A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – THE RAIL CORRIDOR PROJECT (SINGAPORE)

The Rail Corridor







Tanjong Pagar Terminus Station (TPRS)

Background on the Rail Corridor

The Rail Corridor is a 24km long former railway line that stretches from the north of Singapore near its border with Malaysia to the south terminating at a grand old terminus building known as the Tanjong Pagar Railway Station located at the edge of Singapore's Central Business District. As of 1 July 2011, the railway line and the Tanjong Pagar Railway Station are no longer in use.

The Rail Corridor as it now stands has most of its tracks, sleepers and railway equipment removed from along its former route. It has become a "green corridor" bordered by wild grown trees and plants and is currently used as an informal space by hikers, joggers and cyclists. The neighbourhoods that the Rail Corridor passes through are varied, ranging from high density public housing estates to enclaves of private housing, from business parks and industrial estates to a Nature Reserve and public parks.

Transforming the Rail Corridor into an Extraordinary Community Space

The Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), which is Singapore's Planning Authority, is excited over the unique opportunity to re-purpose the Rail Corridor into an extraordinary community space. Through sensitive planning and design, URA plans to transform the Rail Corridor into a seamless and endearing 24 km long public space that will be enjoyed by all Singapore residents and visitors alike.

The URA will be calling a <u>Request for Proposal (RFP)</u> shortly this year and would like to invite interested architects and landscape architects from around the world to participate in the RFP for a <u>Master Planning and Design Consultancy for the Rail Corridor Project</u>. In brief, the RFP will require the preparation of concept designs for the Rail Corridor Master Plan as well

as schematic designs for selected locations and activity areas along the Corridor. In addition, we will also be requiring schematic proposals for the adaptive re-use of former railway buildings which are now considered heritage buildings on the Rail Corridor.

As not many design firms outside Singapore may have heard of the Rail Corridor, the URA is pleased to organize a <u>pre-RFP visit</u> to the site of the Rail Corridor on <u>3</u>, <u>4 & 6 March 2015</u>. If European architects and landscape architects are interested in the Rail Corridor Project and have questions about it, they can contact me directly or any one of our URA officers listed below. If they would like to join the site visit in Singapore on one of the above-mentioned dates, we would be pleased to send an official invitation to them. Please do note that registration is limited to only 20 places for each day of the visit.

General information on the Rail Corridor can obtained from our link http://www.ura.gov.sg/railcorridor/

Best regards

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