



Near completion: The Latar Expressway stretches over Jalan Bukit Besar Rotan near Ijok.



Cuts across greenery: Some parts of the Latar Expressway have very straight stretches that seem to go on forever.

Project nearing completion

Latar Expressway links Templer's Park to Ijok in Kuala Selangor

THE Kuala Lumpur-Kuala Selangor Expressway, or better known as Latar Expressway, which links Templer's Park in Gombak with the Ijok township in Kuala Selangor has entered its final stage of development.

The dual-carriageway expressway will provide road users an alternative to the present Jalan Sungai Buloh-Kuala Selangor road.

According to a statement from the highway concessionaire Kuala Lumpur-Kuala Selangor Expressway Berhad, the 33km road is expected to provide a smoother drive that will take 18 minutes to travel from end to end.

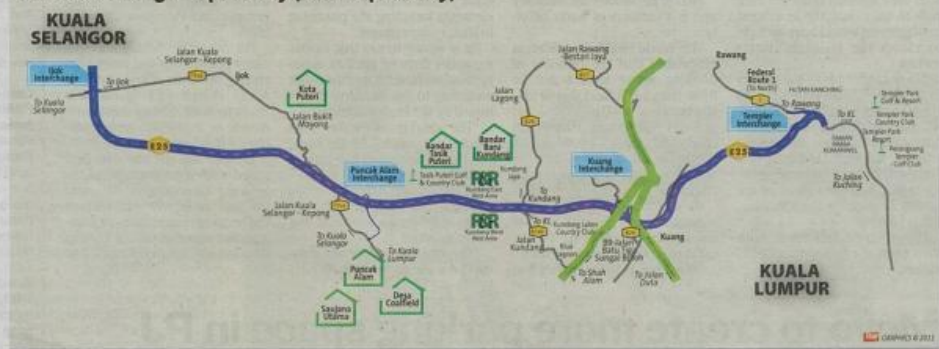
The project will provide convenient access and link the townships of Kuala Selangor, Assam Jawa, Ijok, Batang Berjuntai, Kota Puteri, Puncak Alam, Shah Alam, Bukit Jelutong, Sungai Buloh, Kundang, Rawang and Selayang.

To provide faster and easy access, particularly onto the existing Guthrie Corridor Expressway, PLUS North-South Expressway and the future West Coast Highway, there will be four interchanges – at Ijok, Puncak Alam, Klang and Templer's Park.

Each side of the highway will also have three tolls as well as a rest and service area in Kundang.

Other features on the expressway include the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), CCTVs, Variable Message Signboards (VMS), traffic control devices, all-weather road

KL - Kuala Selangor Expressway (Latar Expressway)



markers and telephones for emergency calls. ITS is the use of information and communication technologies to create a safer, more efficient transportation system for road users.

This project's 40-year concession was awarded to Kuala Lumpur-Kuala Selangor Expressway Berhad and began construction in October 2008. The expressway cuts through undeveloped as well as agricultural land.

The new expressway is also expected to spur further growth of

property development, townships and commerce, just as it has during the construction period.

The completion of Latar also means that 75% of the Kuala Lumpur Outer Ring Road (KLORR) network has been formed.

KLORR is a planned orbital ring road within the Greater Kuala Lumpur area as an alternative to the present congested Middle Ring Road 2 (MRR2).

Latar will form the northwest portion of KLORR, beginning from the

Templer's Park interchange to the Guthrie Corridor Expressway.

Current completed sections of KLORR include the Guthrie Corridor Expressway linking to Elite Expressway from Bukit Jelutong, Shah Alam to Saujana Putra and the South Klang Valley Expressway from Saujana Putra to Kajang.

Additionally, KLORR connects Kajang to Hulu Langat via the SILK Highway.

With inspections by the Malaysian Highway Authority (LHM) to duly

follow, it is hoped that motorists can enjoy the new expressway by the middle of this year.

Mudajaya Holdings Berhad is the turnkey contractor for this expressway, who was awarded the job for a contract value amounting to RM958mil.

The construction is divided into two packages, comprising package 1 of the proposed design-and-build contract from Assam Jawa to Kundang, and package 2 which is from Kundang to Templer's Park.