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A road that moves!

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What if there was a road that could move by itself!

A long conveyor belt that will stop at certain points for people to get on and off as per their destinations.

Wouldn't that be something!

In a bid to give the residents of the capital respite from traffic mess and air pollution, a film director has come up with the idea of a "moving road". The road will be 10 feet above the ground, and people could reach their destinations at 40kmph, according to the film director, Abu Sayeed.

Sayeed said each road will be six feet wide and the roofs will be covered with sheds. There will be staircases at each stop-

page. The road will be divided into three parallel "moving lanes" based on distance, and the lanes will also have seats on those.

The idea could be implemented keeping the existing flyovers intact. "It will run on electricity. For backup, solar panels could also be installed," he said. To showcase his prototype, Sayeed organised a three-day exhibition at Shilpakala Academy. The event is open from 12:00pm to 8:00pm till tomorrow.

In many parts of the capital, footpaths and adjacent portions of the roads remain blocked by hawkers and vehicles, he said. The "moving" road will be constructed above those, and as a result, it will have little impact on the vehicular movement.

The construction cost will be around Tk 20,000 crore, he said.



Abu Sayeed in front of his prototype of an elevated "moving" road.

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