# Roles and Benefits of Mass Transit System to Sustainable Development of Bangkok: The SKYTRAIN Experiences 2nd ATRANS Symposium

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#### **Key Notes Summary**

- The Problem of Transport in Bangkok and Vicious Cycle of Urban Decline
- Skytrain's Roles and Benefits to Sustainable Development
- SkyTrain Helping to Create a Virtuous Cycle of Urban Re-development
- Conclusions



# The Problem of Transport in Bangkok and Vicious Cycle of Urban Decline

#### The Bangkok Metropolitan Region

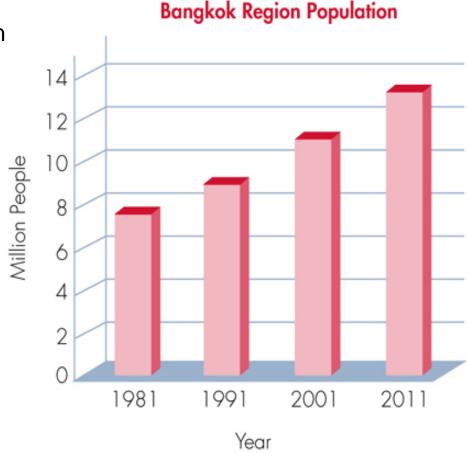
- Dominant urban center of Thailand, generating more than 50% of GDP
- Contains about 20% of Thailand's population
- Rapid commercial & industrial development
- Fast growing tourism, fashion and regional commercial offices



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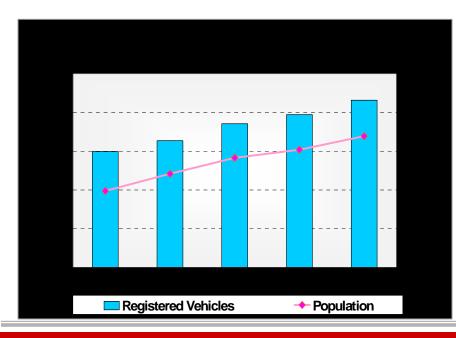
- Bangkok's Rapid Growth
- Current population : 11.3 million
- By 2011 will grow to 13.7 million

This have created major problems including use of land, traffic congestion, pollution, declining quality of life...



#### Rapid Growth in Car Ownership

- Uncontrolled Growth of Car Ownership
- Currently 2 million cars or 2 cars per 10 persons in Bangkok, projected to rise to 3 million by 2011.





#### **Automobile Oriented City**

- Bangkok is a bottleneck for rail operations as road based traffic takes priority over rail traffic in the city area
- Preventing the development of a suburban and intercity service
- Road based public transportation is slow, inconvenient and not attractive

#### **Bangkok Bus Network**

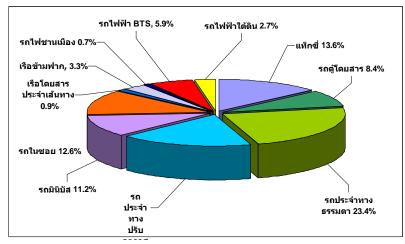
- Bus ridership is declining
- Commercial speed of buses is reducing
- Air-con buses are becoming more popular, but declining lately
- Car ownership is increasing

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2551	708,240	894,936	1,603,17

### Buses will Continue to Dominate Public Transport

- Buses and Vans carry 74% of the public transit passengers in Bangkok (more than 6 million trips per day)
- BTS and Underground are now accounting for nearly 10% of total trips (less than 5% few years ago)
- By 2011 with the extension of the Rail Network, particularly on the Green Line and ARL the rail share will increase to 20-25% of trips



