

Why Government wants MRT project done fast

THE Government wants the MY Rapid Transit (MRT) project implemented quickly and that is why it went ahead with it before the Greater Kuala Lumpur Public Transport Masterplan could be finalised.

Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Ahmad Maslan told the House that the gesta-

tion period for the project was long.

"Since it would take a long time to finish the whole project, we have given priority to acquiring land first.

"The high-impact project is expected to carry some 600,000 people daily and improve the public transport system," he told Nurul Izzah Anwar (PKR-Lembah Pantai) during

question time.

On the master plan, Ahmad Maslan said the public could access it and give feedback at www.spad.gov.my.

Meanwhile, the House heard that there were no plans to impose an age limit for vehicles.

Deputy Transport Minister Datuk Abdul Rahim Bakri said allegations

that the ministry did not consult the lower income group when it was studying to introduce a policy to scrap old cars were untrue.

"Our automotive policy had clearly stated that we are looking to introduce the scrap policy similar to the one practised in many developed countries in the future," he said.