

# Sheikh Zayed Road turns into giant speed lap for this year's Dubai Ride



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Cyclists gather for the Dubai Ride, a flagship event of the yearly Dubai Fitness Challenge, on Sheikh Zayed Road on Sunday morning.

**For the first time, the event featured a segment for experienced cyclists in which participants had to maintain an average speed of 30kmph**

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Scores of cyclists had the unique opportunity to race down the iconic Sheikh Zayed Road during the Dubai Ride on a beautiful Sunday morning. For the first time, the event featured a special speed lap segment, introduced exclusively for experienced cyclists, which began at 5am.

Open only for those above the age of 21, these laps required participants to maintain an average speed of 30kmph to ride the 12km Sheikh Zayed Road route going from Dubai World Trade Centre to Safa Park and back. Riders were required to exit the route by 6am.

Part of the Dubai Fitness challenge, the Dubai Ride is returning for the fifth edition this year to turn Sheikh Zayed Road into a stunning cycling track. The fifth edition witnessed a record participation of 37,130 amateur and professional cyclists of all ages.

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Thousands of experienced and amateur cyclists took to Sheikh Zayed Road for the iconic Dubai Ride on Sunday. Some dressed in their professional gear while others donned the purple T-shirts given out this year as part of the cycling mega event to registered participants. Still



others chose to go all out and dress up to a theme.

Housemates Mark, Lala, Ang, Dave and Joylynn were returning for the event for the fifth consecutive year. "This is one of the most awaited events of the year for us," said Mark. "We left our home in Deira at 4:30am to get here for the race on time. Every year, we have our photos taken at the same spot. It is almost like a testament to our bond."

Colombian expats Stefany and Mildre and Chinese national Linda met at the gym and became fast friends. This year, they decided to take their fitness game outside the gym to participate in the Dubai Ride for the first time. "It has been an incredible experience," said Linda. "Next year, we want to come back and do it again."

A group of cyclists called AUH riders left their homes in Abu Dhabi at 2am to get to the ride in time for the speed laps. For them, the brand new feature was one of their biggest motivations to come. "During the usual Dubai Ride, you have to be extremely careful as there are so many cyclists of varying levels and the average you get is about 20km/hr," said member Noushad.

"This year we were considering skipping it when we heard about the speed laps. That was a huge motivation for us."

The group of 25 arrived a little after 4am to participate in the speed laps. "It was the most exhilarating experience," he said.

"We got about 24 km before we were asked to exit. We really enjoyed

it and it made the drive from Abu Dhabi worth it."

After the laps, the group rejoined the Dubai Ride to cycle the 4km route. "This is one of those iconic cycling experiences that no rider wants to miss," he said.

"We picked the 4km route so that we can cycle past all the major landmarks."



It was babies' day out at the Dubai Ride on Sunday morning. Some were seen in trailers while others rode behind their parents.

## Toddlers come in trailers, some young ones ride little cycles

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A vibrant parade led by Dubai Police's cybertrucks and a group of delivery riders flagged off the fifth edition of the Dubai Ride on Sunday. The blue and white siren lights along with the orange-coloured Talabat delivery boxes marked a colourful start just as daylight broke over the Sheikh Zayed Road, turning it into a stunning cycling track.

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For English tourist Katie Ice, it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. On a holiday here and staying in Dubai Marina, Katie took a taxi to the starting point in front of Museum of the Future from where she got a free Careem bike. "It was so easy to get the bike and participate in the ride," she said. "Sheikh Zayed Road is so spacious that it was a great experience, even though there were so many people. It was the first time I have done something like this and next year, I am coming back to Dubai at the same time so I can do this again."

Katie, who arrived in the city a few weeks ago, said the Dubai Fit-

ness Challenge has been a great motivation for her. "I have ditched the gym and now, I just go to various fitness villages. Yesterday I was in Zabeel Park for a zumba class. I think Dubai needs to do this for more than just one month. It is the most amazing thing to get fit."

For some, the event has been an indispensable part of their life. Bradley White and his wife Ayesha Ma have been living in the UAE for 15 years and are regulars at the Dubai Ride. However, this year was special — it was the first time they brought their one-year-old son Cooper White to ride with them. Dressed in a lilac shirt, blue shorts and a blue helmet, little Cooper was bright and awake at 7am. "He has been really enjoying it," said Bradley. "We wanted him to have the experience that we enjoy so much."

