

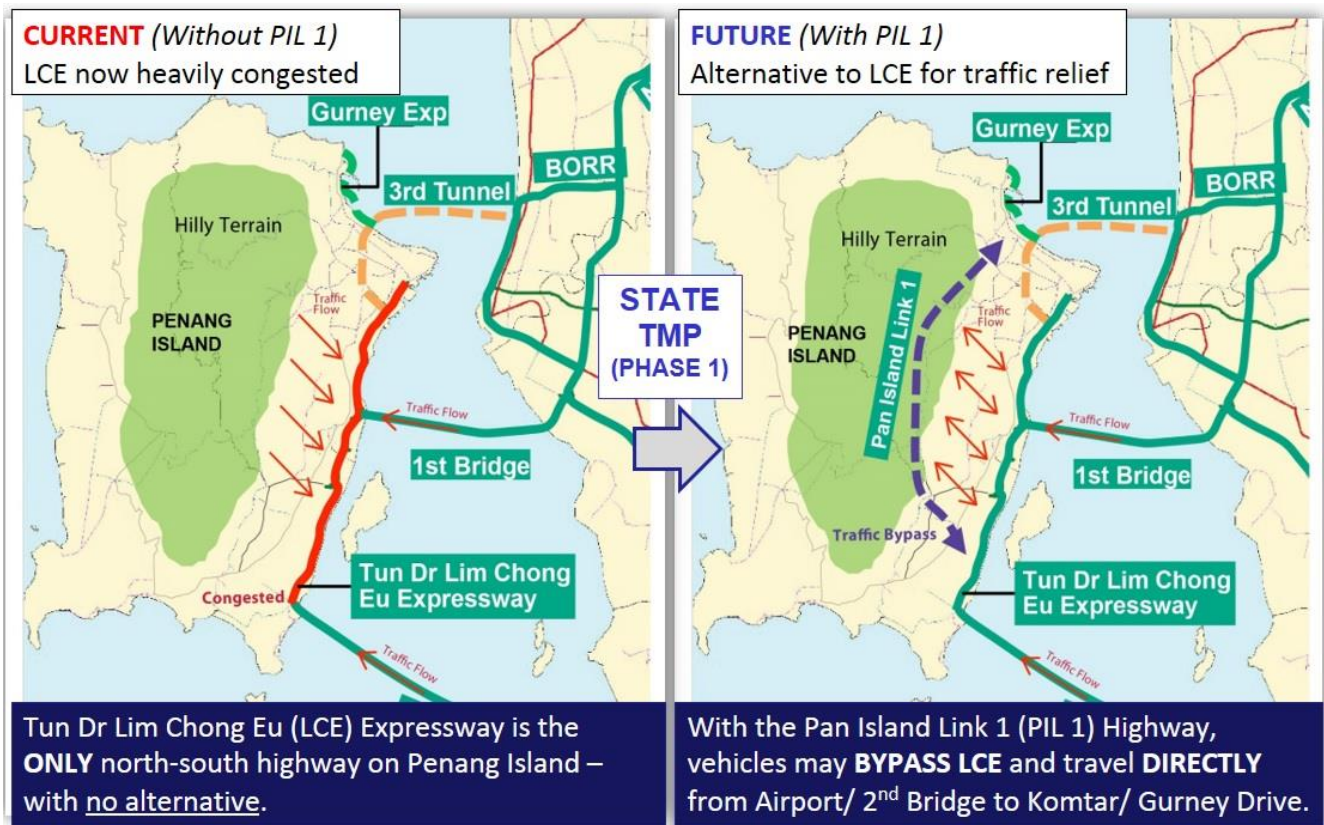
MEDIA STATEMENT BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT OF PENANG

By: Y.A.B. Tuan Chow Kon Yeow
Penang Chief Minister
Date: 13 July 2018 (Friday)

Public Display for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) (Second Schedule) Report Proposed Pan Island Link 1 (PIL 1) Highway project

1. The Penang State Government is pleased to inform that the **EIA Report (Second Schedule) for the proposed PIL 1 Highway project is currently on public display**, as part of the processing procedure prescribed under the “Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Guidelines in Malaysia” and enforced by the Department of Environment Malaysia (DOE).
2. The public display for the EIA Report will take place from **11 July until 10 August 2018 (30 days)**.
3. The proposed PIL 1 Highway project will be implemented under the first phase of the Penang Transport Master Plan (PTMP).
4. Upon completion, the **PIL 1 Highway will be a major step towards significantly improving the road network and alleviate traffic congestion on Penang Island**.