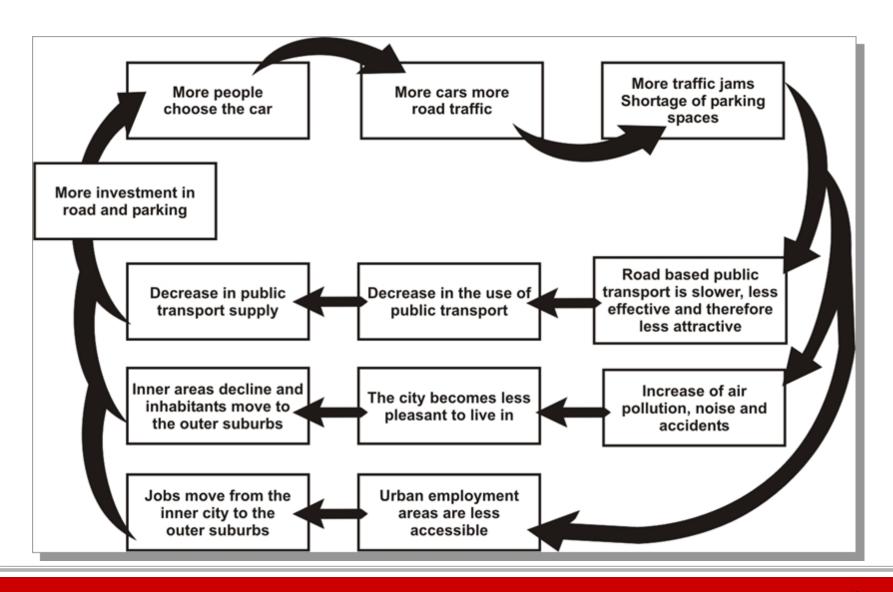


#### Implication of Poor Public Transport

- Very poor mobility on the road at about 7 kms/hour in the peak and for much of the day
- The development of new towns, with lower cost living, is marred by poor public transport, necessitating the move to private transport to access the city
- Bangkokians need to pay a very high energy cost / km, for private vehicle transport in :
  - Fuel
  - Running costs
  - Express way fees
- Leading to Vicious Cycle of Urban Decline



#### **Vicious Cycle of Urban Decline**



#### **Skytrain's Roles and Benefits to Sustainable Development**

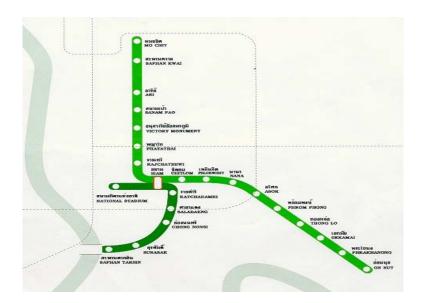
#### **System Overview**

Original Concessions :

2 Lines: Sukhumvit & Silom Line; 23.5 Km and

23 Stations

- Additional 2.2 Km
   extensions and 2 Stations
   as Contracted Operator
   and System Maintainer
- Operating Hours: 6:00 -24:00hr







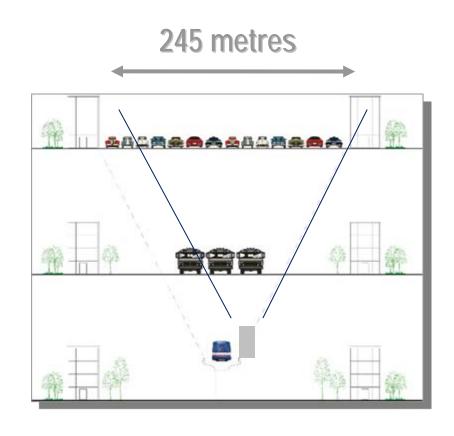
#### **Successful Construction Project**

- Stations are located in some of the world's busiest streets
- No Land Resumption
- No Full Street Closure
- Implemented entirely by private sector
- Silom Extension were implemented in similar method by BMA



#### **SkyTrain Increases Capacity**

- Increasing capacity in major business corridors in Bangkok
- BTS Skytrain requires only
   9m wide corridor for elevated
   structure, carries 60,000
   people per hr. per direction.
- Equivalent to 245 m wide road by cars for the same capacity



