

Embedded pavement lights to help pedestrians cross Bukit Bintang junction

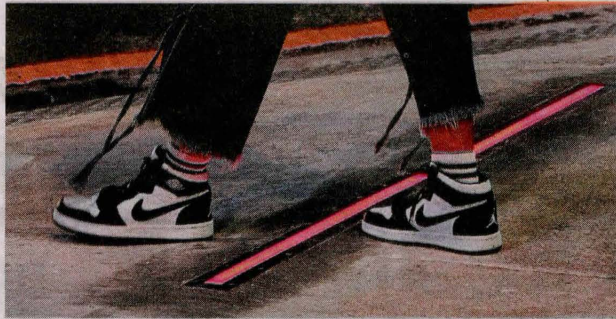
PEDESTRIANS will not have to look up to know when to cross the busy intersection in Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur, thanks to newly-installed pedestrian pavement lights.

According to Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), the embedded lights at the intersection of Jalan Sultan Ismail and Jalan Bukit Bintang would improve walkability in the high-traffic pedestrian area.

“This will allow pedestrians to keep an eye on when it is safe to cross by simply looking down.

“Road users are reminded to be careful and comply with the traffic light system on site,” DBKL said in a statement.

The lights are embedded at each corner of the junction and are visible during the day, mimicking the sequence of the traditional “walk-



Close-up view of pavement lights at the Jalan Bukit Bintang/ Jalan Sultan Ismail intersection in Kuala Lumpur.

ing” and “standing man” signs at pedestrian crossings.

This follows a previous effort by DBKL where a scramble pedestrian crossing at the same junction was introduced in June.

A scramble junction, also known as an X-crossing, is a pedestrian-crossing system that stops all

vehicular traffic and allows those on foot to cross an intersection in every direction, including diagonally, at the same time.

The most famous of these intersections is the Shibuya crossing in Japan, where hundreds of people cross the street in all directions at once. — **By SHALINI RAVINDRAN**