

# Traffic review

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## City Hall to plan more effective system in Golden Triangle

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**CITY Hall will review the traffic system for the weekend pedestrian mall in Jalan Bukit Bintang to make it more effective.**

Datuk Bandar K o l D a t u k Mohmad Shaid Mohd Taufek appealed for co-operation from all parties involved.

He said the business community and shoppers should help make the pedestrian mall concept a success.

The concept was introduced by City Hall for the past three weekends. The entire Jalan Bukit Bintang was closed from 4pm on

Saturday to 2am on Monday.

Most of the business establishments in the area are said to be against the pedestrian mall implementation.

Hotels and shopping outlets had complained of poor business due to fewer customers as a result of the road closure.

Several hotel managements complained that their guests had to walk to the hotels with their baggage because taxis could not enter the area.

Hukit Rintang MP Fong Kui Lun is conducting a protest signature campaign and an opinion poll among business operators in the

area.

Asked about the opinion poll and signature campaign, Mohmad Shaid declined to elaborate.

"It is not right to answer," he said.

Fong said he planned to submit a memorandum to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Mohmad Shaid once the details were compiled.

The mayor pointed out that there was a signature campaign conducted some time ago in support of the project.

"The shops there supported the project before.

"The mall concept is something

good, but I don't want to comment on the RIP's efforts," he added.

On the redevelopment of Chow Kit and Petaling Street, he said both projects would be implemented soon.

He said representatives from hawker associations in Petaling Street would meet him soon to discuss upgrading plans for the area.

Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting met Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Pandikar Amin Mulia recently to discuss the issue.