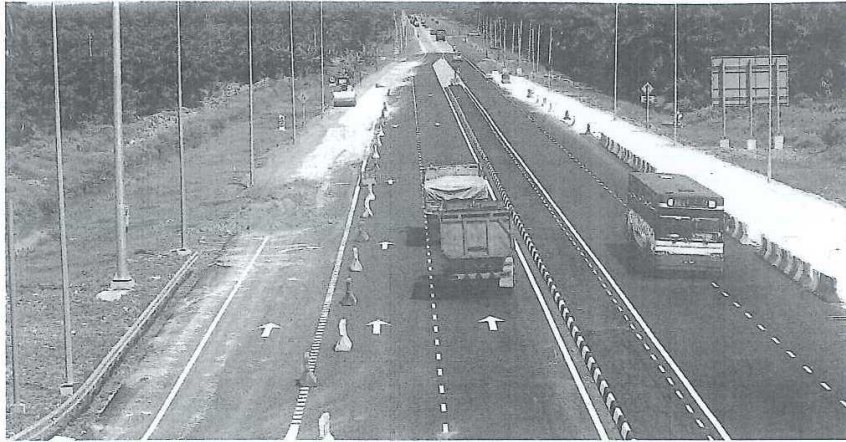


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It's official: The highway links KL at Templer's Park in Gombak with Ijok in Kuala Selangor.

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Latar Expressway links major highways in Selangor's west coast

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THE Kuala Lumpur-Kuala Selangor Expressway also known as the Latar Expressway is almost completed and will be opened by the Works Ministry in a few days.

The expressway will cut the travel time of 60 minutes to 30 for motorists heading towards Kuala Selangor.

The RM958mil highway, which is part of the KL Outer Ring Road (KLORR), is a 33km dual-carriageway linking KL at Templer's Park in Gombak with Ijok in Kuala Selangor.

It is a clear alternative to congested Jalan Kepong-Kuala Selangor.

Highway also connects the PLUS North-South Expressway, the Guthrie Corridor Expressway and the East Coast Expressway via Federal Route 1, thus linking the major highways with the new growth corridor along the west coast of Selangor.

It comprises four interchanges at Ijok, Puncak Alam, Kuang and Templer's Park.

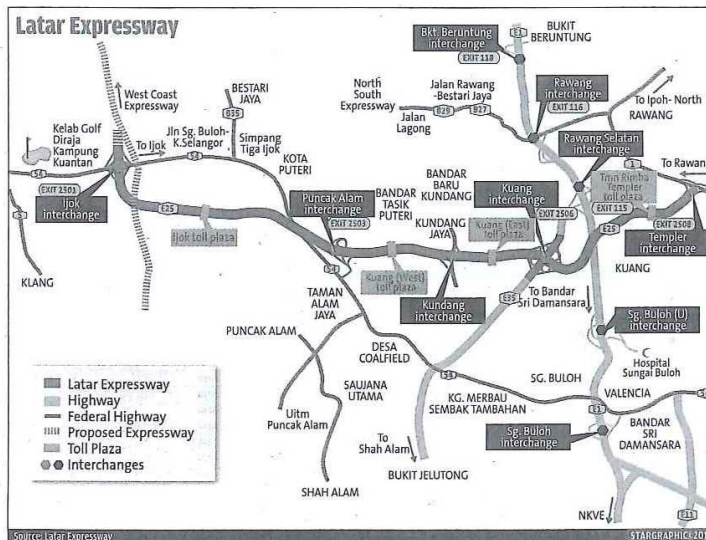
Latar Expressway chief executive officer Amran Amir said with this highway project completed, 75% of the planned KLOOR is ready, which served as an alternative to the existing Middle Ring Road 2 (MRR2).

He said the new highway would benefit townships such as Puncak Alam, Shah Alam, Bukit Jelutong, Sungai Buloh, Kundang, Rawang and Selayang, in terms of economic growth.

"In providing the north-west region of the Klang Valley with its own road network and coupled with the strategic interchanges, residents and commuters will experience a faster and safer road travel," said Amran during a media preview of the highway on Monday.

The Templer's Park interchange is gateway for motorists, starting their journey in KL, Rawang or Selayang and to arrive at Kuala Selangor in 18 minutes.

"From the Ijok exit, towns such as Assam Jawa, Kuala Selangor, Kampung Baru, Bestari Jaya are easily accessible within minutes," added Amran, adding that toll rates



Source: Latar Expressway

would be announced by the ministry during the launch.

To ensure safety, the concessionaire has installed a special Intelligent Transportation System, CCTV cameras, variable message signboards, traffic control devices, all-weather road markers and emergency telephones at every two kilometres.

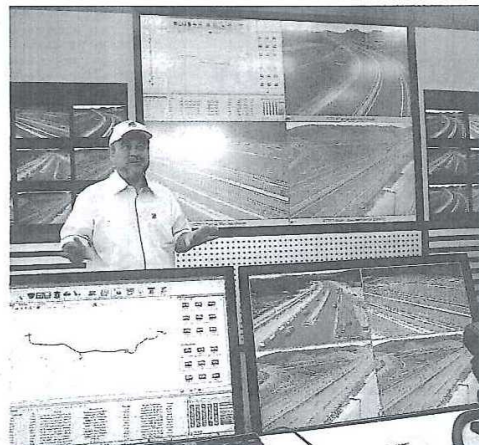
There are also two Rest n Relax areas, with facilities such as toilets, surau, food outlets, picnic spots and playgrounds for children on both side of the highway.

Amran said about 60,000 motorists were projected to use the highway this year.

He said the speed limit was 110km per hour, however, from the Templer exit to the Templer toll plaza it was 90km per hour due to the hilly terrain.

KL-Kuala Selangor Expressway Bhd is responsible for the finance, design, construction and maintenance of the highway built under the Build-Operate-Transfer system.

Construction began in October 2008.



Safety features: Amran at the control room in the operations centre showing the surveillance technology used at the expressway.

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