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New 14.9km Puchong highway

Privately funded project to link Subang and Bukit Jalil via Petaling Jaya

THE privately-funded 14.9km Kinrara Damansara (Kidex) Skyway project is taking off, undertaken by a joint venture between Zabima Engineering and Construction Sdn Bhd and Emrail Sdn Bhd in the form of Kidex Sdn Bhd.

Starting from the NKVE Damansara toll plaza, the skyway — which includes seven interchanges — will pass through Petaling Jaya and Puchong, and link up to the Bukit Jalil Highway.

In statement yesterday, Kidex said: “The affected communities will also benefit from a more peaceful environment with residential roads freed of up to 30% of existing traffic. Motorists will be able to drive free of bottlenecks.”

Since it passes through one of the most densely built-up envi-

ronments in the country, a major length of the skyway will be constructed at heights of between 8m and 24m above ground level to fly over existing bridges, flyovers and other impediments.

Furthermore, due to the high population density of its catchment area and the large amount of built up structures along its alignment, the skyway will primarily travel along the existing local road corridor to minimise land acquisition, said Kidex.

“Currently 3,784 lots are affected by the land freeze. By optimising our detailed design, less than 10% of them will be finally acquired, mostly industrial lots.

“Soon we will begin a process of public consultations and display the alignment at relevant municipal offices in order to obtain feedback. If viable and

required, amendments to the alignment may be made.”

On the toll rate for the expressway, Kidex said it will be finalised by the government upon completion of the project.

The highway is expected to be one of the most challenging projects undertaken in Malaysia and requires the highest level of engineering innovation to complete the task, said Kidex.

It added that in terms of project cost, the expenditure is well within the parameters of comparably complex engineering projects, despite it being the newest.

Zabima Engineering and Emrail are PKK Class A and CIDB G7 contractors with a successful track record of undertaking large civil engineering construction projects.



EASING BOTTLENECK: The Kidex highway is expected to free up 30% of existing traffic, especially in the LDP highway

Zabima has undertaken various projects since 1982 which include major highways and bridges, water transmission pipelines and specialist buildings. Its most recent major con-

tract successfully completed was the Kuala Lumpur-Putrajaya Highway project with a value of RM915 million.

Its other notable projects include the Middle Ring Road II.

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