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MAHATHIR WANTS STUDY ON SPECIAL LANE FOR HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLES

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 8 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today directed the Transport Ministry to study the possibility of introducing a special lane in Kuala Lumpur for vehicles with more than one person or high occupancy vehicles.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik told a news conference that the Prime Minister wanted a study on this special lane from which single occupancy vehicles (SOV) would be barred.

This special lane would enable HOV to enter and leave Kuala Lumpur City quickly and would help reduce congestion within the city, he said.

Dr Ling said at this point HOV referred to vehicles with more than one person, later on it would mean more than two persons and after that it would refer to vehicles with more than three persons.

He said the Road Transport Department (JPJ), Police and Kuala Lumpur City Hall would be asked to study this proposal to have a special lane for HOV.

Dr Ling said the Prime Minister saw such a lane in Santiago Chile during his recent visit to that Latin American nation.

He said the special lane for HOV was implemented in Santiago where the boulevards were very wide.

"We have done a study before and found out that our road is not wide enough... we will have to look for roads wide enough," he said.

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