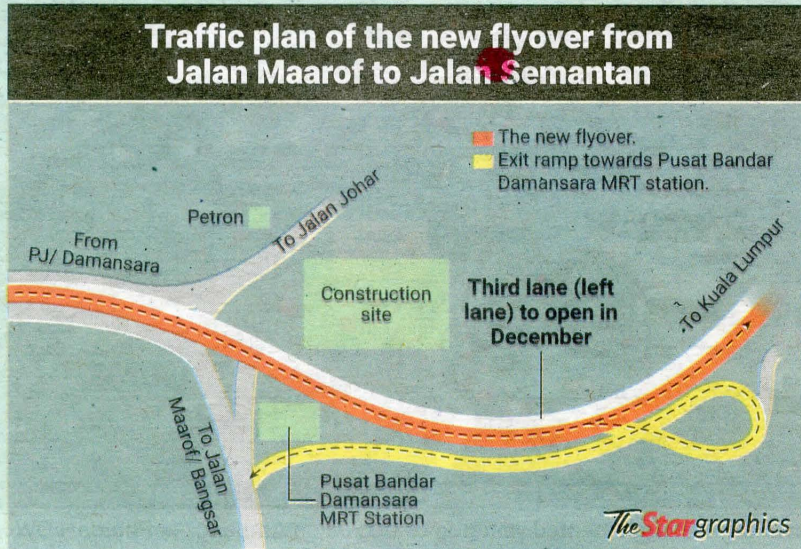


Flyover in Bangsar reopens after two-month delay



The flyover from Jalan Maarof to Jalan Semantan in Bangsar can now be used. — ART CHEN/The Star

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AFTER a two-month delay, the flyover from Jalan Maarof heading towards Jalan Semantan in Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur, has finally reopened.

The 1.34km three-lane flyover was closed on Oct 29 last year to facilitate upgrading works and was supposed to reopen in May.

A check by *StarMetro* on the first day of operation on July 1 found two out of three lanes were accessible to motorists.

An exit ramp from the right lane heading towards Pusat Bandar Damansara MRT station was also operational. (See map)

The leftmost lane was still closed for construction. Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), in a

StarMetro report on June 13, had said the left lane would be opened in December.

The upgrading works were undertaken by SPRINT Highway.

Traffic barriers can still be seen lining certain spots on the flyover.

Bangsar resident Datuk M. Ali, when contacted, urged the relevant parties to expedite the site clean-up.

He said the drainage there was filled with debris and needed to be cleared to prevent water runoff during downpours.

“Reinforced walls need to be built at sharp bends on the flyover to ensure safety of motorists,” he added.

Motorist Hariz Rahman said a convex mirror should be installed at the exit ramp heading into Jalan Maarof.

“It is hard to see vehicles coming from the left when merging. This can cause an accident,” he said, adding that more streetlighting was also needed.

Previously, motorists from Petaling Jaya needed to make a U-turn before the flyover to head towards Jalan Maarof.

The U-turn has been removed.

Now, motorists must go up the flyover before taking the exit heading towards Jalan Maarof.

SPRINT Highway, in a *StarMetro* report on March 22, said this change was meant to ensure smoother traffic flow in the area.

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KUALA Lumpur and Petaling Jaya residents who were counting down to the May opening of the new elevated highway from Jalan Maarof to Jalan Semantan in Kuala Lumpur, will now have to wait a little longer.

In a statement to *StarMetro*, Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) said only two of the three lanes of the highway will be open on July 1.

The third lane will only be open to traffic in December. The 1.34km highway is part of an alternative route for motorists coming from Petaling Jaya heading to the capital city.

There will be an exit from the flyover leading to Jalan Maarof in Bangsar on this highway. Currently, motorists from Petaling Jaya need to make a U-turn under the highway to get to Jalan Maarof.

Once the highway is open, the U-turn will be removed.

SPRINT Highway

Jln Maarof-Jln Semantan highway to open July 1

Third lane of KL's new elevated road will be ready in December



StarMetro's March 22 report about the flyover project. (Left) Workers adding the finishing touches to the new highway from Jalan Maarof.

StarMetro's article on June 13.