#### **Multi-Level Land Use**

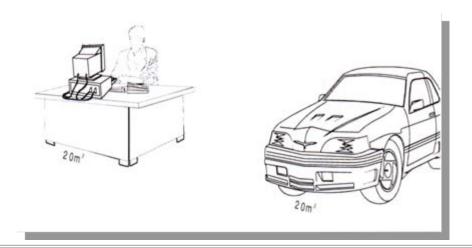


Optimum Utilisation of CBD Area



#### **Reduced Numbers of Cars in the City**

- There is limited space for parking cars in the City
- Skytrain has reduced the number of cars entering the city by about 60,000 each day
- The cost of building multi-storey car parking for each car is Baht 400,000/car or Baht 40 Billion per 100,000 car



### Public Transportation Interchange Required

Could reduce more cars in the city with more facilities



#### Speed, Reliability & Comfort

- Reliable and Punctual
- All trains are air conditioned
- Efficient Energy Uses
  - IGBT Motor for efficient use of electrical power
  - Regenerative Brake
  - Time Table Management
- Safe Operations





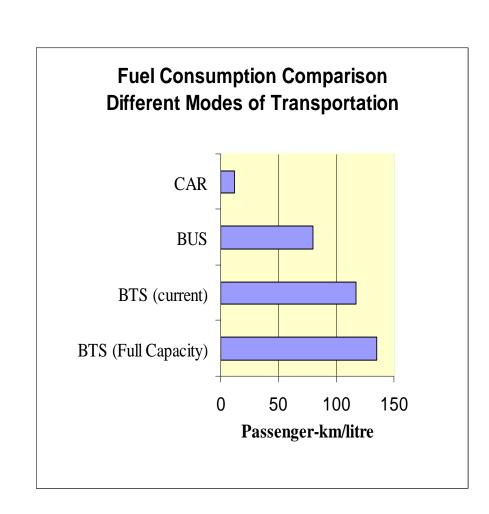
#### **Efficient Use of Energy**

- At 400,000 passengers per day (overall average), a BTS passenger consumes approximately 0.05 Kilowatt-hour of electricity to travel 1 km.
- If an average BTS passenger travel 6.26 Km, it would consume 0.313 Kilowatt-hour
   ( 0.05 x 6.26) per trip
- The system can be as efficient as 135 passenger-km per a liter of fossil fuel.



#### **Trains are Far More Energy Efficient**

- CAR: avg occupancy: 1.5 pax/car;
   fuel consumption: 8 km/litre
  - pax-km/litre = 8x1.5 = 12
- BUS: avg occupancy: 30-40 pax/bus;
   fuel consumption: 2 km/litre
  - pax-km/litre = 60 to 80
- BTS: avg: 40<sub>0,000</sub> pax/ day; avg travel
   = 6.26 km; traction consumption of
   3,125,250 KW-Hour/month; 0.2 litre to
   produce 1 KW-Hour
  - pax -km/litre = 400,000 x30x6.26/3,200,000/0.2 = 117.4
- BTS at Ultimate Capacity could even yield better efficiency as estimated at 135 pax-km/litre





#### **BTSC** - Outstanding Safety Record

More than 1,100 Million passengers carried safely



#### International Safety Standard



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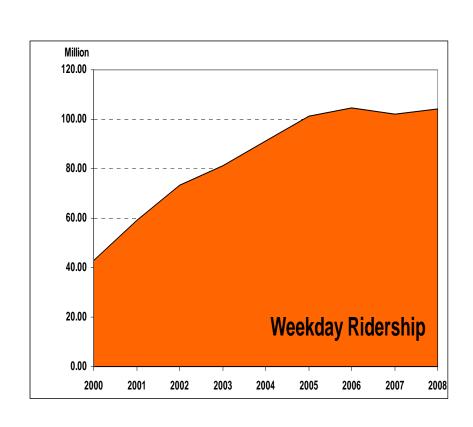
### SkyTrain Management and Staff are Commitment to Customer Care

