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RM240 MILLION PROJECT TO OVERCOME SUBANG JAYA CRAWL

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 17 (Bernama) -- A RM240 million traffic dispersal project will be implemented to overcome traffic jams in Subang Jaya, Kelana Jaya, USJ and Bandar Sunway, Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today.

He said a working paper on the two-part project would be tabled at the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday.

The severe traffic congestion in these areas has prompted Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to order that immediate measures be taken to solve the problem.

Samy Vellu said the main component of the project involved the construction of an interchange above the existing two-tier road from Jalan Kewajipan, Subang Jaya leading to the Federal Highway and an alternative road to Jalan Subang heading towards the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport.

"This upper-level road will enable drivers to proceed straight to the New Klang Valley Expressway (NKVE) towards Kuala Lumpur," he told a press conference after a meeting with residents' representatives, the Damansara-Puchong Highway (LDP) developer and ministry officials here.

Another road into Subang Jaya and USJ would also be built for motorists coming from Klang to cater to more than 140,000 vehicles daily, he said.

All the proposed roads will stretch three kilometres and are expected to take two-and-a-half years to complete.

Under the second component of the project, the existing four-stage traffic signals would be changed to a two-stage system to speed up traffic flow at the two-tier interchange near Motorola as an immediate step to ease the congestion, he said.

"We will also divert all traffic from Kelana Jaya to the upper road on the suspension bridge and create u-turns after the (Petaling Jaya LDP) toll plaza," he said.

He said drivers could make free u-turns with the opening of two lanes at the toll plaza round the clock.

The fast-track measures under the second component could be implemented in 10 days' time, he said.

Samy Vellu said aerial surveys were among the work done to determine the traffic volume on the affected roads, and he thanked the residents for their cooperation in overcoming the problem.

Samy Vellu said the ministry was also studying new channels to link up with existing roads to overcome the jams.

The project was important because 460,000 vehicles used the Federal Highway daily, and the figure could hit 600,000 in two years' time if nothing was done to disperse the traffic, he said.

Meanwhile, Member of Parliament for Subang Tan Sri K.S. Nijhar said the residents were happy that in the short term they would have a choice of three roads to get onto the Federal Highway, LDP and NKVE, whether heading towards Kuala Lumpur or Klang.

These were high-density areas not only because of the people living in some 50,000 houses but also the more than 25,000 factory workers who commuted to and from work daily, he said.

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