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The new **Alam Megah LRT station** in Shah Alam.  
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**300,000**  
**more to take**  
**LRT daily**

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**LRT Line Extension Project**

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# LINE EXTENSIONS: Prasarana CEO expects 50pc increase in ridership

## KUALA LUMPUR

THE Light Rail Transit Line Extension Project (LRT LEP) from Kelana Jaya to Ampang that encompasses new areas, including Putra Heights, Subang Jaya and Puchong, is expected to cater to a daily ridership increase of 300,000 commuters once it is fully operational tomorrow.

Prasarana Malaysia Bhd president and group chief executive officer Datuk Azmi Abdul Aziz recently said the old route, which included the monorail service, catered to

600,000 commuters daily.

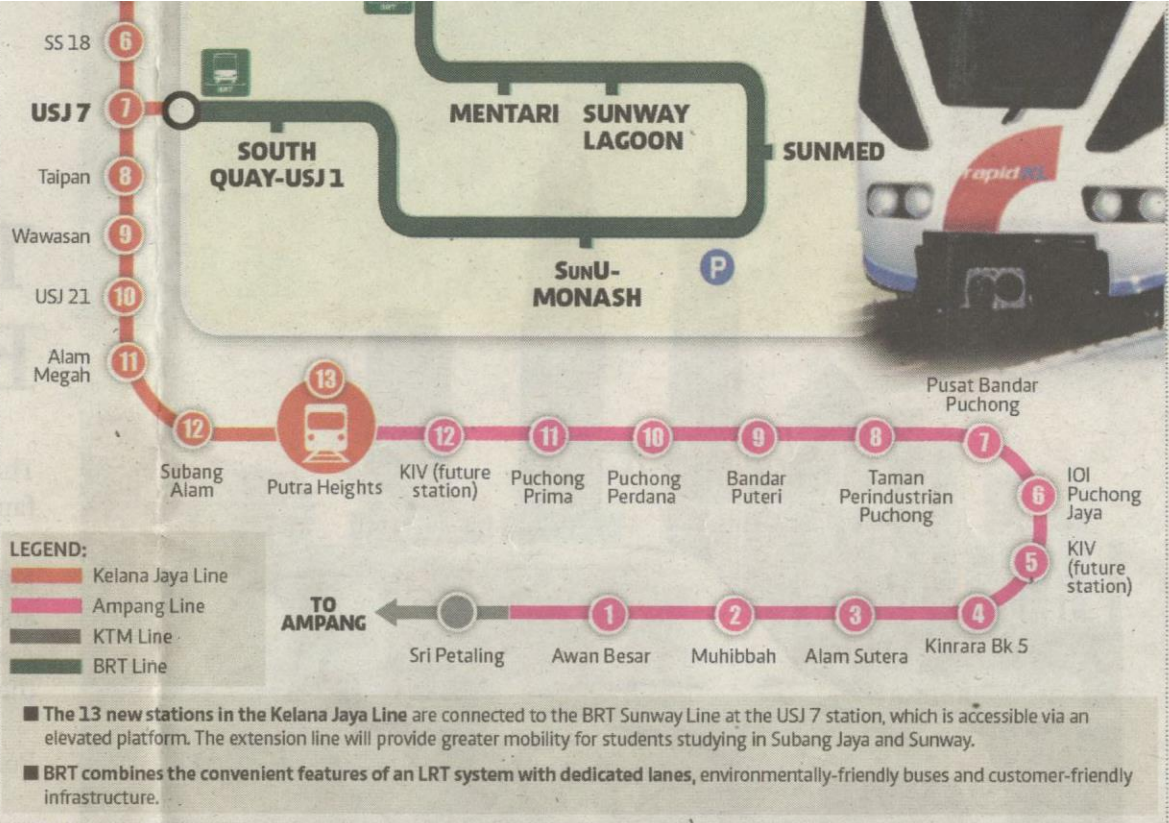
He said the extended Kelana Jaya Line would see an additional 170,000 commuters daily, while the Ampang Line would see an increase of 130,000 commuters daily.

He said the line extensions, comprising 25 stations in high-density areas, were projected to record a significant increase in ridership.

Azmi said the extended network would cater to the growing population in the Klang Valley, which was expected to hit 10 million by 2020.

“Our goal is to cater to one million in ridership daily by 2020, as other Asian cities like Tokyo have passed the two-million-ridership-daily mark. We plan to be ready for that.”

Residents in Putra Heights, USJ, Subang Jaya, Puchong, Bandar Kinrara and Bukit Jalil can commute to the federal capital by LRT, in line with the government’s nation-building initiatives to boost and integrate



Prasarana Malaysia Bhd president and group chief executive officer **Datuk Azmi Abdul Aziz** speaking on the Light Rail Transit Line Extension Project in **Subang Jaya** on Monday.

Pic by Zulfadhli Zulkifli



the urban public transport service, one of the national key result areas under the Government Transformation Programme.

Built with an allocation of RM8 billion, the extended network will run 46.4km.

Azmi said the line extensions would provide commuters with a convenient, comfortable and affordable ride, adding that a trip from Putra Heights to the Kuala Lumpur City Centre would cost only RM3.40

and take an hour.

“A trip from the Putra Heights integrated station to Gombak costs RM4.40, Putra Heights to KL Sentral, RM3.20, and Putra Heights to Plaza Rakyat, RM3.20. If we analyse the efficiency of commuting via LRT compared with driving, there are savings in terms of toll fare, fuel and, most importantly, time, as commuters will not get stuck in traffic.”

He said Prasarana was upgrading the signalling system for the Am-

pang Line to increase its reliability and efficiency.

Prasarana is also replacing the trains for the Ampang Line with 30 new six-car trains, and will add another 20 of such trains for the extended network.

“The completion of LEP will see a massive impact. LEP is a catalyst for further development, and Malaysia, especially the Greater Klang Valley, will enjoy a seamless and integrated public transport system.” **Bernama**