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Motorists want Klang council to repaint faded road markings

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MOTORISTS, cyclists and pedestrians have to be on their guard when using Jalan Teluk Pulai because faded or missing road markings have increased risks of mishaps occurring.

Most drivers using Jalan Teluk Pulai, which branches out to Jalan Sungai Bertih, find it challenging to navigate their vehicles safely because they cannot see the road lines. Further down, the right and left lanes split off into different directions.

Directional arrows on the road to guide traffic have worn out as well. Businessman Mohd Sidek Mohd Shuib, 60, said the road markings had gradually faded since mid-2019.

"In some areas, they are missing and this is dangerous for motorists and pedestrians," he said.

He added that motorists using Jalan Teluk Pulai towards the Teluk Pulai commercial area were especially in need of proper road markings and signage.

The Teluk Pulai rail overpass was built to replace at-grade crossings as a safer alternative.

Ex-contractor Raja Zaharudin



Faded road lines at the Jalan Teluk Pulai and Jalan Mengkuang intersection, where accidents often occur.

Raja Zakaria, 71, said the heavier traffic along Jalan Teluk Pulai was due to the opening of the Raja Muda Nala Bridge in 2017 and motorists from nearby neighbourhoods using the 1.6km thoroughfare.

"People living on both sides of Jalan Teluk Pulai have made numerous complaints about faded road markings to Klang Municipal Council (MPK) but the complaints have fallen on deaf ears.

"Many senior citizens live here

and directional arrows are a must to guide motorists.

"MPK must maintain council roads at all times."

Raja Zaharudin said residents also wanted rumble strips along Jalan Teluk Pulai about 100m before the Jalan Jambai Air exit and the words "go slow" painted on the road surface.

He said the road lines on Jalan Emas in Taman Melawis were faded and the reflective surface

was missing.

"Even speed breakers need a new coat of paint as it is difficult to see those speed bumps at night," he said, adding that traffic was heavy along Jalan Emas and road markings were necessary.

SK Methodist (ACS) Klang gardener Johari Ahmad, 60, said MPK should repaint the yellow box outside the school entrance as it had faded.

"Accidents can happen because motorists do not see the road markings," he said.

Yusof Jamil, 64, who lives on Jalan Yadi, wants road markings at the junction of Jalan Sungai Bertih and Jalan Yadi.

"The white lines at the intersection of Jalan Yadi and Jalan Sungai Bertih, outside the entrance of Taman Mas, are faded.

"The lines cannot be seen at night or when there is a downpour, making it difficult to gauge the stop point," he added.

Arif Zainuddin, 22 and Mohd Isa Long, 63, want MPK to instal street lights along Jalan Sungai Bertih, from Jalan Telok Gadong 1 to Jalan Yadi.

"We want the 'cat's eye' road reflectors installed at the intersection of Jalan Yadi and Jalan Sungai

Bertih to slow traffic down.

"This will help ensure that pedestrians and motorists can use the road safely at night," he said.

He pointed out that Malaysian Road Records Information System (Marris) funds should be utilised to repaint the markings and maintain the roads.

"Most people living around Jalan Yadi and Jalan Sungai Bertih feel that an audit of road works involving Marris funds must be carried out to ensure accountability and transparency," added Ariff.

MPK Engineering Department director Zamri Othman said the road markings would be redone in the next two weeks.

"We will paint the road markings on Jalan Teluk Pulai, Jalan Sungai Bertih and Jalan Yadi where the lines have faded."

He said the suggestion for cat's eye road reflectors would be considered.

"We have an annual council fund of RM500,000 for road markings and other road safety features.

"MPK also gets another RM500,000 from the Marris fund.

"We will use the available funds to ensure that road markings are improved to make the streets safer," he assured.



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(From right) Syaharidanisman, Aini and Norlina inspecting the gap at the base of the Taman Teluk Gedung Indah flats to finalise structural work that needs to be done. (Right) The allocation, once approved, will also go towards new roofs for the flats. — Photos: K.K. SHAM/The Star



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RESOLVING the soil settlement problem at Taman Teluk Gedung Indah (TTGI) low-cost flats in Port Klang along with installing new roofs, rebuilding sunken sewage chambers, electrical rewiring and a new coat of paint will cost around RM5mil.

Public Works Department (JKR) Klang district engineer Syaharidanisman Mohd Johanis, who made an exploratory site visit to the flats with two engineers, said an initial assessment on the extensive scope of required work came to that estimated amount.

JKR engineers Aini Abdul Rahman and Norlina Mohd Ighar went through remedial measure plans, which involved an hour of in-depth technical discussion, to resolve the soil settlement issue affecting the two blocks of flats.

Syaharidanisman said the main cost would be for rectification works beneath the base of the building and around the pile footing, which was an estimated RM3.5mil.

"Other than the structural works, the allocation, once approved, will be used for electrical wiring, rebuilding the roof that was blown off during multiple storms, reconstructing the sunken sewage tanks and getting the flats repainted," he said.

On Aug 11, *StarMetro* reported about the soil settlement problem that had been affecting TTGI flats since March 2008.

The JKR geotechnical forensic

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JKR report on scope of work to remedy soil settlement problem will be submitted to council

division had done a thorough evaluation in March and determined that the building was safe to live in.

The TTGI flats, sandwiched between Lorong Sama Gagah 18D and Sungai Klang, were built to relocate some 150 families from the Taman Kern longhouse.

"Once the outline on the scope of work, technical drawings and detail costing is completed, it will be forwarded to Klang Municipal Council (MPK), which will oversee the project," said Syaharidanisman. "MPK will receive our report next week.

"I understand the council will then submit the report to the Selangor State Economic Planning Unit (UPEN) for the budget allocation."

He said once the allocation for was approved, JKR would be able to begin work in three months.

"Our main issue with both blocks of flats is the soil settlement, which has caused the gap between

the two blocks.

"We plan to inject cement grout into the weak marine clay beneath the foundation.

"It will include compacted granular material, lightweight concrete filling and bituminous sealants," he elaborated.

Syaharidanisman explained that the method would ensure the stability of the ground underneath the building.

"We expect to take about 10 months to complete all rectification works for both flats," he added.

MPK Commissioner of Buildings director Hani Suryati Abd Rahman said that while waiting for JKR's report, the council would carry out a survey on each block of flats to ascertain if there was any damage on the interior.



StarMetro's front-page report on Aug 11.



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The discount is valid at the MPKj head office, mobile payment counters and via the Smart Selangor Parking and Flexi Parking apps. For details, call 1-800-88-6755.

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