

First Electrical Rapid Transit Bus to Start Operations In Sunway Next Year
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PETALING JAYA, March 4 (Bernama) -- The first eco-friendly electrical bus for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Sunway line service, will be fully operational from June next year, said Land Public Transport Commission (SPAD) Chairman Tan Sri Syed Hamid Albar.

The BRT project, which is jointly developed by Syarikat Prasarana Negara Berhad (Prasarana) and Sunway Berhad, covers 5.5km and expected to benefit more than 500,000 passengers from Bandar Sunway and USJ Subang Jaya, he told reporters after visiting the bus route construction site here, today.

Also present was Prasarana Group Chairman Tan Sri Ismail Adam and Sunway Berhad Group Executive Chairman Tan Sri Dr Jeffry Cheah.

Syed Hamid said the project is an integrated transport system, which will align with the Setia Jaya commuter station and the Kelana Jaya light rail transit (LRT) in USJ Subang Jaya.

He said this was the first of the 12 routes identified under the BRT project nationwide.

"For us, it is both historical and meaningful because it is the first project of this kind in terms of BRT project, which means this will become an iconic example of all our future BRT projects, which we hope would contribute to the improvement of public transport," added Syed Hamid.

He said the RM549 million BRT Sunway Line was now 32 percent completed, and estimated to service 2,000 passengers per hour, and has a capacity to ferry 30,000 passengers a day since the bus service will be operating for 18 hours.

The BRT project, which provides seven stations with park and ride facilities is expected to start operations with 15 buses in June, 2015.

"With 30,000 of the 500,000 populations in the area using the BRT Sunway line every day, it will definitely reduce congestion (in the area)," he said.

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