

Ongoing pipe installation works at the Jalan Jambu Gajus junction contributed to traffic congestion along Jalan Kepong.

Jalan Jambu Gajus junction reopens to ease congestion

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MOTORISTS can now turn into Jalan Jambu Gajus from Jalan Kepong in Kuala Lumpur as the barriers previously placed there to facilitate pipe installation works have been removed.

Project manager Kamarudzaman Sakom said another 400m of new pipes needed to be laid out from Brem Mall to Jalan Jambu Melaka 3.

"The remaining portion of Jalan Kepong would take approximately 40 days to complete," he said.

To ease congestion, he said all barriers had been removed and work would only be carried out from 9pm to 5am daily.

"The project originally started on Nov 30, 2021 with a scheduled completion date of June 29, 2023.

"It is now extended to May 19, 2024, and we will renew permits monthly beyond the original completion date," he added.

The project is being conducted jointly by Air Selangor and developers Mega Legacy (M) Sdn Bhd, Lake City KL North Sdn Bhd and Uttara Land Sdn Bhd. It is part of an integrated water supply reserve project spanning 12km.

Ongoing pipe installation works along Jalan Kepong have caused severe traffic congestion, prompting many to lodge complaints with Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL)

Machinery and hardware shop employee Wayne Ng, 28, said he had fewer customers because the shop was located in Jalan Jambu Gajus, near the closed junction.

"Jalan Jambu Gajus is a main entry point to Jinjang Selatan. The closure forced motorists to find alternative routes," he said.

Kepong MP Lim Lip Eng said traffic had backed up from Jalan Ipoh roundabout all the way to the Jalan Jambu Gajus traffic lights because of the project.

"Over the past two weeks, we have received many complaints from residents and business owners, and so has DBKL," he said.

He added that DBKL had warned the main contractors over the traffic disruptions and subsequent warnings could result in them being blacklisted.