

PLUS AKTIFKAN SMARTLANE DI 5 LOKASI SEBAGAI PERSEDIAAN URUS LONJAKAN TRAFIK PERAYAAN AIDILADHA

Petaling Jaya, 27 Jun 2023:- PLUS Malaysia Berhad (PLUS) akan mengaktifkan laluan *SmartLane* di 5 lokasi kritikal di sepanjang lebuh raya kendaliannya bagi membantu menyuraikan trafik berikutan lonjakan trafik yang dijangka berlaku pada cuti perayaan Aidiladha yang akan datang.

“*SmartLane* akan diaktifkan di laluan di antara Persimpangan Port Dickson hingga Persimpangan Seremban (KM260.0 hingga KM263.1 - Arah Utara), Persimpangan Senai Utara hingga Persimpangan Kulai (KM19.0 hingga KM27.0 - Arah Utara), laluan Gua Tempurung - Gopeng (KM306.7 hingga KM297.0 - Arah Utara), laluan Slim River - Sungkai (KM367.3 hingga KM354.1 - Arah Utara) dan Kawasan Rehat & Rawat Rawang - Sungai Buaya (KM439.9 – KM435.5 - Arah Utara),” jelas Pengurus Besar Kanan Operasi PLUS, Mohd Yusuf Abdul Aziz.

Ketika *SmartLane* diaktifkan, lorong paling kiri yang sedia ada dibuka sebagai laluan tambahan untuk menambah kapasiti lorong dan membantu melancarkan trafik. Ia bertujuan untuk mengoptimumkan penggunaan semua laluan dan meningkatkan kapasiti lorong bagi mengurangkan kesesakan trafik di laluan kritikal lebuh raya.

“Di lokasi *SmartLane*, pengguna lebuh raya dibenarkan memasuki dan memandu di laluan kecemasan untuk sementara waktu sebelum diarahkan untuk masuk semula ke laluan utama bagi meneruskan perjalanan mereka. Walau bagaimanapun, pengguna dilarang sama sekali untuk memandu di lorong kecemasan di lokasi-lokasi lain di mana tiada laluan *SmartLane* diaktifkan,” ujar beliau.

Menurutnya, pertembungan trafik serta keadaan laluan yang sedikit mendaki menyumbang kepada peningkatan trafik yang tinggi dan pergerakan kenderaan yang perlahan di lokasi-lokasi tersebut.

Tambah Mohd Yusuf, “Pengaktifan lorong *SmartLane* bukanlah sesuatu yang baru. Malah, ia telah dilaksanakan pada musim-musim perayaan sebelum ini. Di beberapa laluan seperti Setia Alam-Shah Alam di NKVE dan USJ-Seafield di ELITE, *SmartLane* dilaksanakan setiap hari bagi melancarkan pergerakan trafik pada waktu puncak di sebelah pagi pada hari-hari bekerja biasa. *SmartLane* juga sering diaktifkan di lokasi-lokasi penutupan lorong di mana kerja-kerja penyelenggaraan kecemasan dan pengurusan kemalangan diadakan di lebuh raya PLUS.”

Tambah beliau, pengaktifan laluan *SmartLane* juga turut mendapat sokongan dan Kerjasama Lembaga Lebuhraya Malaysia, Polis DiRaja Malaysia dan Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan.

Pada masa yang sama, PLUS turut proaktif membuat persediaan-persediaan lain untuk menguruskan lonjakan trafik melalui pelbagai pendekatan untuk membantu pengguna lebuhraya kendaliannya menikmati perjalanan yang selamat, lancar dan selesa sempena perayaan Aidiladha kali ini.

“Kami menjangkakan kira-kira 2 juta kenderaan akan berada di lebuhraya kendalian PLUS terutamanya pada Hari-hari Puncak iaitu 28 Jun (Rabu) dan 1 Julai (Sabtu) iaitu peningkatan sebanyak 12 peratus berbanding 1.7 juta kenderaan sehari pada hari-hari biasa sempena Aidiladha ini,” katanya.

Sehubungan dengan itu, PLUS akan turut mengambil langkah-langkah berikut:-

- 1) Menambah pasukan PLUSRonda untuk mengadakan lebih rondaan di lebuhraya.
- 2) Menghentikan sementara kerja-kerja penyelenggaraan jalan di antara 24 Jun hingga 3 Julai (pengecualian diberikan kepada kerja-kerja penyelenggaraan dan kecemasan yang memerlukan tindakan segera demi keselamatan pengguna).
- 3) Mengeluarkan Jadual Cadangan Waktu Perjalanan (TTA). Jadual TTA boleh dirujuk di laman web PLUS atau semua saluran media sosial PLUS.
- 4) Menyediakan makluman trafik terkini menerusi paparan papantanda elektronik lebuhraya, stesen-stesen radio, Twitter PLUSTrafik, media social dan Chatbot PUTRI.

