

TRANSPORT WOES

# Wee raps Liew on congestion claims

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong yesterday hit out at DAP deputy secretary-general Liew Chin Tong for accusing the government of not doing enough to solve traffic congestion.

Wee called Liew hypocritical, and asked the former Pakatan Harapan (PH) government why it had postponed or cancelled public transport projects.

He said these included the Kuala Lumpur-Singapore High-Speed Rail project, Johor Baru-Singapore Rapid Transit System Link and Gemas-Johor Baru Electrified Double-Tracking project.

Wee said the PH government also downsized the Light Rail Transit 3 (LRT3), which delayed its completion to 2024.

"As an 'anti-public transport' government, PH had cancelled many public transport projects that may have solved traffic congestion.

"Now that it has become the opposition, is it not hypocritical for Liew to ask how to solve traffic congestion, to say the least?" he said on Facebook yesterday.

Wee said the Transport Ministry was working to solve traffic

congestion.

He said the Road Transport Department (RTD) had barred the entry of heavy vehicles into the city during peak hours.

Wee said he had instructed RTD to deploy more personnel to enforce the ruling with the police, to ensure smooth traffic in the Klang Valley.

He said the quality of public transport must be improved to reduce traffic congestion in the long-run.

Senior Works Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, Wee added, had also announced three new highways.

The Federal Territories Ministry and Kuala Lumpur City Hall were also studying ways to reduce traffic, said Wee.

"The suggestion by Liew is very simple, which is the government must support and provide subsidies for public transport.

"The government has allocated RM115 million for the My50 and My100 unlimited travel passes.

"I wonder how much more the government, which Liew claimed is almost going bankrupt, should increase its subsidies?" he said.

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