Benefits of PIL 1 Highway



1. The Tun Dr. Lim Chong Eu Expressway (LCE) is the **ONLY** north-south expressway in Penang Island.
2. Based on traffic study, LCE is experiencing peak-hour congestion due to high traffic volume.
3. Traffic condition is expected to worsen (heavier congestion and slower travel speed) if intervention measures are not implemented.
4. The State Government takes cognisance that prolonged severe traffic congestion will hamper the long-term growth, productivity and liveability of Penang.
5. PIL 1 Highway is designed as a need-based highway to enhance road hierarchy and significantly improve regional traffic dispersal on Penang Island.
6. It is needed to cater for the envisioned 60% modal share for private vehicle, even though the State targets to achieve 40% public transport modal share.
7. Upon completion, it functions as a strategic bypass (2nd north-south highway) for efficient traffic dispersal on Penang Island, especially during peak hour travel. It will be a toll-free highway.

5. **Strict mitigation measures (as prescribed in the EIA Report) will be adhered to in implementing the project to ensure minimal disruption to the environment and interference to public daily activities.**
6. The Penang State Government and the EIA consultant will respond to the DOE on all the written comments received from the public during the display period.
7. Feedback received from the public will be addressed by the State Government and submitted to DOE headquarters for review. The State's responses will be included in the final EIA Report for the project.
8. The public display locations for the PIL 1 Highway EIA (Second Schedule) Report are as follows:

NO.	LOCATION	NO.	LOCATION
1.	National Library of Malaysia 232, Jalan Tun Razak 50572 Kuala Lumpur	6.	Department of Environment Penang State Office Aras Bawah – Zon B Wisma Persekutuan, Seberang Perai Utara 13200 Kepala Batas, Pulau Pinang
2.	Library Department of Environment Ministry of Environment & Natural Resources Level 1, Podium 3, Wisma Sumber Asli No. 25, Persiaran Perdana, Presint 4 62574 Putrajaya	7.	Penang Public Library Corporation JKR 2118, Jalan Perpustakaan Seberang Jaya 13700 Prai, Pulau Pinang
3.	Administrative Complex of the State Government of Penang (Komtar) Level 3, Komtar 10503 George Town, Pulau Pinang	8.	Penang Development Corporation (PDC) Bangunan Tun Dr Lim Chong Eu No.1, Persiaran Mahsuri 11909 Bayan Lepas, Pulau Pinang
4.	Town Hall, City Council of Penang Island Jalan Padang Kota Lama 10200 George Town, Pulau Pinang	9.	Police Station Ayer Itam Jalan Paya Terubong Pekan Ayer Itam 11500 Ayer Hitam, Pulau Pinang
5.	Seberang Perai Municipal Council MPSP Tower, Jalan Perda Utama, Bandar Perda 14000 Bukit Mertajam, Pulau Pinang	10.	Penang Botanic Gardens Pavilion Administrative Complex Jalan Kebun Bunga, Pulau Tikus 10350 George Town, Pulau Pinang

Online viewing of the EIA Report is also available at:

- www.doe.gov.my (Department of Environment Malaysia)
- www.penang.gov.my (Penang State Government official website)
- www.pgmaterplan.penang.gov.my (PTMP official website)
- www.wirandamsdnbhd.com (EIA Consultant - Wiranda (M) Sdn Bhd)

Public display period: 11 July - 10 August 2018

Submission of public feedback/ comments: Before 24 August 2018

Public display hours: 8.00am – 5.00pm (office hours)

Written public feedback/ comments can be addressed to:

Ketua Pengarah
Jabatan Alam Sekitar
Kementerian Sumber Asli dan Alam Sekitar
Aras 2, Podium 3, Wisma Sumber Asli
No. 25, Persiaran Perdana, Presint 4, 62574 Putrajaya
(U/p: Bahagian Penilaian Alam Sekitar – Urusetia EIA)
Tel: 03-8871 2000, Faks: 03-8889 1045

The public may purchase a copy of the EIA Report for **RM 1,000.00 (Ringgit Malaysia One Thousand Only)** from the EIA Project Consultant Wiranda (M) Sdn Bhd. Kindly contact 03-8942 3413, fax to 03-8948 5912 or email to wiranda_sdnbhd@hotmail.com for further information.