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THE proposal to instal flexible poles at the junction of Jalan St Thomas and Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah in Kuala Lumpur to help motorists navigate better at the accident-prone site will be looked into by MRT Corp consultants.

This is following a site visit by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), MRT Corp representatives and Batu MP P. Prabakaran last month after receiving complaints from residents in the area.

DBKL said in a statement that the current traffic lights' timing at the junction next to Jalan Ipoh MRT station would remain unchanged.

"MRT Corp consultants have been asked to study the proposed installation of flexible poles to ensure motorists are clear on the traffic flow at the junction.

"According to MRT Corp, accidents that happen at the spot are because motorcyclists ignore the traffic lights," said the statement.

There was a proposal for flexible poles, which are usually about 0.75m high and in bright orange and white, to be installed to separate the lanes for vehicles heading straight from those turning into Jalan St Thomas.

Last week, *StarMetro* highlighted residents' complaints on accidents taking place at this junction.

Residents claimed that the accidents were mainly because of improper traffic sequencing and traffic blindspots as a result of its proximity to the MRT station.

The junction also lacked convex safety mirrors to alert motorists of oncoming vehicles.

Motorists were previously allowed to drive straight or make a right turn when the lights turn green.

The new system, which was implemented last year, only allows motorists to turn right or go straight at different times.

According to DBKL, the new

Flexible poles likely to be installed at KL junction

This is to prevent accident by ensuring motorists stick to correct lanes when approaching traffic lights

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StarMetro's article on March 30.

timing for the traffic lights had reduced traffic congestion in the area.

"Traffic flows smoothly and the situation is not what the residents have claimed.

"MRT Corp will continue to monitor the situation and provide the necessary upgrades when needed," added the statement from DBKL.

The new traffic light system was introduced following a site visit by officers from DBKL Infrastructure Planning Department and Urban Transportation Department, Batu Residents Representative Council (MPP) and MRT Corp on April 11, 2022.

DBKL directed MRT Corp to review the traffic light timing to address congestion problems at



Motorists were previously allowed to go straight or make a right turn when the traffic light turns green, but with the new traffic system, motorists go straight or turn right at different times. — JAROD LIM/The Star

the junction as maintenance works were still under MRT Corp.

Meanwhile, a statement from MRT Corp said the current traffic light timing was based on the certified Road Safety Audit by road safety consultants and

approved by the DBKL Urban Transportation Department on March 16.

"The proposal to instal flexible poles is being studied by consultants and once it is approved, the poles will be installed.

"We have taken note of the various accidents that occurred at the particular spot and site visits have been held with the residents, authorities and various parties to discuss further improvements," said the statement.