

MEDIA STATEMENT BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT OF PENANG

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16,528 Penangites engaged since December 2015 in 965 sessions and still counting..

SUMMARY OF STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS BY PENANG STATE GOVERNMENT (Dec 2015 – to-date) ON STATE TRANSPORT INITIATIVES, BL LRT, PIL 1 & PSR

Engagements	Target Audiences	Total Sessions	Audience Engaged
Official Penang State Government engagements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Govt agencies, elected reps.Professional & business groupsAssociationsNGOs, media, public	46 sessions	5,811
Engagements by Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Elected reps.FishermenResidents & publicBusinesses & beach users	852 sessions	3,903
Engagements during EIA process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Focus Group DiscussionsPublic feedbackInterviews & surveys	LRT – 38 sessions PIL 1 – 22 sessions PSR – 7 sessions	6,813
TOTAL		965 sessions	16,527

Public Display of Request For Proposal (RFP) documents (6 weeks):

- In addition to engagements with stakeholders, public display of the RFP documents was held from **16 January – 17 February 2017**. The display was **extended to 28 February 2017** based on public request.

Upcoming PTMP public engagements by the State Government:

- “Sayangi Penangku Hunt”** – Registration is open until 29 August 2018. Come join us!
 - Date: 1 September 2018
 - Time: 7am – 12pm
 - Venue: Maybank, Komtar (flag-off)
 - To register and take part, please contact:
 - Mohamad Hadziq (04-650 5574) (hadziqyusri@penang.gov.my)
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 - Registration form:
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1kMYtX32vTULEts5tBPNvh769QL2uOFZ3Q-ktxw1V3Zo>
- “Public Forum: PTMP for Penangites”** – Open to public (everyone is welcomed)
 - Date: 2 September 2018
 - Time: 2.30pm – 5.00pm
 - Venue: Dewan Sri Pinang

*Frequent sessions will be held as part of efforts to listen to the people, gather feedback and respond to public queries in the implementation of PTMP and PSR.

Federal submission status:

A. Bayan Lepas LRT project status and updates:

1. Engagements with Federal agencies are underway on the Railway Scheme, EIA and HIA.

B. Pan Island Link 1 (PIL 1) Highway project status and updates:

1. EIA process is on-going:
 - Public feedback period is extended to 24th September 2018.
 - **The Penang State Govt was requested to hold a Public Townhall on PIL 1 Highway (pending official notification from DOE). Details of the townhall will be announced soon.**
2. Upon Federal approval, the Penang State Government intends to start building the most needed section of PIL 1, which is the last section – from Bukit Gedung to the Tun Dr Lim Chong Eu Interchange.
3. The construction of PIL 1 from Bukit Gedung to the Bayan Lepas interchange will have a major positive impact by providing relief to many Penangites who are living and working in the Sg Ara, Relau, Bayan Baru and the Bayan Lepas FIZ areas that are heavily congested on working days.

C. Penang South Reclamation (PSR) project status and updates:

1. Hydraulic and Marine Traffic Risk Assessment (MTRA) studies are approved.
2. Engagements with Federal agencies are underway on the EIA, FIA, SIA and TIA.
3. **The Penang State Govt was requested to hold a Public Townhall on PSR (pending official notification from DOE). Details of the townhall will be announced soon.**

Penang State Government continues to fulfill all requirements by Federal Government

- We take this opportunity to reaffirm that the State have always and will continue to abide by the “Rule of Law” in our application to the Federal Government to implement the PTMP projects for the benefit of Penang. To-date, all studies required for the projects have been submitted and are in various stages of reviews by the relevant Federal Government agencies.
- With the challenges faced by the *rakyat*, we hope the necessary approvals to implement PTMP would be considered soonest possible, to enable Penang to upkeep its economic competitiveness and safeguard a sustainable future for Penangites.
- PTMP is crucial to address key threats to Penang’s sustainable growth:
 - The increasing traffic congestion, resulting in the reduction in productivity and the eroding quality of life in Penang;
 - The shortage of developable land, especially for affordable housing in Penang;
 - The need to facilitate the sustainable growth of Penang’s economic engines such as the E&E, tourism, business processing centers and other services sectors; and
 - The absence of reliable public transport infrastructure with a long-term vision to help achieve Penang’s public transport mode share target of 40%.