



Walkability Summit 2025

October 2, 2025 (Thursday)

Time	Activity
5:30 a.m.	Assembly at UP Oblation
6:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Community Walk [Click here for the route] <i>UP Oblation to LRT2 Katipunan station to ADMU Leong Hall</i>
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Refreshments at Leong Hall Roofdeck
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Onsite Registration
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies • Prayer and National Anthem • Welcome Remarks by Fr. Bobby • Statements of Support for the Summit by ◦ Engr. Francisco R. Pesino, Jr., officer-in-charge, Traffic Engineering Center, MMDA ◦ Dr. Albert Francis E. Domingo, OIC-Assistant Secretary of Health, Department of Health ◦ Ms. Vanessa B. Baguiwet, DHSUD Environmental, Land Use and Urban Planning and Development Bureau (DHSUD-ELUPDB) • Introduction to the Summit by Dr. Robert Siy, Jr., co-convenor, Move As One Coalition
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Performance by Mr. Joey Ayala — “Maglakad”
10:15 – 12:00 p.m.	Roundtable on Cities In this session, the panelists share success stories, challenges, and creative strategies in their work toward improving infrastructure, accessibility, and community engagement for walkability. Participants: • Ms. Karen Crisostomo (Convener, Bicycle Friendly Philippines, and Active Transport Specialist, Pasig City) • Ms. Celine Tabinga (Manager for Urban Development, Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities) Moderators: Dr. Philip Peckson (University of Asia and the Pacific) & Dr. Derlie Mateo-Babiano (University of Melbourne)
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Opening of “Daan-daang Lansangan”



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	An exhibit featuring select photos from the 2018 Click Your Biyahe photo contest and the Katipunan corridor plan
2:00 pm – 3:30 p.m.	Historical and Cultural Perspectives on Walkability from the Humanities and Social Sciences The fact that the English word “pedestrian” connotes something neutral (someone who walks) and negative (lacking in inspiration or excitement, dull), among other things, tells us that we don’t look at or experience the activity of walking in the same way. A subculture may value walking as an indication of strength, mobility, and vitality. Another subculture may look down on it as something associated with poverty (the poor walk, the rich ride their cars). Thus, the call towards a more walkable city is anything but obvious or straightforward. It is here that insights from the humanities and the social sciences, drawn from extensive studies and research, can help us arrive at a common understanding of walking as something vital to the life of human beings, both individually and as members of a community. Participants: • Ms. Marie Franchesca M. Borrás (Ateneo de Manila University) • Dr. Vincenz C. Serrano (Ateneo de Manila University) • Dr. Fernando N. Zialcita (Ateneo de Manila University) Moderator: Dr. Remmon Barbaza, Department of Philosophy, Ateneo de Manila University
3:30 –5:00 p.m.	Creating Walkable Cities This roundtable session explores an interdisciplinary approach to creating walkable cities in major metropolitan areas such as Metro Manila. Drawing insights from academia, urban planners, disability advocacy, and government sectors, this discussion will highlight current challenges of mobility and transportation systems. It aims to identify collaborative opportunities to design cities that are safe, inclusive, and accessible for all community members. Participants: • Ms. Abigail Marie Favis (Faculty, Department of Environmental Science, Ateneo de Manila University) • Dr. Maureen Ava Mata (Co-convener, Accessibility and Inclusion, Move As One Coalition) • Dr. Nathaniel “Dinky” von Einsiedel (Principal Urban Planner at CONCEP Inc.)



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9:30 - 9:40 a.m.	Opening Remarks Dr. Emmanuel Delocado (Ateneo Institute for Sustainability)
9:40 – 11:00 a.m.	Safe, Inclusive, and Healthy Streets This roundtable discussion dives deeper into the day-to-day lived experiences of members of different sectors (women, persons with disabilities, children, etc.). What are the sectors' current experiences in walking our streets, and what should safe, inclusive, and healthy streets look like for them? Participants: • Ms. Alyssa Belda (Make It Safer Movement) • Dr. Katrina Hernandez (content creator and inclusivity advocate) • Dr. Norman Dennis E. Marquez (University Physician & Associate Director of Health Sciences Program) • Ms. Jeza Rodriguez (Make It Safer Movement; Bike School Asia) Moderator: Ms. Riz Comia (Move As One Coalition)
11:00–12:30 p.m.	Street Design Standards for Walkable Cities This roundtable discussion will bring together panelists who will explore current challenges, best practices, and policy reforms needed to prioritize pedestrian safety, accessibility, and comfort in urban design. The session aims to surface practical insights and collaborative pathways to reimagine our streets as inclusive public spaces for all. Participants: • Ar. Paulo Alcazaren (Principal Architect, PGAA Creative Design) • Ar. Armand Michael R. Eustaquio (Chairman, Committee on Accessibility, Commission on Government and External Affairs; United Architects of the Philippines) • Mr. Vincent Lazatin (Good Governance and Road Safety Advocate) • Atty. Daphne Marcelo (Legislative Liaison, Move As One Coalition)



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12:30–2:00 p.m.	Lunch Break
2:00–3:30 p.m.	Learning History and Culture from Walking This session invites participants to discuss how walking fosters a deeper connection with our history and culture. Through their work and experiences, our presenters will highlight the importance of our parks, heritage walking tours, and other venues for immersive foot journeys that help shape the present generation’s appreciation for our nation’s history, culture, and identity. Participants: • Mr. Jezreel Gaius A. Apelar (Deputy Executive Director, National Parks Development Committee) • Dr. Marie Danielle V. Guillen (Associate Professor, UP Asian Institute of Tourism) • Ms. Bea Dolores (Renacimiento Manila) • Ivan Man Dy (Founder, Old Manila Walks) Moderator: Dr. Michael Pante (Department of History, Ateneo de Manila University)
3:30–3:45 p.m.	Coffee Break
3:45–4:45 p.m.	Active Transport Strategic Master Plan This roundtable will provide an update on the Active Transport Strategic Master Plan, an overview of inputs from relevant sectors, and the next steps. Participants: • Mr. Francis Troy D. Caiga (Transportation Development Officer II, Department of Transportation) • Ar. Jana Gabrielle Ladia, EnP (Associate Director for Urban Planning at Palafox Associates, Project Manager for the Active Transport Strategic Masterplan) • Mr. Ronel Bernabe (Advocate and Social Media Lead, Make It Safer Movement) Moderator: Ms. Mary Abigail Modales (Active Transport Lead, Move As One Coalition)



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4:45–5:00 p.m.

**Closing Remarks and Announcement of
Host Institution for 2026 Walkability Summit**
Dr. Czarina Saloma-Akpedonu (Dean, Dr. Rosita G. Leong School of Social
Sciences, Ateneo de Manila University)



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