

Traders Association Thank Najib Over Proposed Alignment For LRT3 Project
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KLANG, May 20 (Bernama) -- The Entrepreneurs Association of Little India, Klang has thanked Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and the relevant authorities for taking traders' complaints into consideration over the proposed alignment of the third Light Rail Transit line (LRT3) in the area.

Its chairman N.P. Raman claimed that the public inspection meant for the proposed LRT3 project at the Klang Municipal Council (MPK) showed the initial alignment for the LRT3 project from Bandar Utama to Klang has been amended and will no longer affect the premises of traders who have been doing business for generations in the Klang Little India enclave.

"The initial alignment was through Jalan Tengku Kelana here which we objected earlier as we felt the project will affect traders' businesses in Klang's Little India and a few heritage buildings.

"But now according to the public inspection of the proposed LRT3 project at MPK, the proposed alignment has been rerouted and instead pass through Jalan Meru, Klang," he told Bernama.

The Klang stretch of the elevated rail project would start from Taman Eng Ann, and pass through Jalan Meru, Klang bus station off Jalan Batu 3, Jalan Pasar, Jambatan Kota, the Simpang Lima roundabout, Jalan Langat, and ends at Johan Setia (opposite Bandar Parklands).

The initial alignment was through Tengku Kelana, which many parties felt will be too close to the rows of pre-war shops in Jalan Tengku Kelana and pose risks to the existing structures.

Prasarana Integrated Management Engineering Services Sdn Bhd (PRIME)-Wayside System Department assistant vice-president Mohd Firdauz Suhaimi was reported to have said that the Tengku Kelana alignment was amended based on ideas, insight and constructive feedback from various stakeholders.

He said the initial station planned for Tengku Kelana would now be behind the MPK building and a new elevated walk path would be linked to the Jalan Besar commuter station.

Raman also thanked Selangor Menteri Besar Mohamed Azmin Ali, Kuala Lumpur and Selangor Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KLSICCI) president Madhu Sudan Nair and its secretary-general, Datuk R. Ramanathan for the views of traders over the 36km track project which is expected to be completed by 2020.

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