



Infrastructure Development - Catalyst for Economic Resilience

Thursday, 19 November 2020, Kuching – For all those times when you feel your day is going tough and you are feeling overwhelmed, here’s an article that puts into perspective WHY we do what we do. As a Project Management Consultancy with a focus on infrastructure projects, it is important that you know and understand that WE at Maltimur DO make a difference to our community, State and Nation. Here’s why...

According to Senior Works Minister of Malaysia, Dato’ Sri Fadillah Yusof, **“The implementation of public infrastructure construction and maintenance projects are a catalyst for the country’s economic growth. These projects have double economic impacts on various sectors, thus benefiting the people as a whole.”**

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“Double economic impacts can be seen not only in high priority projects, such as Pan Borneo Highway Sarawak, but also in small scale projects involving the G1 to G4 contractors. Small-scale projects help boost economic growth at a time when various parties were affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

“With the allocation given to the Ministry, we are not only focused on the implementation of major projects such as the Pan Borneo Highway, but also in small projects so that these projects can run which ultimately boosts the economy at the grassroots level.”

In Budget 2021, Kementerian Kerja Raya Malaysia will receive an allocation of about RM7.3 billion, involving operating expenditure amounting to RM1.26 billion and development expenditure of RM6.09 billion. Of this amount, some RM3.8 billion has been allocated for new projects nationwide. Other allocations include expenditure to continue large-scale infrastructure projects, road construction and maintenance.

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Works Minister (WKM) will focus on the implementation of public infrastructure construction and maintenance projects next year, which are deemed to be a catalyst for the country's economic growth.

Senior Works Minister Dato' Sri Fadillah Yusof said that the implementation of the public projects were seen to be able to have double economic impacts on various sectors, thus benefiting the people as a whole.

"When a project is developed, it not only provides economic opportunities to the project contractor but it goes beyond that. It is because many parties are involved in one project, not only contractors but also architects, suppliers of equipment and machines, banks, lawyers and many more," he said in an interview with the media at the 2021 Budget at the JKKK Complex here yesterday.

He said that the double economic impacts could be seen not only in high priority projects but also in small-scale projects involving the G1 to G4 contractors.

He said that the small-scale projects would boost economic growth at a time when various parties were affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

"With the allocation given to the Ministry, we are not only focused on the implementation of major projects such as the Pan Borneo Highway, but also in small projects which ultimately boost the economy at the grassroots level," he said.

Fadillah added that his ministry would also allocate RM3.8 billion to carry out new projects nationwide under the 2021 Budget.

Fadillah at the Budget 2021 interview at the Ministry of Works in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

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Among the projects are the construction project of the Klang Third Bridge, Central Spine Road (CSR), upgrading bridge across the Marang River as well as upgrading the Kuala Kubu Highway.

"A total of RM620 million has been allocated to the Works Ministry to maintain and build new roads.

"Of that amount, RM420 million will be allocated under maintenance (highways) while another RM200 million is specifically for the G1 to G4 contractors," he said.

Fadillah said that his ministry would also take the approach of developing the country's dependence on foreign workers in the construction industry to provide opportunities for locals to fill job vacancies.

In this regard, he said, his ministry has been working closely with the Ministry of Human Resources to train locals to be absorbed in the construction industry as skilled and semi-skilled workers.

"Any individual who has benefited due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and is interested in working in the construction industry is strongly encouraged to apply.

"They can register with the Manpower Commission Industry Development Board (MCIIDB) and will be given training, so that they can use their skills in the industry," he said.

Meanwhile, Fadillah said that the Pan Borneo Sabah and Pan Borneo Sarawak Highway projects revealed the latest progress of 54 and 23 per cent respectively.

He said that Pan Borneo Sarawak is expected to be fully completed by 2022 as scheduled while Pan Borneo Sabah is experiencing a slight delay.

"We expect Pan Borneo Sabah to be completed in 2023 and 2025. It is a slight delay due to several factors including the construction of the MCO (Movement Control Order) due to COVID-19 and also the change of acquisition of the project during the previous Malaysian (PH) government administration," he said.

In the presentation of the 2021 Budget on Nov 9, KKR as a whole received an allocation of about RM7.3 billion, involving operating expenditure amounting to RM1.26 billion and development expenditure of RM6.09 billion.

The allocation also includes expenditure to continue large-scale infrastructure projects, road construction and maintenance.

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Allocation for Ministry of Works 2021

Total allocation for Ministry of Works is RM7.3 billion

Operating Expenditure of RM1.26 billion
Development Expenditure of RM6.09 billion

Road facilities in all states are optimally maintained
Limit on eligibility of Road Order (RO) is increased by 20% to 28 per cent at RM50 million which have to lower.

Increase the Use of Technology in the Construction Sector
The application period for investment for allowance for design-build-finance-operate (DBFO) equipment manufacturer extended to 31 December 2021.

New Projects RM3.8 billion

- 3rd Klang Bridge
- Central Spine Road
- Marang River Bridge
- Federal Road connecting Dork, Rank to Kuangang, Lunan and Pulin, Perak
- Pulu Indah Ring Road Phase 3
- Pan Borneo Highway Sabah (Emergency Package to Pitalan)
- Central Highlands Express Road

RM620 million Road Maintenance

- RM420 million allocated provided under maintenance contracts
- RM200 million for road maintenance by G1 to G4 contractors

RM15 billion for Transportation Infrastructure Development

- Pan Borneo Highway Project of Sabah and Sarawak
- Klang Valley Double-Track and First Phase
- Road Tenders System from Johor Bahru to Woodlands, Singapore
- Klang Valley MRT