- Regular
   measurement of
   Customer
   Satisfaction
- Services tailored to Customers needs
- Awarded ISO 9001
   2000 in July 2002



#### **SkyTrain Patronage Growth**

- Achieving over 200% growth since opening
- Passengers Carried
  - 2000-2003 330 million
  - 2004 91.15 million
  - 2005 101.21 million
  - 2006 104.79 million
  - 2007 101.99 million
  - 2008 104.29 million
- Weekday ridership is over 430,000



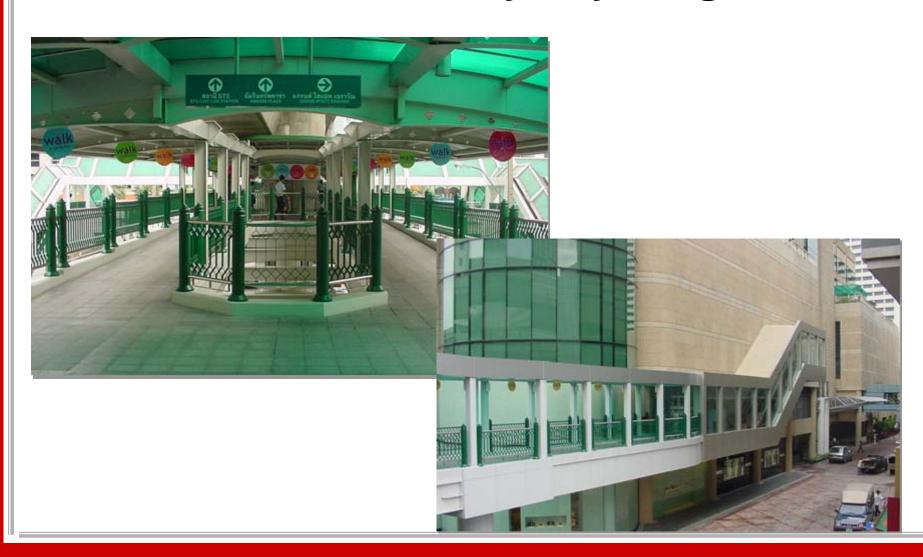
# Skytrain Improves Accessibility and Mobility

- Twenty Seven
   Buildings connected
   by SkyBridges
- Four in planning/approval stage
- The properties have increased in value because of their proximity to BTS





# Major Shopping Centers and Hotels are now Connected by Skybridges



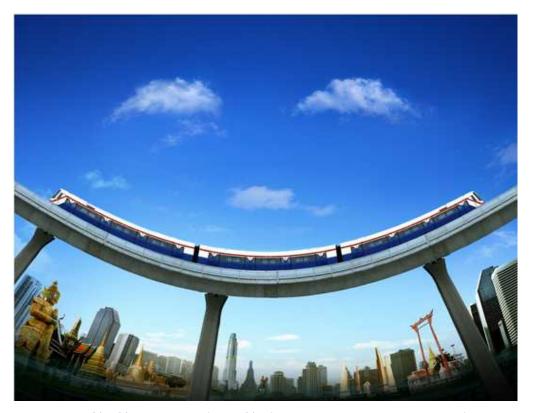
#### SkyTrain is a Catalyst for Tourism

#### Linking :

- Hotels
- Convention Centers
- Shopping Centers and Shops
- Temples
- Museums and
- The Chao PhrayaRiver







**BTS Skytrain Stimulates Tourism And Growth to Property Market** 



#### **BTS Tourism Services**

- To ensure that tourists have an excellent stay in Bangkok, that they return and tell their friends about the great time they had!
- To help Bangkok win tourist and convention business from competing cities.
- To position BTS as the best choice of transportation in Bangkok for tourists.
- To erase the negative image that people have about transport in Bangkok.



