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THE key weaknesses in the public transport system will be fully addressed with a fully integrated system that connects all services, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, after launching a state-of-the-art Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Sunway line yesterday.

The BRT Sunway line, which connects the township to three LRT stations nearby, will be operational with 15 electric buses running free-of-charge for the first two months of operation.

Najib said the RM23 billion MRT line and the RM9 billion LRT 3 line which connects Bandar Utama, Shah Alam and Klang, which are both on schedule and due to be completed over the next three years, would fully integrate the public transport system in the Klang Valley and surrounding areas.

"The main weakness in our public transport system in the past was that it wasn't fully integrated. Thus, when we launched the Government Transformation Programme, we established the National Key Result Areas and found that the failure of the public trans-

port system was due to them all not being fully integrated.

"Then we established Prasarana and the Land Public Transport Commission to administer and improve the public transport system.

"Upon completion of these projects, we will have a city that is modern, developed and comparable with the world's best cities."

Najib praised the Sunway Group and Prasarana Nasional Bhd (Prasarana), the operators of the service, for setting a successful example of a public-private partnership (PPP) concept, where both parties collaborated in development and implementation of infrastructure and services.

"This project shows that the concept of PPP is one that works. Although there were no returns initially in the form of toll collection and such for the developer, I am sure it elevates the value of their township and the returns will be seen.

"I would like to see more PPP projects replicated throughout the country."

Najib said this was the first dedicated and elevated bus rapid transit system in the country, using electric buses, as such it would drastically reduce the carbon footprint.