



Persatuan Penumpang Pengangkutan Awam Pulau Pinang
Penang Public Transport Users Association

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PeTUA is a newly ROS registered NGO based in Penang. Its mission is to lobby all relevant bodies, at local, state and federal levels, to pursue public transport for Penang which is inclusive, safe, comfortable and efficient.

Our understanding of a local plan is to focus on details related to neighbourhood and surrounding areas, with detail proposals clear to residents living in the neighbourhood.

With regards to public transportation section, the DRTPP(PULAU) 2030 draft local plan has identified the following priorities (Jilid 1 bab 7, mukasurat 7-1) :

1. Pursue of Bayan Lepas LRT as the main transport mode for city area.
2. To increase public transport modal share to 40% by 2030.
3. To introduce additional 4 routes to the existing Rapid Penang operated bus public transport routes.

It is our opinion that the above objectives are flawed due to the following :

1. The LRT is unlikely to be completed by 2030 thus it should not be a priority in a local plan that expires on 2030. It is more of a RSN (Rancangan Struktur Negeri) item.
2. The present public transport modal share is less than 5% so the 40% target is not realistic and will lead to wrong priorities towards increasing the modal share.
3. It is better and more productive to focus first on the establishment of a comprehensive First Last Mile (FLM) service for the existing routes in order to improve ridership in a sustainable way.

We strongly feel that the chapter on public transportation needs to be totally revamped so as to put in place correct focus, targets and actions which are beneficial and achievable for the period ending 2030. The chapter affected is as follows :

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Bab 7 Keutamaan Perancangan 03
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Thank you.

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