

# Plan for efficient traffic dispersal, too

I LIVE in Cheras and recently saw the detailed alignment of the proposed Klang Valley MRT at a public exhibition in a shopping centre.

What shocked me was that the proposed Leisure Mall station would be situated in the middle of the perennially busy Jalan Cheras (*pic*) and there would be no car parking facilities for MRT commuters.

Jalan Cheras has very heavy traffic flow with traffic virtually at a standstill during the morning and evening rush hours.

I shudder to think of the disruption to traffic flow at the MRT station arising from indiscriminate parking and picking up and/or dropping off of passengers.

Based on the present experience with the LRT, I foresee that most cars will probably just stop at the side of the road for passengers to embark/disembark.

Also, the residential roads around Leisure Mall will suffer from heavy traffic from local residents as well as shoppers entering/leaving the mall.

I wonder how these narrow neighbourhood roads will be able to accommodate

more traffic from commuters trying to access the MRT station.

While I agree that Cheras needs proper public transport – and the MRT is a good idea – more thought should be given to ensure that the proposed stations are placed in optimal locations where there are proper car-parking facilities and where passenger embarkation/disembarkation will not cause any undue disruption to traffic flow.

In addition to distributing maps on the proposed alignment of the MRT, can the authorities and MRT Corp also provide copies of traffic feasibility studies to residents so that we can be assured that proper traffic dispersal measures have been adequately considered and addressed?

I understand that construction of the station will commence in June, but a project of such magnitude should not be rushed.

Proper studies and consultation with the residents should be carried out first.

**CONCERNED RESIDENT,  
Kuala Lumpur.**

