

New road helps ease congestion in Cheras' Taman Taynton View

Story and photo by JAROD LIM
jarodlim@thestar.com.my

A NEW road connecting Jalan 23/119 and Jalan 31/119 in Taman Taynton View, Kuala Lumpur, has been built to ease traffic congestion in the Cheras neighbourhood.

The road will benefit surrounding residents and two schools, namely SMK Seri Mutiara and SJK(C) Imbi.

Cheras MP Tan Kok Wai said stakeholders from the neighbourhood had requested better connectivity in the area to address the missing link between Jalan 23/119 and Jalan 31/119.

"I applied for the road to be built last year and its construction was completed this month.



The road connecting Jalan 23/119 and Jalan 31/119 cost about RM1mil to build.

The 87m road, built on a slope, cost about RM1mil.

"The project included installation of street lights and drainage upgrades," said Tan during a press conference held

at the site.

He said that previously, motorists travelling on Jalan 31/119 would need to use Jalan 39/119, a one-way road in front of SJK(C) Imbi, to get to

Jalan 23/119.

"Now, motorists travelling on Jalan 31/119 can use the new road to reach Jalan 23/119 without going past SJK(C) Imbi, thus reducing traffic in front of school.

"Traffic tends to build during peak hours, when parents pick up or drop off their children," he said.

SJK(C) Imbi Management Board chairman Datuk Liew Poon Siak said that with the new road, traffic in the area will be dispersed more efficiently.

"Parents will have better alternatives after picking up or dropping off their children.

"We are grateful for Tan's assistance in seeing the road project through after listening

to our concerns," he said.

SMK Seri Mutiara Parent-Teacher Association chairman Dr Wong Ping Foo raised concerns about speeding vehicles.

"Vehicles might speed while coming down the slope, which could be a potential safety hazard.

"Although there are rumble strips on the road, we hope that Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) will instal speed bumps near the road junction to slow vehicles down," said Dr Wong.

DBKL Civil Engineering and Drainage Department deputy director Mohd Ali Paimin, who was also present during the press conference, said speed bumps will be installed by the end of this month.