

Traffic In Kathmandu

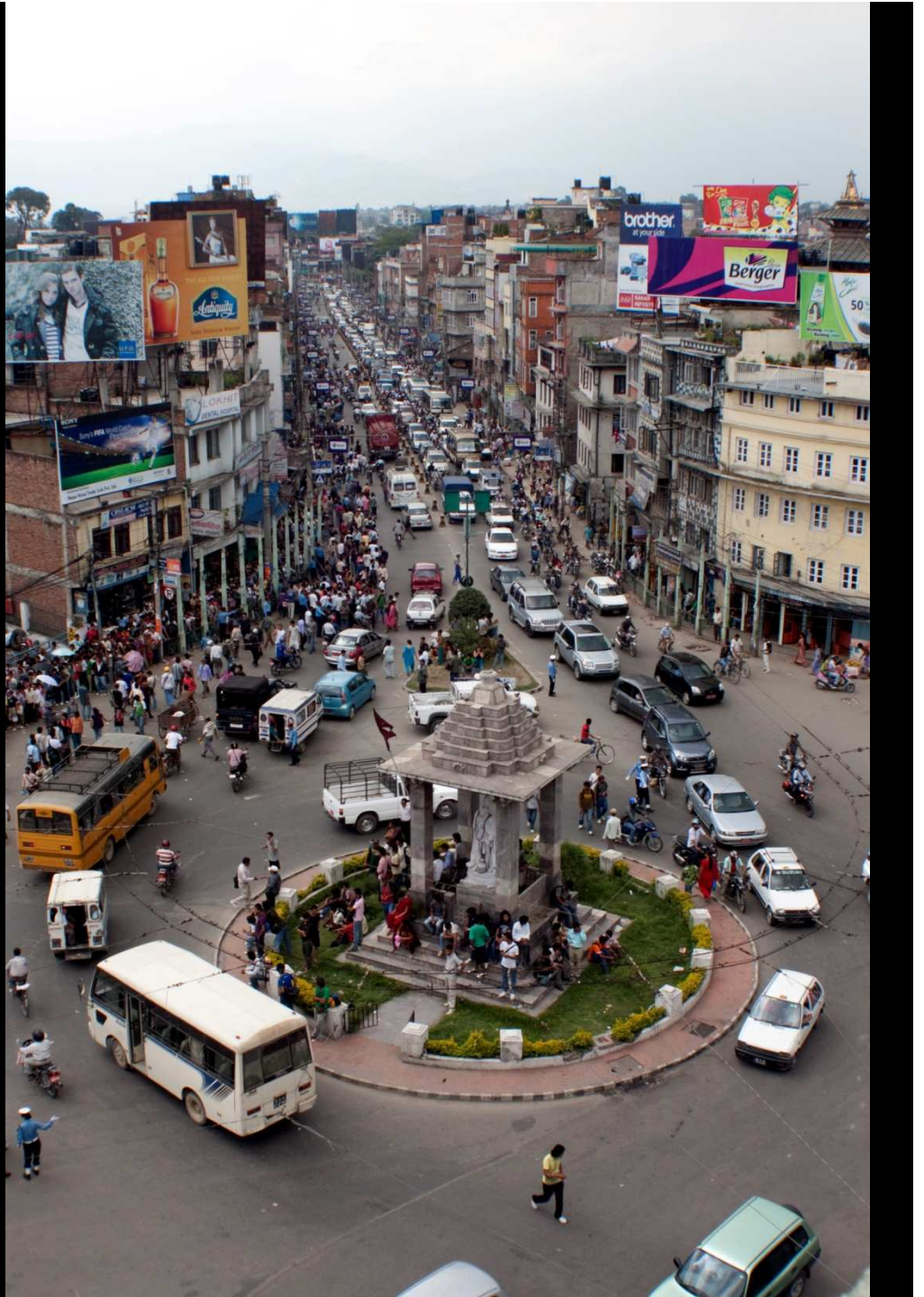
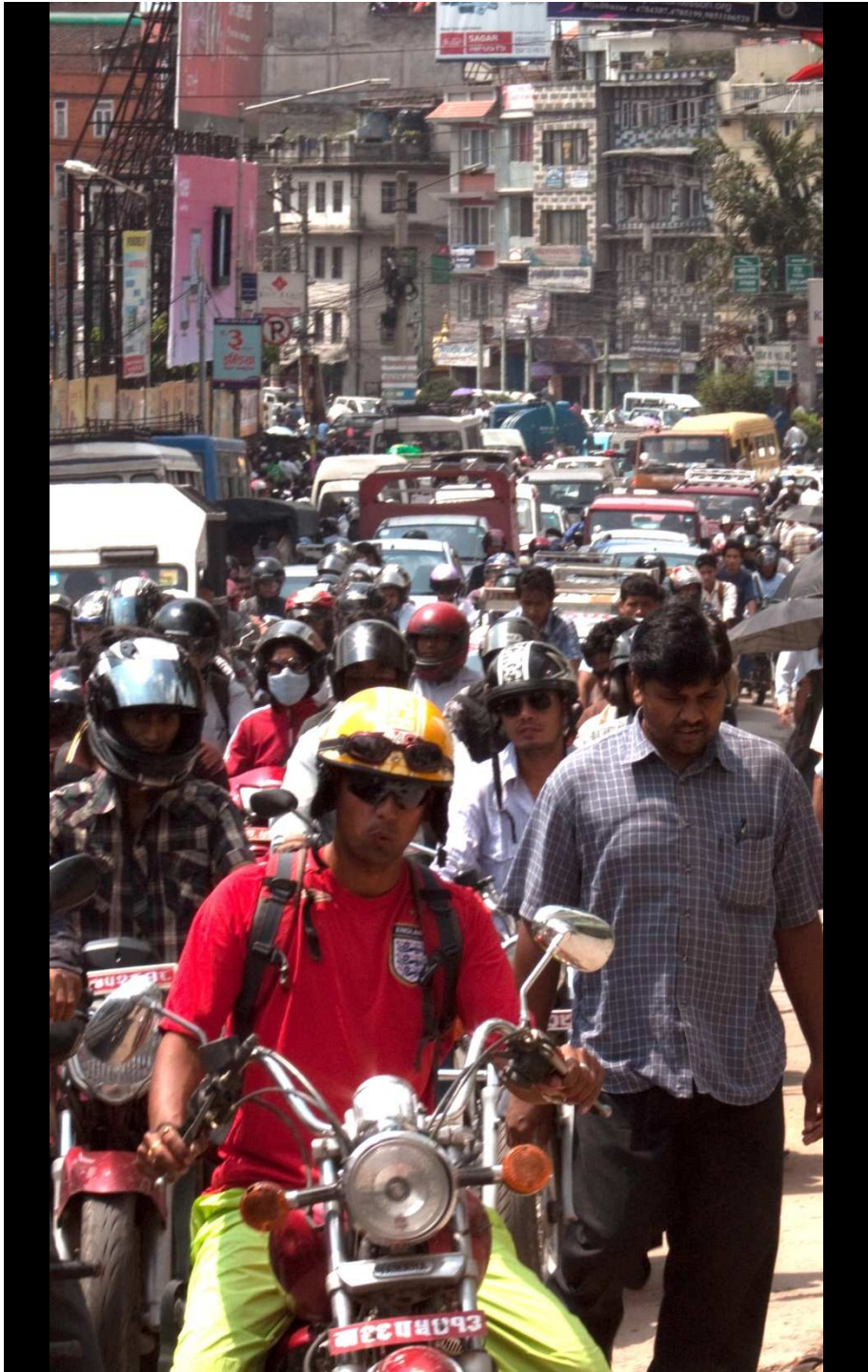
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Just like any other big city across the world Kathmandu is faced with the congestions of rush hour traffic





