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PM launches LRT project for Shah Alam and Klang

SHAH ALAM: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak yesterday launched the Light Rail Transit Line 3 (LRT3) project that will cover the western part of Klang Valley, including Shah Alam and Klang.

He said the project will be able to transport more passengers compared to other modes available in western Klang Valley at the rate of 36,720 passengers per direction per hour.

"I have to thank the Selangor government for letting the project's alignment to be approved here. Although we have differences in other issues, in upholding the people's interests, we must deliver," he said in his speech at Stadium Malawati here.

Also present were Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali, Prasarana group chairman Tan Sri Ismail Adam, Transport Minister Datuk

Seri Liow Tiong Lai and Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Tan Sri Noh Omar.

LRT3 is a 36km-long line that will link Bandar Utama to Johan Setia in Klang, with 25 stations via elevated and underground train lines. The project is expected to be completed by Aug 31, 2020 and serve over two million people by 2025.

Prasarana Malaysia Bhd, the project owner of the RM9 billion project, plans to start construction by the first quarter of next year. The company owns and manages the current LRT line.

Najib also announced that starting from Malaysia Day (Sept 16) this year, commuters on the Rapid KL LRT and Monorail would be accorded a 50% discount between 6am and 7am. - by **Aiezat Fadzell**

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