



Ng displaying the Smart Selangor Parking App (SSPA), which has the list of all the participating areas on his mobile phone.



Mohammad Kamal says motorists in Kuala Langat have several options to pay for parking in the district.

Romacs says having to carry various coupon booklets with him is a hassle and urges the local authorities to use one integrated app for parking payments in the state.

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Parking made easier in Selangor

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Smart Selangor Parking App

THE Smart Selangor Parking App (SSPA) system is not only a hit with motorists but also helps conserve the environment by reducing the use of paper and ink to print parking coupons and tickets.

Selangor Local Government committee chairman Ng Sze Han said since the system was introduced in July, 54,859kg of paper had been saved.

"It proves that the introduction of the system in five areas in Selangor is becoming popular with motorists in the state," he told *StarMetro*.

Ng is happy that the system has been effective in reducing paper usage in line with the state's green policy.

"The app was introduced through the Smart Selangor Delivery Unit, which is an arm of Selangor Menteri Besar Incorporated (MBI)," he said.

Currently, Ng said the app was available to motorists in areas under the jurisdiction of the Shah Alam City Council (MBSA), Telang Municipal Council (MPS), Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ), Kajang Municipal Council (MPKj), and the Sepang Municipal Council (MPSp).

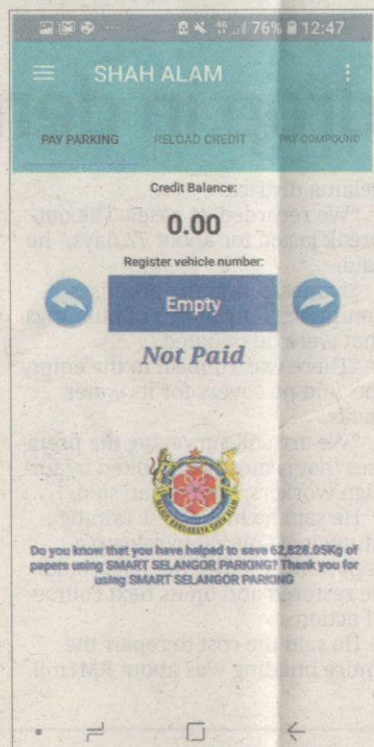
He said the system has also been introduced by the Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) on trial basis in parts of Kota Damansara.

Ng added that so far, more than 70,000 motorists have registered for the SSPA through their mobile devices with more than 100,000 transactions to date.

In line with the Smart Selangor concept, Ng said motorists have proved themselves smart citizens by opting for the app.

He said it relieved the motorists of the burden of searching for parking coupons every time they parked their vehicles in public parking bays at the various local

Motorists ask for all local authorities to have one common app



A thank you note is displayed on the app, showing how much paper has been saved up to that point.

authorities.

"They were also required to use different coupons for different areas and those who travelled a lot would have to carry several coupon booklets with them.

"Some areas still use parking machines and motorists also found it a hassle looking for coins and dealing with faulty machines," he said.

Ng said the SSPA was introduced



The Smart Selangor Parking App (SSPA) is easily available on Google Play and the Apple App Store.

with the aim of making it simple for motorists to park their vehicles by making payment through the e-wallet from their mobile devices.

"The app can be downloaded from mobile devices and all motorists have to do is select the area where their vehicles are parked and make the payment accordingly.

"We expect the app to be implemented in the whole of Selangor by

the end of next year due to some technical issues.

"Some of the local authorities are still bound by existing contracts with parking concessionaires," he said.

MBSA corporate communications head Sharin Ahmad said motorists in the area have the option of using the council's flexi-parking, the SSPA, as well as the coupon system.

Kuala Langat District Council corporate communications head Mohammad Kamal Mohd Ramlan, however, said they were unable to adopt the SSPA system as the council was still tied to a contract with the company that provided the Park By Phone app.

He said the contract with the company would expire at the end of next year.

"We can only decide on the SSPA after the contract expires based on the pros and cons of both apps," he said.

Currently, Kamal said the district also used parking machines where motorists could pay with Touch&Go, debit and credit cards.

"We also still have the coupon system," he said.

Klang Municipal Council (MPK) president Mohd Yasid Bidin said the council also had its own Smart Klang app which was introduced in June this year.

He said the council was under contract with the company that provided the parking app for three years and it could not switch to the SSPA yet.

"The company has provided us with a free app but they bill us for the handsets used by our enforce-

ment personnel," he said, adding that MPK collected RM120,000 in parking charges from 7,000 motorists who used the system so far.

Klang motorist Romacs Ng suggested that all local authorities in the state used the SSPA system so that motorists need not download too many apps.

Currently, Ng said they were burdened with the need to buy multiple parking coupon booklets from the various local authorities who have not subscribed to the SSPA or had their own parking apps.

"I have been carrying around parking coupon booklets from the various local authorities as I need to travel to various parts of the state for work.

"The app system is good and I hope there will be only one system for all to use along with the parking coupons," he said.

Pamela Menon from Shah Alam is happy that with the app she can also pay parking for her mother who is not IT-savvy.

"The app allows me to pay parking charges for my mother in Shah Alam from my office in Petaling Jaya and that's cool," she said.

Elizabeth Karupiah from Shah Alam said she had been using the SSPA since mid-July after her daughter informed her of the availability of the system.

She said she preferred the app as it relieved her of the burden of buying coupons and keeping coins to feed the machine.

"I do not have to go through the hassle of running to my car to change the coupon whenever it expires in case I overstay my visit at a particular destination," she said.