Several families brought their children and young ones in trailers and bike seats while others chose to ride along on their little cycles as fast as their little legs could carry them.

Three-year-old little Jannah was tired after pedalling for almost 5km and chose to complete the ride sitting on the bike seat at the back of her father's cycle.



Bradley White with his son Cooper White at the Dubai Ride on Sunday.





**Asia Petroleum Limited**

**Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Techno-Commercial Study for an Oil Import Terminal at Hub, Balochistan**

Asia Petroleum Limited (APL), owner and operator of a major oil terminal and pipeline in Pakistan, intends to develop energy import infrastructure in the coastal city of Hub in Balochistan.

The Project scope includes, but is not limited to, a Single-point mooring system ("SPM") for loading/unloading liquid fuels, sub-sea pipeline, onshore product tankages and link pipeline connecting with existing infrastructure at Port Qasim. The Project is expected to handle a throughput of 12 to 15 million tons per annum of white petroleum products.

**Purpose of this EOI**

In this regard, APL invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from reputable international engineering consultancy firm(s), local firms can be onboarded through a consortium, to conduct the Techno-Commercial Study for the Project. The firm must be experienced in developing technical studies, of similar magnitude and scope, for deep water energy terminals and have extensive expertise in developing techno-commercial studies.

This EOI provides prospective parties with relevant background information regarding the Project and the information required from prospective parties.

**Key Metrics of the Project**

Project site is to be located in Hub, Balochistan, approximately 60 km north-west of Karachi, Sindh. The facility is to be located in the vicinity of Energycio refinery and Hubco power plants, approximately 5 km South of Gaddani Ship breaking facility.

Major components of the project include the following: (i) an offshore Single-Point Mooring (SPM) together with a Pipeline End Manifold (PEM) to handle product imports from ocean going vessels (VLCC, LR-2, LR-1 and a Sheltered Service Harbor (SSH)) for tug boats, service vessel and pilot boat; (ii) Sub-sea and onshore pipelines for product movement to onshore tanks; (iii) Tank farm for product storage; (iv) Utilization of APL's existing pipeline infrastructure for product movement to Zulfiqarabad Oil Terminal and onward transportation to White Oil Pipeline Terminal or development of a new pipeline.


Any entity (individually or through a consortium) responding to this EOI must have the capacity and capability to deliver the following scope:

- Site Screening and Verification Study for locating the terminal at Hub coastal area, while considering the environmental, technical and commercial aspects and relevant governmental and international guidelines for setting up terminals. Onshore and offshore site selection should be based on a comprehensive assessment of site topography, geotechnical conditions, seismic, climatology, bathymetry, water levels, winds, offshore and nearshore waves, currents and cyclonic conditions. Site selection should be recommended based on options evaluated.
- Configuration and layout of the terminal, including, process flows, tankages, pumps and functional requirements in line with international best practices and guidelines.
- Plan for product transfer to Zulfiqarabad Oil Terminal through APL's existing pipeline or new infrastructure utilizing APL's Right of Way and onward transportation to White Oil Pipeline Terminal. Plan should include all costs and technical evaluation suggesting and comparing options.
- Financial feasibility of the project, including, estimated engineering, procurement, construction and management capital investment cost by cost item including the necessary contingencies and related rationale within acceptable accuracy limits. Opex cost assessment should result in per unit cost at plant gate. Complete Financial Viability Assessment of the project with key metrics in terms of IRR, NPV, Payback period.

**Information Required from Consultants**


- Company Information: Including, detailed company profile, details and contact person.
- Work Experience: Number of deep-water terminal technical studies of similar magnitude and scope; list major projects, year of execution, scope and contract amount. Number of techno-commercial studies; list major projects, year of execution, scope and contract amount.
- Individual or Consortium: Specify whether work will be undertaken by a single party or multiple entities. Where other entities or locations are involved, please advise the split of responsibilities between the parties/entities as well as any proposed/required subcontracting of work (only primary subcontractors).
- Confirmation of Interest: The original EOI, signed on company's letterhead may be scanned and emailed along with the supporting information within twenty-one (21) days of this advertisement to [ebid@asiapetroleum.com](mailto:ebid@asiapetroleum.com)

APL reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications. Only shortlisted firms will be invited to submit technical and financial proposals through formal competitive bidding against Request for Proposal (RFP). Should you have any questions or issues regarding the information outlined above, please contact [asif.ansari@asiapetroleum.com](mailto:asif.ansari@asiapetroleum.com)



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