#### **BTS Tourist Information Centers**

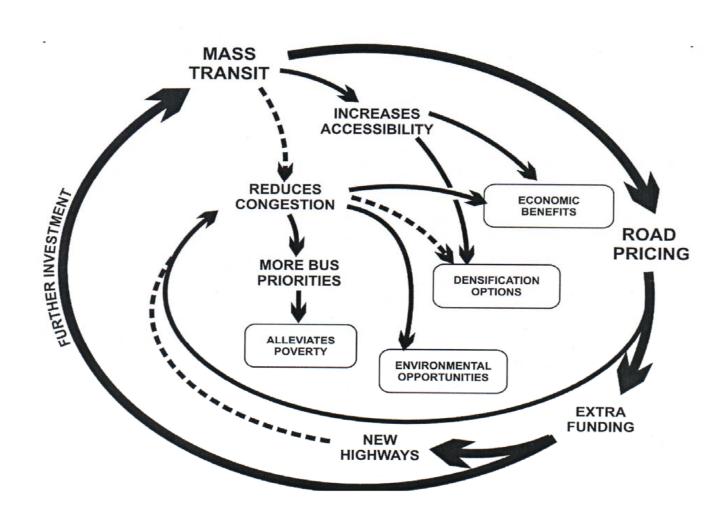




# Skytrain Improves Property Prices and Encourages Development



# SkyTrain – Helping to Create a Virtuous Cycle of Urban Re-development

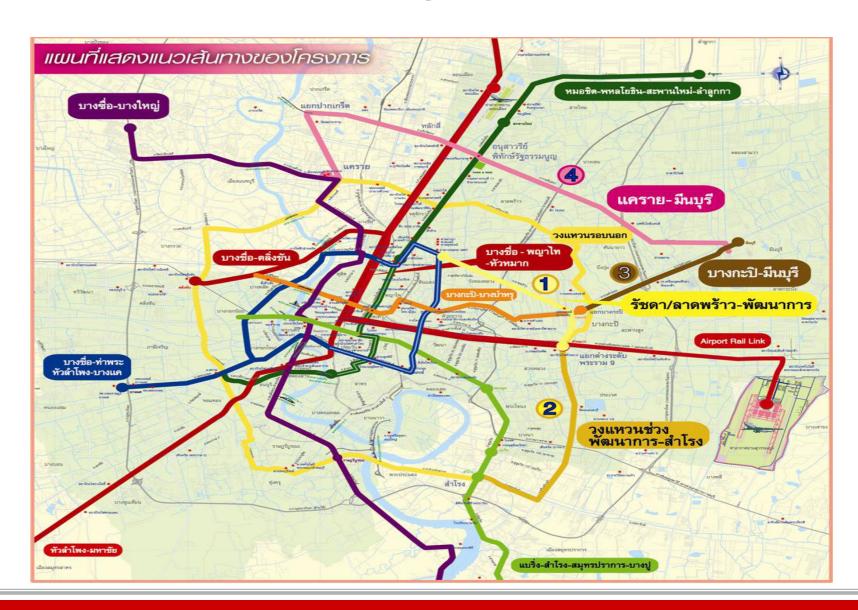


#### **Conclusions**

- Bangkok's needs to move from road based private transport to improve increase mobility in the city and improve the quality of life
- SkyTrain has demonstrated the economic corridor effect with property close to the alignment being higher valued
- Other significant benefit, e.g., energy savings, no pollution etc.
- Government have the plans, but implementation needs to follow quickly
- SkyTrain has made a significant contribution but in itself its not enough.
- More networks are required



#### **Supporting Networks**



#### **Upcoming Extensions**

- On-Nut Bearing Extensions
  - Stations, Viaduct and Trackworks are nearly completed
  - E & M is anticipated to start by the end of 2009
- Wongwian Yai Phetkasem
  - Viaduct is completed
  - Stations, Trackworks and E&M is anticipated to start in early 2010
- Mo chit Saphan Mai
  - Anticipated to start in 2010
- Bearing Samutprakan
  - Anticipated to start in 2011



