

Mayor: We will continue to improve and extend bicycle lanes

DESPITE controversies surrounding the city's new bicycle lanes, Kuala Lumpur mayor Tan Sri Mohd Amin Nordin Abd Aziz intends to introduce more bicycle lanes in the future as they are part of the city's masterplan.

"It is in our city plan and so we are looking at expanding it to other areas.

"We are not going to stop

because of problems; it is a learning process for us," he said, adding that he hoped to see more people use the facility (bicycle lane).

Amin Nordin said DBKL would audit its bicycle lane project following the problems it faced recently.

He said it would take at least two months to study the feasibility of maintaining the lanes in some

parts of the city before recommending to keep or remove some of them.

"We are currently studying the feedback about the dangers as well as durability and we will improve it as we go along.

"I will be meeting with mayors from Europe at the 9th World Urban Forum and will seek their views and suggestions on

how we can improve.

"They (European nations) have mapped out bicycle lanes long ago but we just started, so give us time to improve," he added.

When asked about vehicles parking on the blue lanes, Amin Nordin said it was still happening despite heightened enforcement, but assured that the problem was being managed.



TRAFFIC MATTERS

- The slow lane at Jalan Raya Tiga (Seri Kembangan-bound) will be closed from today until June 30, 24-hours daily. The 500m one-lane closure starts at the roundabout along Jalan Raya Tiga to the Maha Sri Kaliaman Kuil. A medium-term road alignment will also affect Jalan Raya Satu until April 20, 24-hours daily.
- There will be a continuation of the long-term slip road closure near Gurdwara Sahib Kuyoh at KM7.6 along KL-Seremban highway (Seremban-bound) until March 31, from 10pm to 6am, daily. Seremban-bound motorists from Bukit Jalil-Puchong highway heading towards the KL-Seremban highway will be diverted to Jalan Persiaran Serdang Perdana and back into KL Seremban Highway.
- A full closure of Jalan Kepong from the junction of Jalan Metro Perdana until the junction of Jalan 2/17 (Jinjang-bound) will be implemented until March 28 from 11pm to 5am daily.
- The lane closure at Persiaran Kerjaya starting from Masjid An Nur Temasya to Accentra Glenmarie in Shah Alam will continue until May 4. Construction will be carried out at 9am to 6pm every Monday to Saturday, excluding Sundays and public holidays. For details, call 1800 18 2585 or visit www.lrt3.com.my

WORLD URBAN FORUM 9

A variety of free talks and activities have been organised in conjunction with World Urban Forum 9 (WUF9), which ends tomorrow. Among them are a WUF9 Village set up by Think City and Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) that is open to public, a social enterprise market hall by AirAsia Foundation, and interactive exhibition as well as screenings of documentaries by Malaysian directors at 2 Hang Kasturi (2HK) from 10am-8pm. For details, visit <http://wuf9.org/programme/>

SPRING-CLEANING

Petaling Jaya City Council is organising a spring-cleaning programme in selected areas around Petaling Jaya on Feb 13 in conjunction with Chinese New Year. Collections will be carried out from 10am to 2pm to assist in the removal of unwanted items. Call officers Faizal (012-6776 494) for PIU 3, Safuan (018-9184 453) for PIU 1A in Ara Damansara, or Akmal (011-1424 1336) for SS26. For the removal of solid waste, call 03-7954 1140 and for details, visit www.facebook.com/petalingjayacitycouncil

#DARETOCARE

The public is encouraged to join in the #DaretoCare campaign where they can fill collectable brown paper bags with gifts they wish to donate or essentials such as household and personal care items, stationery and dry food products. They can also leave encouraging messages on the back of the paper bag to brighten up the recipients' day. The bags can be dropped off at any one of the four SkyWorld property galleries from now to Feb 15. For details, visit SkyWorld's website at www.skyworld.my/#DaretoCare

DIABETES TALK

The National Diabetes Institute (NADI) is holding a talk on What is Diabetes and How Can It Cause Damage to My Health if Not Treated? The free talk and basic health screening will be held on Feb 24 from 2pm to 3.30pm at the Diabetes Resource Centre in Bandar Botanic, Klang. Seats are limited. For details, call 03-3319 4100/200 or email enquiry@cdcentersdiabetes.com



The model village with fountains and swings is a refreshing sight in the city.

and become tourist hubs with a little bit of work."

The mayor said that for a city where land scarcity was a big issue, old buildings and redundant spaces could be remodeled to be functional and made useful again.

"We are one of the urbanised countries in South-East Asia, with 75.37% of the total population living in urban areas and cities.

"Combining this with the fact that Malaysia's population will hit 45.5 million in 2040, the challenges of urbanisation and the strain on city resources are important factors in how we plan for the future now," he said.

Amin Nordin noted that Medan Pasar itself had undergone tremendous change, highlighting that most recently, one could see the beginnings of a wider regeneration effort from the River of Life, The Blue Pond and Masjid Jamek.

"I believe we are headed in the right direction. Once we build this momentum, we hope to see the historic core transformed into a cultural district, celebrating our heritage and history but making relevant for citizens today," he added.

The urban village incorporates several events that run concurrently including the experiment in communal living to be presented as an installation.

Other activities will take place at 2 Hang Kasturi, a heritage building nearby.

Visitors will also be able to take in the other regeneration projects taking shape in the vicinity including parklets (a garden with benches to sit on), kerblets (utilising old furniture for seating purposes) and a mural-painting activity.

Meanwhile members of the public are encouraged to visit the WUF9 village and share your opinions on the communal living prototypes as well as participate in the activities taking place there.

The event ends tomorrow. For details, go to www.wuf9.org

Think City Activations In The Historic Core

Source: Thinkcity

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- 1 Medan Pasar/wuf9 Village
- 2 2 Hang Kasturi
- 3 Bus Shelter
- 4 Kerblet #1
- 5 Kerblet #2
- 6 Parklet #3
- 7 Parklet #4

Other locations marked on the map include Masjid Jamek, Central Market, Pasar Seni, and various streets like Jalan Hang Kasturi, Jalan Hang Lekir, and Jalan Sultan.