

## ABOUT THE BISHAN-TO-CITY LINKS

Proposals for the Bishan-to-City Links project were first presented in 2017 for public feedback at an exhibition on plans to revitalise areas along the Kallang River. The vision of a seamless promenade running along the Kallang River was seen as a potential catalyst that could spur the development of many areas along its length. The feedback collected during the exhibition showed that about 80 per cent of the respondents strongly supported the proposals for this route.

Following the exhibition, URA further engaged key stakeholders such as the cycling community and partner agencies on the proposals. We also carried out in-depth engineering studies and refined the plans further in consultation with stakeholders. Various issues and options for the links were discussed before we arrived at the final blueprint. These included ways to retain maximum public access to the riverfront, overcoming engineering challenges, as well as considering suitable amenities to add so that users can have a safer and more enjoyable commute.

A construction tender was called in 2020 to build five of the proposed connections under Phase 1 of the Bishan-to-City Links project, which will be fully open to public today. Phase 2 of the project will be implemented over the next few years.

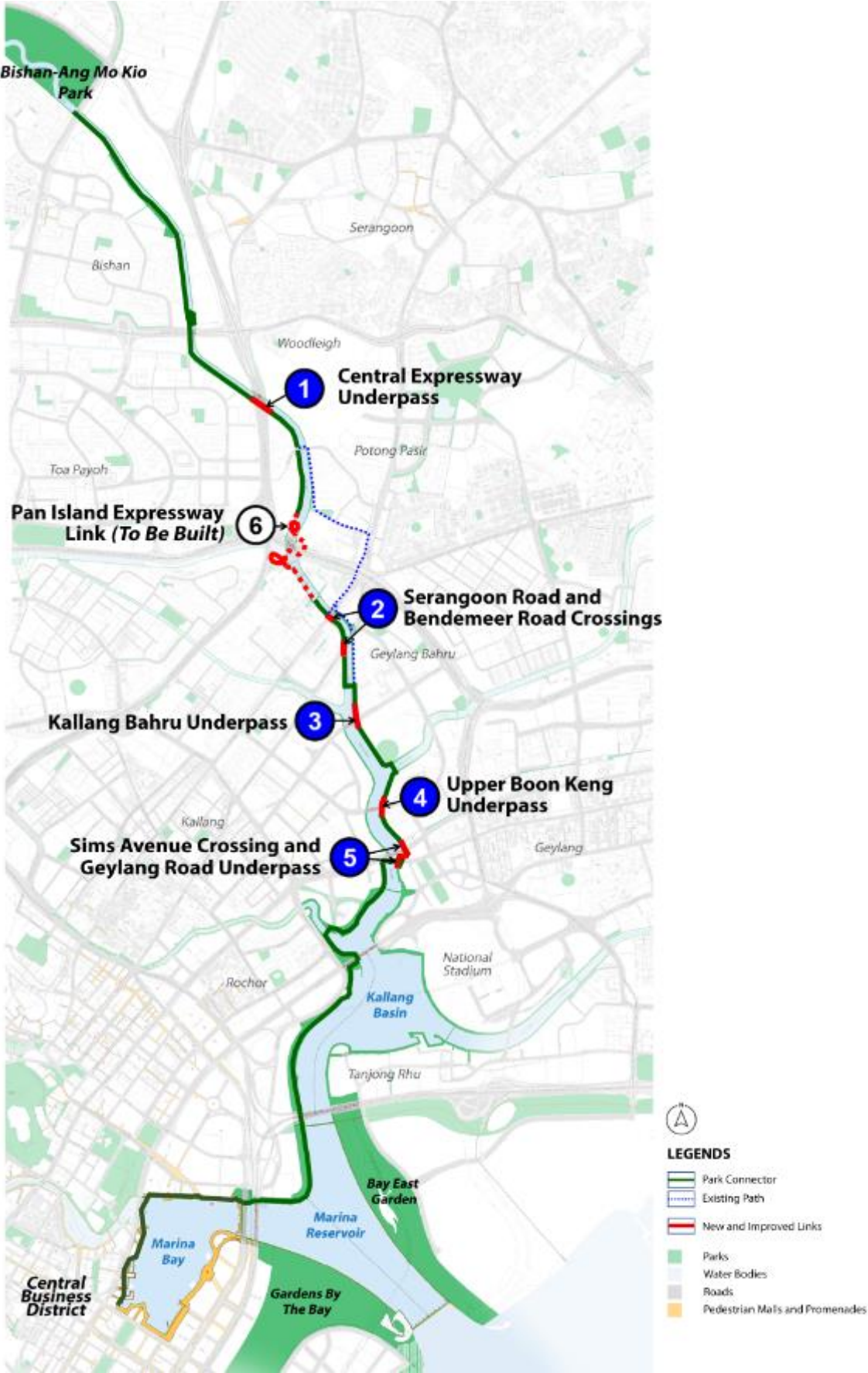
### Details of the Bishan-to-City Links

S/N	Highlights of improvement works
<b>Phase 1 – Completed</b>	
1	<p data-bbox="288 1308 927 1341"><u>Enhanced underpass at Central Expressway</u></p> <p data-bbox="288 1391 1377 1552">The existing underpass originally had a relatively low 1.9m head room and a dimly-lit pathway. The headroom has been increased to 2.4m for the safety and comfort of users, especially cyclists. The pathway was also widened to enable more users to pass through safely.</p> <p data-bbox="288 1601 1353 1762">The underpass environment has been enhanced by introducing terrazzo and timber seats so that users can seek shelter from rain, rest and take temporary respite from their journey. New lights have been installed on the sides and ceiling to brighten the space and provide better safety for users.</p> <p data-bbox="288 1812 1361 1973">The flooring beside the seating area has been designed with wavy patterns and copper inlays of fishes found in the Kallang River to simulate a river scene. Wavy blue light is projected on the underpass floor between 7pm and midnight to intensify the ‘river’ effect.</p>

	<p>The 110m-long wall mural on one side of the underpass depicts scenes along the Kallang River over the decades, adding colour and vibrancy to the underpass space.</p>
2	<p><u>New signalised crossings at Serangoon Road and Bendemeer Road</u></p> <p>New signalised crossings and shared paths at Serangoon Road and Bendemeer Road provide a more direct access for users who previously had to take a longer route to cross the two roads. Copper inlays of fishes found in the Kallang River have also been laid along a nearby stretch of the Kallang Park Connector to simulate scenes of a river.</p> <p>Small steps at a nearby pavilion have been removed and the flooring resurfaced to provide better accessibility to users of all ages and abilities and improve drainage.</p> <p><i>*By 2Q2024, the on-going construction work at the Kallang Park Connector beside Whampoa South Road will be completed and users will be able to walk, jog and cycle seamlessly along the park connector from Serangoon Road to Bendemeer Road. Please refer to the second map in this Annex for details.</i></p>