The population in the Kathmandu Valley in 2007 was over 1,500,00 and is predicted to raise to over 2,000,000 by 2012. The total amount of registered vehicles in the valley is 703,044 and rising. This leaves very little room on the approx 1036 km of road in the Kathmandu Valley.





There are 17,842 registered busses in the Kathmandu Valley.

There are 489,686 registered motorcycles.





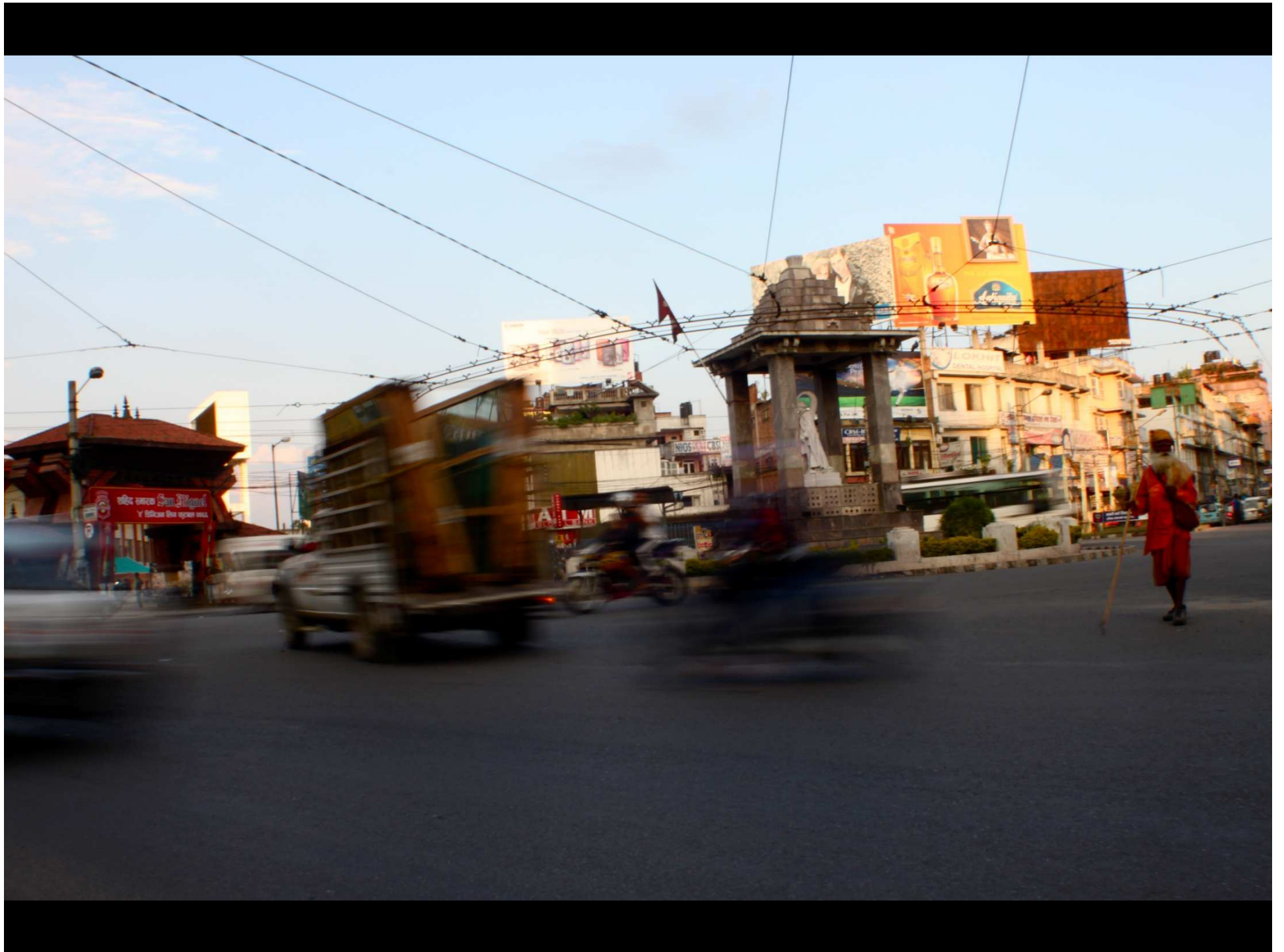
There are 7,353 registered temps
(three wheelers) .



There are 93,266 registered cars.

The streets are often crowded with an unknown amount of bikes and pedestrians.











The most obvious solution to clearing the roads is to build highways and larger streets.

However. There are more pressing issues on the streets of Kathmandu than the traffic its self. The traffic in Kathmandu is dangerous and there doesn't seem to be any attempt being made to rectify the situation.



Safe and affordable means of transportation need to be made readily available to the middle and lower class.



There aren't any traffic laws. Allowing motorists to drive on both sides of the road.





Livestock in the street can be dangerous.

