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## New Trend in Metropolitan Commuting Taipei Metropolitan Area Bicycle Commuting Route Demonstration Plan Online Stamp Collection Activity

Net Zero Emissions by 2050 is both a national and international goal. Establishing a bicycle-friendly environment and encouraging the public to choose bicycle commuting are two of the most important net-zero green living strategies. The Taipei Metropolitan Area Bicycle Commuting Demonstration Route has been planned by the Institute of Transportation of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC), the Taipei City Government, and the New Taipei City Government in order to encourage and cultivate the public's preference for bicycle commuting. From Monday, May 8 through Friday, July 7, a two-month ride to collect stamps will be conducted. Citizens only need to download the "Taiwan Cycling Route APP" and record their tracks. If the combined distance of all your rides each time on the demonstration plan's commuting route is more than one kilometer, you will receive one stamp and be entitled to enter into the drawing event to win some prizes.

Since 2009, the MOTC has been gradually promoting a biker-friendly ride environment, and the current leisure-type bicycle lanes will be extended to citizens' day-to-day lives, all in accordance with the MOTC's policy concept, i.e., "From tourism leisure to living; from eastern to nationwide". The Institute of Transportation was tasked by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications to develop a demonstration plan to promote bicycle commuting road networks in

the Taipei metropolitan. This plan may be used as a model of reference and implemented by other metropolitan areas when promoting bicycle commuting road network planning.

The said plan is conceptualized with the river bicycle trails in Taipei City and New Taipei City as the primary commuting thoroughfare. Riders can cross the bridge to reach the local bicycle lane or public transit station on the other side. Figure 1 depicts the route of this plan's demonstration:



Figure 1 Commuting Demonstration Route Map

From May 8 (Monday) through July 7 (Friday), a two-month ride to collect stamps activity will be conducted to encourage and cultivate the general public's habit of bicycle commuting and allow them to experience the results of this demonstration plan. The event is divided into two sessions: the first runs from May 8 to June 4, and the second from June 5 to July 7. These are the guidelines for the activity:

- 1. Download the Around the "Taiwan Cycling Route APP" and use it to record your tracks.
- 2. You can get one stamp if the combined los 版載點 Android 版載點 distance of all your rides each time on the demonstration plan's commuting route is more than one kilometer.

- 3. The daily maximum time of the said collection is twice, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. In other words, you will receive two stamps in total (unless your mileage is insufficient or you repeatedly upload the same track record, in which case it will not be included in your stamp collection).
- 4. The event is comprised of two-stage drawings. The first stage drawing will be based on the number of stamps collected between May 8 and June 4, and the second stage will be based on the number of stamps collected between June 5 and July 7. After the end of the first drawing, the mileage will be reset and recalculated; it will not be carried over to the second drawing. If you have accumulated more than 20 at each drawing, you are eligible for the extra drawing. Thus, it is possible to win two prizes in a single drawing stage.
- 5. The event poster is shown in Figure 2. There is a reference website below for details: https://itaiwanbike.iot.gov.tw/Commute.



Figure 2 Online activity poster