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The interchange is expected to be completed by next year. — Photos: SAM THAM/The Star



(From left) Soh, Liong, Ahmad Ibnu and Lim discussing the new interchange from the Kiara Bay township to MRR2.

New shortcut to ease Kepong traffic congestion

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THE long detour for those travelling from Batu Caves to Jalan Kepong on the Middle Ring Road (MMR) 2 will be a thing of the past once a new interchange is completed.

The 2.5km-long dual carriageway will pass Kiara Bay – a township being developed by UEM Sunrise Bhd – and Taman Fadason in Kepong.

It is expected to ease congestion for motorists heading towards Kepong and Selayang from Kuala Lumpur and Gombak.

The first 2km of the interchange until the intersection on Jalan Benteng Utara, is being constructed by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) while UEM Sunrise is undertaking work for the remaining 500m up to the MRR2 interchange.

During a briefing at Kiara Bay Sales Gallery, DBKL Kepong manager Ahmad Ibnu Sina Termizi said construction for DBKL's part of the road was 65% completed.

UEM Sunrise development general manager Lye Chien Yung said work on their part has reached 70%.

The road is expected to be completed by the first or second quarter of 2021.

Kepong Zone 1 Residents Representative Council chairman Raymond Soh said the road would give Kepong residents a shortcut to Jalan Jinjang Utama.

Kepong MP Lim Lip Eng said traffic congestion along Jalan Kepong has been a bane for residents Kepong and Selayang residents who travelled to Kuala Lumpur for work.

“There are nine traffic light intersections from KL to Kepong. It takes 30 minutes to one hour to travel less than 3km, especially during rush hour,” said Lim.

Lye estimated 10,000 vehicles to use the road per hour during peak hours.

UEM Sunrise chief operating officer Liong Kok Kit said the road would incorporate bicycle lanes leading to the Kepong Baru MRT Station, which was part of the Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya Line.

Users would also be able to access Kepong Metropolitan Park from the new interchange.

New interchange connecting MRR2 and Jalan Kepong

