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# MRT CORP INVITES CITY STAKEHOLDERS TO DRIVE TRANSFORMATION OF RAIL

*MRT Corp CEO shares need for greater city stakeholder participation to improve rail transportation at "CEM Star Talk" series*

**PETALING JAYA:** Rail transit should act as a 'backhaul' for public transportation, providing integrated links for multimodal transport options especially in first and last mile connectivity.

According to MRT Corporation chief executive officer Datuk Mohd Zarif Mohd Hashim, this needs to be a critical focus area especially amongst town planners, local authorities and other city stakeholders.

During his talk at the City Expo Malaysia's (CEM) Star Talk series here on Friday (September 24), Datuk Zarif said the MRT Line 3 will complete the transport masterplan for the Klang Valley, connecting the eight different radial lines, delivering passengers in a more efficient manner.

The CEM Star Talk, which acts as a leadup to the City Expo Malaysia on November 8, is a series of conversations with city leaders and key stakeholders to share ideas and solutions on pressing issues affecting cities.

He said, "There is a strategy to transform public transportation and it relies on the liberalisation of information and engagement with stakeholders to build a digital ecosystem around transportation. This could in the form of apps and artificial intelligence engines to make transportation more efficient, cheaper and better".

To achieve this vision, there is a need for city stakeholders such as town planners, local authorities and even property developers to adopt a more forward-thinking approach to support Greater Kuala Lumpur's transportation infrastructure. This starts from greater collaboration at the planning stages in local structure plans, the implementation of transportation masterplans and management of connectivity assets such as walkways and bus stops. Financing was also an important consideration.

He said, "Funding for public transport infrastructure cannot be solely the government's responsibility. There needs to be a symbiotic relationship with city stakeholders especially those who have benefited from value capture from public transportation infrastructure. MRT Corp has thus developed a hybrid approach to help achieve this".

Zarif added that by taking a people-first approach, focus should also be given to public convenience as first and last mile connectivity is important and should integrate or feed into metro rail lines. This includes looking at improvements to walkability, bus networks, access to car-sharing, ride-hailing and even private mobility vehicles (PMVs).

The MRT Line 3 is a proposed circle rail transit line which includes a subway line in the Klang Valley area. Once it is completed, this 52.31 kilometer rail line with 33 stations would connect to the other rail networks, providing an almost seamless opportunity for intra and intercity travel.

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“MRT stations are primed for future expansion and transportation players are invited to engage with MRT Corp and invest in the station infrastructure to support multimodal mobility options. Stations themselves are adapting to have multiple uses and act as a destination,” Zarif added.

Commenting on passenger safety, Zarif added that there were two important considerations. The first is from the perspective of train safety with initiatives being taken to improve systems, redundancies, and processes. Environmental safety was the second point and that the public are encouraged to engage with rail operators through social media platforms to report problems. Further investments will also be made into new technologies which will be incorporated to identify and manage passenger risks.

City Expo Malaysia will continue to hold Star Talk Series over the coming weeks, touching on topics based on the 16 urbanism themes that will be explored at the Expo ranging from mixed-use development, smart cities, placemaking, walkable cities and many more.

MRT Corp will be sharing information on the MRT Line 3 at the City Expo Malaysia virtual event which focuses on city planning and development. The expo is open to the public and visitors can register at [www.cityexpomalaysia.com](http://www.cityexpomalaysia.com).

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### **About City Expo Malaysia**

City Expo Malaysia 2021 is a joint effort between the Malaysian Institute of Planners and Nextdor Property Communications, designed to allow for discourse and engagement amongst city stakeholders around the topic of city planning and development. The event also celebrates the 100th anniversary of formal town planning in Malaysia. To mark the occasion, a 5-day forum and 30-day exhibition will take place from November 8, 2021. For more information, go to [cityexpomalaysia.com](http://cityexpomalaysia.com).

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