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# Motorists' woes at Shah Alam KTM station to end soon

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PARKING woes at the Shah Alam KTM commuter station will soon be a thing of the past as additional parking spaces planned for the park-and-ride service is nearing completion.

Shah Alam mayor Datuk Mohd Jaafar Mohd Atan said about 90% of the community-based project was completed.

The year-old project at Jalan Parang Empat 19/8D will have 525 parking spaces for light vehicles like cars, vans, multipurpose vehicles (MPV) and sport utility vehicles (SUV) while 92 spaces will be allocated for motorcycles.

The new parking lots were made possible with a RM3mil Transport Ministry allocation.

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The spaces will be open to public in August, and operate from 5.30am to midnight.

Making the announcement at the Shah Alam City Council's full board meeting here yesterday, Mohd Jaafar added that rates had been compared with those of other commuter stations such as KTM Padang Jawa, KTM Batu Tiga and KTM Subang Jaya.

The rates are not for profit, but to cover the cost for hiring new staff for the parking lots, he added.

"Parking fees for light vehicles for the first 12 hours is only RM4 with additional RM2 for each subsequent hour while the maximum fee for a day is RM25," said Jaafar.

He advised the public to purchase a monthly pass for RM80.

"It's better to purchase this as you can use it even on your days off or lend it to your family members when they need to park their vehicles there before taking the train," he said. He added that the monthly pass could be purchased at the council's Revenue Management and Investment Department, and at purchasing counters at the parking lot.

As for motorcyclists, Mohd Jaafar said the rates would be revised from the current RM2 per entry.

The parking lot will have eight CCTV cameras, auto-pay machines, and eight staff including security guards and parking attendants working in two shifts.

Mohd Jaafar later told reporters that he hoped the new parking lot would deter motorists from parking haphazardly at the sides of busy roads and to encourage them to use public transportation.

The parking lot at the Shah Alam station, he said would be the first systematic and sustainable parking lot for motorists.

"We are following the green building index scale and we have used water permeable materials for the pavements," said Mohd Jaafar, hoping the parking lot would not get flooded during heavy rain.

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# More public amenities for Shah Alam residents

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The Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) is striving to ensure better living standards for its 600,000 population, which is expected to reach a million by 2020.

Shah Alam mayor Datuk Mohd Jaafar Mohd Atan is focused on providing better public amenities to its people and improving cleanliness.

One of the more talked about developments in Shah Alam is the long-awaited Section 17 bus terminal upgrade. Jaafar announced the upgrading works at the October 2013 full board meeting.

Built some 25 years ago, the express bus terminal is in a sorry state and is overcrowded during the holiday seasons.

Jaafar said the project was expected to be completed by the end of next year.

“It will include well-organised ticketing counters, food stalls, surau and a large waiting room,” he said.

MBSA is also building additional parking spaces for the park-and-ride service at the Shah Alam KTM Komuter Station in Section 19.

A total of 500 bays will be built, thanks to a RM3mil allocation from the federal government. Beside the car park, a city terminal to improve the public transportation system will be built.

The hub comprising a bus and taxi stand will also have an eatery, convenience store, public toilets and a surau with a RM4mil allocation from the Transport Ministry.

Promoting a healthy lifestyle has always been a priority for Jaafar, and he has been actively advocating the use of bicycles through the newly-built 10km bicycle track. The longest bicycle track in Malaysia covers Section 4,5,9,14 and the city centre.

Next year, the council will also be starting a community bus service at densely populated areas for industrial workers as well as school and tertiary students.

“A company has sponsored one vehicle and we are buying another.

“We will request for more funds from the state government,” said Jaafar.

MBSA is also looking to strengthen several departments, including Urban Services to ensure better public cleanliness and solid waste management.

Among the new units that will be set up are Public Cleaning Management, Solid Waste Management, Dog-Catching, Multi-purpose Hall Management, Integrity, Wisma MBSA Management, Road Gang, Tree-trimming, Lake Garden Management, Nursery and Parking Lot Management.

MBSA corporate communications deputy director Shahrin Ahmad said next year a mobile truck dubbed Shah Alam on Wheels will travel to the outskirts to enable people to pay their bills and settle their fines.