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KUALA LUMPUR — The Land Public Transport Commission (SPAD) will conduct a feasibility study on the Kuala Lumpur tram as an alternative mode of public transport in the city.

According to the Land Public Transport Transformation Journey (PTPAD) 2010-2015, the study is to enhance the habitable elements of Kuala Lumpur due to the nature of the tram which is more efficient and environment-friendly.

The study, which is expected to be completed next year, will focus on the actual demand of passengers, economic projection as well as financial and technical measures needed to support tram services.

This initiative is in the Urban Rail Development Plan, which is part of the Greater Kuala Lumpur Land Public Transport Master Plan to enhance the travel experience using the rail system.

In addition, a study on the improvement of the First-Mile and Last-Mile

Urban Rail for Greater Kuala Lumpur will also be conducted to enable the long-term planning such as coverage and connectivity with other modes of public transportation.

The by-laws will also be proposed to provide the framework to ensure the optimal use of rail assets.

The report also said the Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad's (KTMB) Klang Valley Double Tracking project was expected to be completed in November 2019.

The project involved the preparation of new tracks and replacing old equip-

ments, the installation of radio systems, the upgrading of 16 stations and the construction of a substation in Sentul to generate additional electricity and to increase the frequency of trains.

The PTPAD report was issued in conjunction with the annual Land Public Transport Symposium 2016 yesterday.

The report said two new integrated terminals, Gombak Integrated Terminal (TBG) and Sungai Buloh Integrated Terminal (TBSB) will be built by 2020.

The construction of the terminals were to support the capacity of the existing terminals which were increasingly congested due to high demand in line with the network expansion of public land transport around Greater Kuala Lumpur.

The construction of TBG and TBSB will be borne and operated by private companies, compared to the Southern Integrated Terminal which was funded entirely by the government.

In addition, through SPAD, the government will increase the total of Park & Ride facilities to 30 by 2019 in high density areas around the city.

SPAD will also launch the trip planner application by the end of the year and implement the Integrated Common Payment System (ICPS) next year, which will replace the new card similar to MyRapid.

ICPS will standardise the fare system to be more seamless and cost-efficient with different operators and payment can be made at the gates using ATM and debit cards.

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