

# Authorities studying ways to fix bottleneck at MRR2 Bandar Manjalara interchange

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AUTHORITIES will engage in discussions to implement strategic improvements to address the bottleneck at the Middle Ring Road 2 (MRR2) Bandar Manjalara interchange.

These improvements will involve traffic flow studies and infrastructure enhancements along main roads including Jalan Lang Emas, Jalan Taman Bukit Maluri and the nearby DUKE Highway which feeds into MRR2.

Following numerous complaints from motorists and residents, Segambut MP Hannah Yeoh's political secretary Yap Vonne said the matter was brought up to the Public Works Department (JKR) of Petaling and Gombak, Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) as well as DUKE Highway's management during a site visit.

"We have asked the authorities to conduct a traffic flow study to fully understand the situation and come up with long-term solutions.

"We have suggested for JKR to consider restricting heavy vehicles during peak hours as well as implement a contra-flow system, among the long-term measures," said Yee Vonne.

She said the MP's office was awaiting JKR's report as well as suggestions from consultants before meeting again to draw up the timeline for improvements.

The meeting, she said, would also involve Kepong MP Lim Lip Eng and Bukit Lanjan assemblyman Phua Pei Ling as the road traverses various constituencies.

Yee Vonne also said that three



Congestion on Jalan Taman Bukit Maluri underneath DUKE Highway.

expansion joints - including one at a flyover linking Kepong with Sri Damansara - were completed in three directions namely Petaling Jaya, Kepong and the Sungai Buloh fast lane.

"Traffic will be smoother once the short-term steps are implemented," she added.

Meanwhile, Federal Territories Residents Representative Council (MPPWP) Segambut Zone 1 chairman Datuk Seri Yap Keow Keong said residents welcomed the efforts to alleviate congestion in the area.

"The issue is that six lanes of traffic from Jalan Taman Bukit Maluri, MRR2 and DUKE Highway merge into one lane feeding MRR2," he highlighted.

"This creates a bottleneck for all the connected roads.

"A five-minute travel time can stretch to about 30 minutes

during peak hours along Jalan Taman Bukit Maluri.

"Meanwhile, the MRR2 gets backed up until Taman Kepong Indah (about 3km away) from the Bandar Manjalara junction."

Keow Keong said residents were glad that repair works on expansion joints, a fresh surface of premix over the joints, and new road markings had been completed so vehicles could move faster.

"Most of the motorists have had to slow down when passing the area. Having a fresh surface will give motorists a smoother drive."

He said the improvements had helped communities in Selayang, Kepong, Jinjang and several dozen neighbourhoods in the vicinity who needed to travel to Petaling Jaya and Sungai Buloh.