3	<p><u>New underpass and enhanced signalised crossing at Kallang Bahru</u></p> <p>A new 34m-long and 4.8m-wide underpass now connects the Kallang Park connector on both sides of Kallang Bahru Road. The sides of the underpass are lined with 3D wall murals depicting the flora and fauna along Kallang River. Also lining the walls is a set of copper wall inlays of birds and animals found in Singapore. LED lights brighten up the wall murals and provide lighting for the underpass at night.</p> <p>At the southern end of the underpass, a new staircase with a bicycle ramp has been added for users who choose not to use the existing steps next to Kallang Distripark.</p> <p>The width of the Kallang Bahru Road signalised crossing has been doubled from 3m to 6m, incorporating dedicated pedestrian and bicycle crossings.</p>
4	<p><u>New underpass and enhanced signalised crossing at Upper Boon Keng</u></p> <p>A newly-built 34m-long and 4.5m-wide underpass now links the Kallang Park Connector on both sides of Upper Boon Keng Road. Similar to the underpass at Kallang Bahru, 3D concrete wall murals are lit with LED lights</p>

	<p>and a set of copper inlays of birds and animals found in Singapore have been added to the wall to enhance the underpass space.</p> <p>The width of the Upper Boon Keng Road signalised crossing has been doubled from 3m to 6m, allowing for dedicated pedestrian and bicycle crossings.</p>
5	<p><u>New signalised crossing and ramps at Sims Avenue and Geylang Road, with enhanced underpass</u></p> <p>A new signalised crossing at Sims Avenue not only connects the Kallang Park Connector on both sides of the road, but also significantly reduces the distance users need to take to cross the road -- from 390m previously to 70m now.</p> <p>The park connector is now more accessible to users of all ages and abilities with the introduction of new ramps between the park connector and Sims Avenue, and between Sims Avenue and the Geylang Road underpass. These ramps are laid with copper inlays of fishes found in the Kallang River.</p> <p>The Geylang Road underpass has become a more inviting space with a 25m-long colourful wall mural depicting a vibrant scene along the Kallang River, with additional lighting brightening up the underpass space. The corner of the original retaining wall has been reconstructed to provide a better line of sight for users and improve natural ventilation and lighting into the underpass.</p>
<b>Phase 2</b>	
6	<p><u>Singapore's longest elevated pedestrian and cycling bridge at Pan-Island Expressway (PIE)</u></p> <p>In a few years' time, a new link for pedestrians, joggers and cyclists will connect the Kallang Park Connector on the north and south of the PIE. Comprising elevated ramps, a bridge, street-level paths, cantilevered paths, and an underpass, the new link will allow users to travel between the park connector next to St Andrew's Junior College and the neighbourhood park at Jalan Taman. At 682 metres, the bridge over the PIE will be the longest elevated pedestrian and cycling bridge in Singapore.</p> <p>The proposal for the PIE link required more in-depth studies and coordination due to the complex nature of the works, which requires construction works to be carried out over the PIE. The tender to construct the PIE Link will be called today, 5 October 2023.</p>

Location map of Bishan-to-City Links



# Serangoon Road – Bendemeer Road Crossings

- LEGENDS**
- Existing Route
  - New and Improved Links
  - Construction Site
  - Detour into HDB
  - Detour across the river

