

Activity centres for the elderly mooted

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Rehan added that cycling should be encouraged in the country.

"Countries such as Europe, Japan and China have harsh weather compared to Malaysia but their people still prefer to cycle.

"We need to relook at our modes of transport to see if we are heading in the right direction. It is hard to appreciate any change initially but we must be positive," he said.

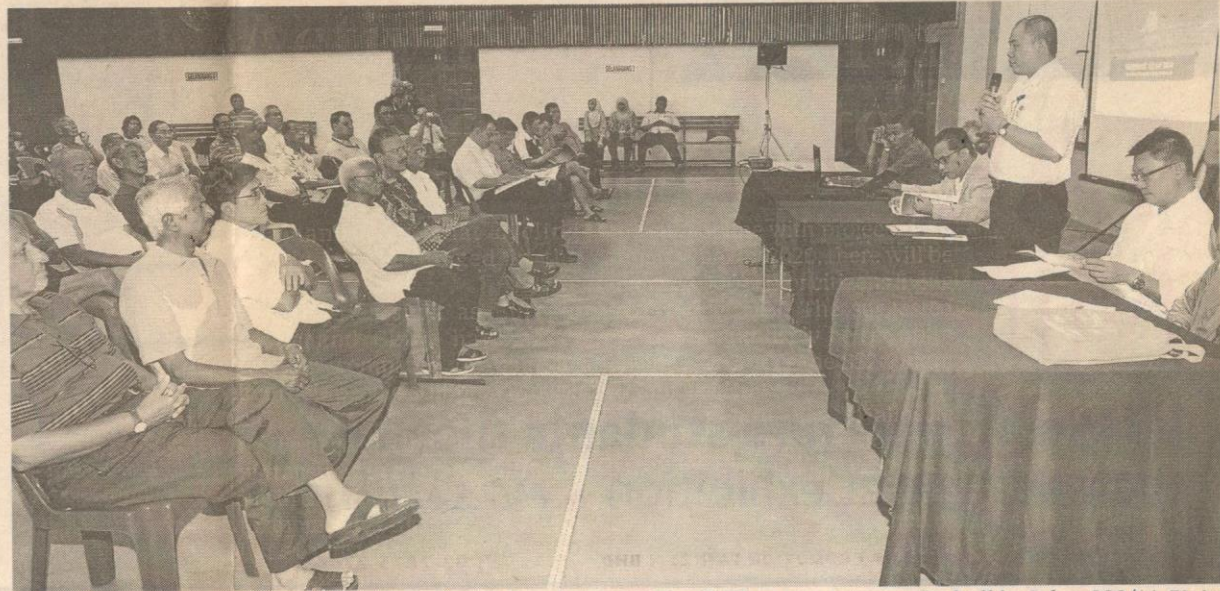
Another issue discussed at the briefing is the plan to build more activity centres for the elderly in

the city, in line with projected estimates that by 2020, there will be about 51,000 senior citizens living in Petaling Jaya. The suggested centres would likely be set up in Jalan SS2/63 or at the SS2 Rukun Tetangga facility.

There is also plan to allocate space in Jalan SS2/20 for non-Muslim religious purposes.

Those interested to view the draft plan can visit the council or purchase a set of five books plus a CD for RM200.

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A public hearing on the Petaling Jaya 2020 Special Area Draft Plan at a community hall in Jalan SS3/14. Pic by Chan Wai Yew

Modern trishaws may hit PJ roads

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CITY folk may see the modern trishaw used as public transport here, based on a suggestion in the Petaling Jaya 2020 Special Area Draft Plan.

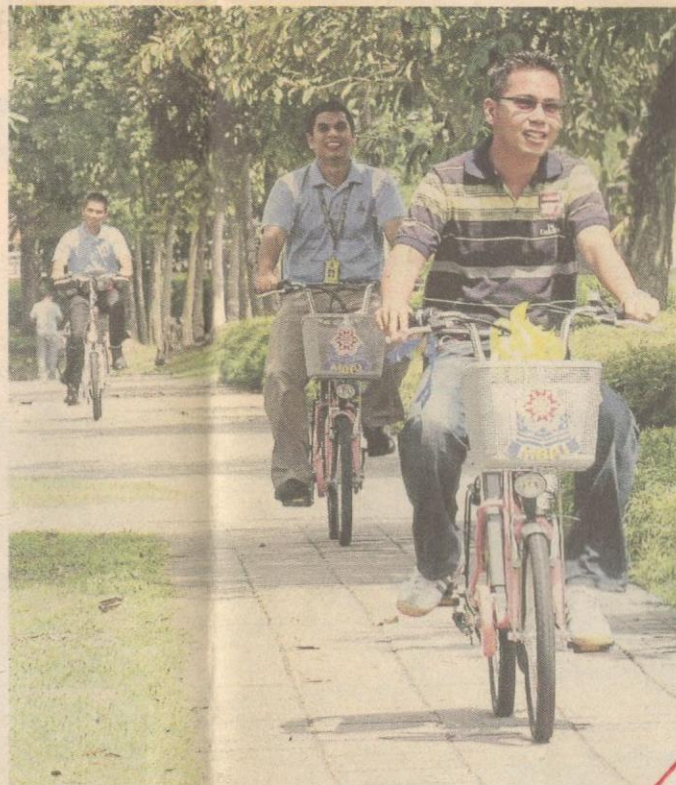
The idea for the trishaw was recently discussed at a public briefing of the Draft Plan in a community hall in Jalan SS3/14, by Prof

Mohamad Rehan Karim of the Centre For Transportation Research, Universiti Malaya.

The modern trishaw, which runs on battery, he said, was not only more environment friendly but also a cheaper mode of transport compared to taxis.

"The trishaw, which can ply on narrow roads, is also suitable for short-distance travel. It can even be promoted as a tourism product," he said.

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