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MELAKA WANTS DIRECT RAILWAY LINK TO KLIA

MELAKA, July 1 (Bernama) -- Melaka is proposing that the federal government build a railway link from here direct to the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) in Sepang.

Chief Minister Datuk Abu Zahar Isnin said today that the state government will hold talks with the Transport Ministry soon to present the proposal.

The state Economic Planning Unit would be directed to conduct feasibility studies on the proposal, he told reporters here.

He hoped the federal cabinet would consider the proposal, which he said was in line with the state's earlier suggestion that a proposed bridge linking peninsular Malaysia and Sumatera be built here.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had announced that both Malaysia and Indonesia had agreed to the bridge project.

Abu Zahar said Melaka would also appeal to Kuala Lumpur to expedite the coastal expressway project linking Selangor, Negeri Sembilan, Melaka and Johor.

He said the road and railway projects are expected to boost state economic growth since Melaka is so near to the KLIA. -- BERNAMA

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