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RM240m traffic dispersal system in the pipeline for Subang Jaya

PETALING JAYA, Thurs. - 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 immediate measures to solve it.

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 towards Kuala Lumpur," he told a press conference after a meeting with residents' representatives and the Damansara-Puchong Highway developer.

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

All the proposed roads will stretch three kilometres and are expected to take 2 1/2 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 the ministry was also studying new channels to link up with existing roads to overcome the jams.

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