

QC as bikers' paradise pushed

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The **Quezon City government** has urged government agencies with offices in the city to provide end-of-trip facilities for people who have opted to use bicycles as their mode of transportation or as a way to exercise.



With the completion of the exclusive bike lanes in the city stretching for 93 kilometers, city leaders pressed compliance with the Ordinance 2988-2020, otherwise known as the QC Safe Cycling and Active Transport Act.

The ordinance seeks the safe and seamless travel of bikers in the city to promote a healthier and active lifestyle.

Among the bicycle facilities contemplated by the authors of the ordinance are parking areas, shower and hydration areas.

The measure also mandates commercial establishments like malls, restaurants, groceries and banks to put up bike racks.

Repair stations are also envisioned under the ordinance to be constructed in public areas, with common tools like tire inflators, hex keys and wrenches to be made available while being secured against theft and vandalism.

Separate shower facilities for males and females are planned under the ordinance that also encourages the putting up of hydration areas close to the entrances of government buildings.

Aside from 93-kilometer bike lane, an additional 82 kilometers of protected bike lanes will be constructed under the city's Enhanced Climate Change Action Plan for 2021-2050.

Likewise, a pedestrian and bikers' bridge across Katipunan Road — linking the Ateneo and Miriam Campuses with the University of the Philippines campus — will be put in place.

Since August 2021, the city has distributed over 1,800 bicycles to daily wage workers and those needing of alternative modes of transport.

Helmets were also provided to over 12,300 bikers traversing the city before the implementation of the City Ordinance SP2942 S2020 or the Bicycle Riders Helmet Ordinance of Quezon City.

On 25 November, the local government will launch QC Cycle to End VAW as a kick-off event for the commemoration of the 18-day campaign to end violence against women.