Bagi mengelakkan kesulitan di plaza tol, pengguna lebuhraya juga harus memastikan agar mereka menggunakan mod pembayaran yang sama ketika masuk dan keluar dari lebuhraya. Sebagai contoh, sekiranya pengguna lebuhraya menggunakan mod pembayaran RFID ketika masuk ke lebuhraya, mereka juga mestilah keluar dari lebuhraya menggunakan lorong RFID.

“Pengguna lebuhraya dinasihatkan agar memastikan kenderaan mereka selamat untuk perjalanan yang jauh dan mempunyai petrol yang mencukupi. Pandulah dengan selamat dan mematuhi had laju di lebuhraya, pastikan kenderaan telah diselenggara dan berada dalam keadaan baik, elakkan memandu ketika letih serta berhenti rehat di R&R sepanjang lebuhraya,” ujar beliau.

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PLUS TO ACTIVATE SMARTLANE AT 5 LOCATIONS TO CATER FOR TRAFFIC INCREASE DURING AIDILADHA

Petaling Jaya, 27th June 2023: PLUS Malaysia Berhad (PLUS) will activate the 'SmartLane' at 5 critical locations along its expressways to help alleviate traffic congestion expected during the upcoming Aidiladha holiday period.

"The SmartLane will be activated at selected stretches between Port Dickson Interchange and Seremban Interchange (KM260.0 to KM263.1 - Northbound), Senai Utara Interchange and Kulai Interchange (KM19.0 to KM27.0 - Northbound), Gua Tempurung – Gopeng stretch (KM306.7 to KM297.0 - Northbound), Slim River – Sungkai stretch (KM367.3 to KM354.1 - Northbound), and Rawang Rest & Service Area - Sungai Buaya Interchange (KM439.9 - KM435.5 - Northbound)," explained Senior General Manager of Operations at PLUS, Mohd Yusuf Abdul Aziz.

When the SmartLane is activated, the leftmost lane will be opened as an additional lane to increase capacity and facilitate smoother traffic flow. Its purpose is to optimize the utilization of all lanes and enhance lane capacity to reduce traffic congestion on critical stretches.

"At these SmartLane locations, highway users will be allowed to temporarily enter and drive on the emergency lane before being directed back to the main lanes to continue their journey. However, users are strictly prohibited from driving on the emergency lanes at other locations where SmartLane is not activated," he stated.

According to Yusuf, the convergence of traffic and climbing stretches contribute to high traffic volumes and slow vehicle movement at these locations.

Mohd Yusuf added, "The activation of SmartLane is not new. In fact, it has been implemented during previous festive seasons. At certain stretches such as Setia Alam-Shah Alam on the NKVE and USJ-Seafield on ELITE, SmartLane is carried out every day to facilitate traffic flow during morning peak hours on regular working days. SmartLane is also normally activated during emergency highway repairs and accident clearance work."

Yusuf added that SmartLane activation on the highway is fully supported by the Malaysian Highway Authority, the Police and the Road Transport Department.

At the same time, PLUS is proactively making other preparations to manage the surge in traffic through various approaches to ensure that highway users can enjoy safer, smoother, and comfortable journeys during the Aidiladha celebration.

"We anticipate approximately 2 million vehicles to be on the PLUS highways during Aidiladha, especially on Peak Days, namely June 28 (Wednesday) and July 1 (Saturday), representing a 12 percent increase compared to the usual 1.7 million vehicles per day on regular days," he said.

As such, PLUS will take the following measures:

- 1) Increase PLUSRonda teams to conduct additional patrols on the highways.
- 2) Temporarily suspend road maintenance works between June 24 and July 3 (exceptions will be made for maintenance and emergency works that require immediate action for safety).
- 3) Issue Travel Time Advisory (TTA) schedule. The TTA schedule can be referred to on the PLUS website or all PLUS social media channels.
- 4) Provide the latest traffic information through electronic boards on the highways, radio stations, PLUSTrafik Twitter, social media platforms, and the PUTRI Chatbot.

To avoid inconvenience at the toll plazas, highway users should also ensure that they use the same payment mode when entering and exiting the highway. For example, if a highway user uses RFID payment mode when entering the highway, they must also exit the highway using the RFID lane.

"Highway users are advised to ensure their vehicles are in a safe condition for long journeys and have sufficient fuel. Drive safely and adhere to speed limits on the highways, ensure that vehicles are well-maintained and in good condition, avoid driving while fatigued, and take breaks at rest areas along the highways," he said.

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