

Abstract

In recent months, the vision to build Metro Train in Kathmandu has been gathering movement within the media and policy circles. The recent formation of a High-Level Committee, constituting representatives of the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport, the Investment Board Nepal, and the Department of Railways, for “studying the modality for operating the Metro Train in the city”, signals towards the purchase that the metro vision has found in the government. The intention of this seminar is thus to bring this movement into the public domain for a much-needed dissection and discussion.

Drawing upon their professional backgrounds, educational experience, and activist involvement that have spanned the course of over a decade, this seminar features two speakers committed to the field of urban transportation and mobility in Kathmandu. The objective is to initiate a series of critically nuanced public discussion about transportation and mobility in Kathmandu and discuss alternatives that may contain the potential to reshape the way we move in the city.

Speakers' Bio

Prashanta Khanal holds a Masters degree in Environment Management. His work focuses on research and policy advocacy in Urban Transportation and Sustainable Cities. He is currently working with the Asian Development Bank for Modernized Pedicabs Vehicles Project geared towards promoting socially sustainable transport.

Shail Shrestha is currently researching the ‘Global Car-free Movement’ and advocates for ‘Car Free Cities’. He is also one of the founders of the Cycle City Network Nepal and ‘Kathmandu Cycle City 2020’ – a campaign dedicated to remake Kathmandu as a cycle-friendly city by 2020. Shail is currently pursuing a Masters Degree from Indira Gandhi National Open University.