avenue and the Bukit Timah Railway Station, are on-going, and are due to complete in 2021.

Agencies are also concurrently working on trail improvement works for the rest of the Rail Corridor so that visitors can enjoy its continuous connectivity by 2021. This will help to link communities and spur the rejuvenation of the neighbouring estates, such as Queenstown, Buona Vista, Beauty World and Kranji.

### **Rejuvenating communities along Rail Corridor**

The Rail Corridor passes through the Queenstown area, home to Singapore's first satellite town. New housing at Queensway and Tanglin Halt, and new business park developments at one-north will be introduced in the area over the next few years. These will be integrated with the Rail Corridor, presenting opportunities to activate the space and bring communities closer to the Corridor.

### **New gateways for nature and heritage**

The former Bukit Timah Fire Station and Beauty World will be transformed into gateways for the surrounding nature and heritage attractions, such as the Coast-to-Coast trail, Rifle Range Nature Park and the Rail Corridor.

#### Bukit Timah Fire Station

The former Bukit Timah Fire Station will feature a visitor centre for the nature and heritage attractions in the area. It will also be a central point for the network of attractions with connections to the Bukit Batok Nature Park and the Rail Corridor. In addition, the former Bukit Timah Fire Station building will be conserved and its heritage showcased as part of the gateway node.

#### Beauty World

Over at Beauty World, street-level activities and lush landscaping will be added to improve the walking experience and allow pedestrians easier access to Rail Corridor and nearby attractions. The future Bukit Timah Community Centre, housing a market and hawker centre, will inject more community spaces and enhance the area's vibrancy with other developments.

### **Complementing railway heritage**

### Bukit Timah Railway Station and Station Master's Quarters

Agencies had earlier announced plans for the conserved Bukit Timah Railway Station to become a heritage gallery and base for community activities.

Located opposite the Bukit Timah Railway Station, the Station Master's Quarters will be conserved to retain the heritage and shared memories of the area. To complement the Bukit Timah Railway Station's use as a base for community activities, both buildings will be refurbished and re-purposed with suitable amenities.

### **Revitalising the north**

The Kranji community node with the Singapore Racecourse can become a new recreational hub for those living in the north. Sungei Kadut will also be refreshed to support the growth of existing and new businesses in a more sustainable, clean and green setting.

### Singapore Racecourse

The Singapore Racecourse can expand its role to become a launch pad for fun and wholesome recreational and community activities for families and visitors of all ages.

### Sungei Kadut

Sungei Kadut will house the new Agri-Food Innovation Park (AFIP) cluster to catalyse innovation in the agri-tech ecosystem, by bringing together high-tech urban indoor farming and associated R&D activities. The AFIP will also form a key node in the Northern Agri-Tech and Food Corridor.

In addition, new high-rise hubs such as *trendspace* will house furniture industry players, while *TimMac* will house metal, machinery and timber industries to foster synergies and collaboration among the industry.

### **Other community nodes**

Agencies are also exploring opportunities to implement community nodes along the Rail Corridor in tandem with adjacent developments, such as the Tanjong Pagar Railway Station, Buona Vista, Choa Chua Kang, Stagmont Ring, and Kranji.