

Views on LRT project sought

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KUALA LUMPUR: A lot of emphasis will be put into hearing the concerns and needs of the people before embarking on the light rail transit (LRT) extension project, said Transport Minister Datuk Seri Ong Tee Keat.

Writing in his blog yesterday, Ong said he had attended a town hall meeting in Subang Jaya on July 25 to listen to feedback, suggestions and comments from residents affected by the LRT extension project.

Among the concerns raised during the meeting were noise pollution, traffic congestion, proximity to homes and facilities for the physically disabled, he added.

I am pleased that Syarikat Prasarana Negara Berhad (Prasarana) has addressed all of them in their plans.

The LRT extension is meant to serve the people, and it stands to reason that we must listen to the voice of the people first to ensure the success of the project.

A study is also ongoing to look into the best option to serve Bandar Sunway and its people, including the sizeable student community there, he said.

The proposed alignment of the LRT extension will not pass through Bandar Sunway although it will go through Subang Jaya.

Ong said for those who missed the town hall meeting, it was still not too late for them to view the public display of Prasarana's proposed LRT extension alignment and make their voices count.

They, he added, could voice their feedback by checking out www.dor.gov.my/ or visit the five locations where the alignment was being displayed.

Ong said he hoped to organise more town hall meetings to help his ministry craft more people-friendly and effective policies.

It is also fun to roll up our sleeves to meet the people, he said.

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