

Dreaming of a more liveable city

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RESIDENTS interviewed by *StarMetro* have a diverse wish-list directed to Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL).

They want the local authority to improve waste management, ensure better road maintenance and reduce traffic congestion.

They also say a greater sense of civic duty is needed to ensure Kuala Lumpur remains a thriving and liveable city for all.

KLites share their hopes on transport, development and cleanliness as they mark the Federal Territory's anniversary



“ I dream of less traffic congestion, fewer cars and motorcycles on the roads and a more integrated transport system. My goal is to reach my destination in under 20 minutes. ”

Anthony Tan, 35
Self-employed



“ I hope to see more MRT trains during peak hours so that people don't have to wait for long and have to bump up against each other in the coaches. ”

Tharshini Skovalan, 24
Intern



“ I want to see the citizens of public housing units learn to appreciate public facilities. It is our responsibility to take care of these amenities. That sense of belonging must come from within. ”

Nur Zaidy Maaini, 45
Company director



“ I have a message for the dog and cat lovers out there. Please be responsible for your pets' faeces. Walking your dog every evening is commendable, but if they defecate in front of someone's house, clean up after them. ”

M. Viknendran, 55
Sales and marketing representative



“ Ideally, I'd like to see the elimination of illegal roadside stalls in Kuala Lumpur, particularly in Taman Desa where I reside. However, if that's unattainable, I hope for a significant reduction in these stalls. ”

Wong Chan Choy, 62
Businessman



“ I hope there will be fewer floods in the city in the future. While some might attribute them to an act of God, I believe human actions, particularly littering, significantly contribute to flash floods in the city. ”

Muhammad Mursyid Rosli, 19
Student



“ My hope for the city is that, in the coming years, all heritage buildings in Kuala Lumpur, currently inaccessible and dilapidated, will be fully restored and opened to the public. ”

Jane Rai, 62
Tourist guide



“ My wish is a more personal one. I would love to design the interior of some of the modern buildings in the city like Suria KLCC. A place that has a high potential of drawing more visitors. ”

Raudhatul Husna Rifaaidda, 22
Interior designer



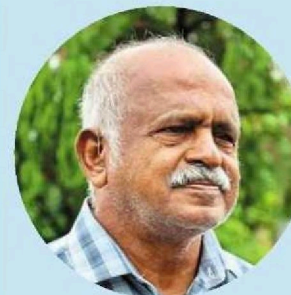
“ We would benefit from improved roads in Kuala Lumpur. I am weary of the potholes and poor road conditions in the city. They are damaging to vehicles, pose a driving risk and are unsightly. I have visited less modern cities with heavy vehicle traffic that hardly have any potholes. So, why can't we have fewer potholes in KL? I recall reading that if cars must be roadworthy, then surely roads should be car-worthy. ”

Dinesh Praveen Nair, 45
Lawyer



“ I've observed a significant increase in the number of foreign workers in the city. Moreover, some of them are operating stalls and this has led to unsanitary conditions in the areas where they work. ”

Gabrisha Philaventhuran, 25
Entrepreneur



“ What we need, considering the rampant over-development, are better access roads for entering and exiting neighbourhoods. It currently takes me over an hour just to leave my home in Taman Yarl. ”

K. Balarandran, 77
Retiree