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### **Bus Travel Time from Rawang to Central Market Cut by 23 percent**

**PUTRAJAYA:** The recently launched Bus Express Transit 5 (BET 5) plying the Rawang – Central Market (Pasar Seni) route, is expected to cut travel time by up to 23 percent, the Ministry of Transport lead NKRA (National Key Results Area) coordinator Ruhaizah Mohamed Rashid said.

BET is a system under the Government Transformation Programme (GTP)'s NKRA to improve urban public transport where buses utilise existing highways to link heavily populated areas and the city centre. The service, which is more of an enhancement to the current bus services, was introduced with the sole aim of shortening travel times for the routes chosen.

“Naturally, by using the highways, travel time will be significantly reduced as the highways are less congested than the normal routes,” Ruhaizah said. “These BET buses will be accorded priority toll lanes at toll plazas. The service will also have limited stops, which contribute to shorter travel times as well and will rely on the support of feeder buses and park-and-ride facilities to ensure sufficient ridership.

“This is one of the key initiatives of the NKRA to make the Klang Valley’s bus services more convenient and accessible to all commuters,” Ruhaizah said. “And the routes are selected based on the ‘high-catchment’ potential of the origin destination points.”

BET 5 is operated by Setara Jaya Sdn Bhd (SJ Bus) using four buses initially and would run the route of Bandar Tasik Puteri, Rawang Country Homes, Rawang Toll Plaza, PLUS, Jalan Duta Toll Plaza, Jalan Kuching, Jalan Sultan Ismail, Pertama Complex/Sogo and the Central Market (Pasar Seni). And instead of requiring more than two hours to complete the journey previously, the BET 5 service will now need only 1 hour and 40 minutes during the morning peak hour.

There are eight stops located at pockets of residential and commercial areas in and around Bandar Tasik Puteri and Rawang Country Homes. According to Ruhaizah, these stops were specifically selected on the basis of their proximity to the residential and commercial areas to provide easy access for commuters.

The bus fares – RM3.50 from Bandar Tasik Puteri and RM3.00 from Rawang Country Homes – charged according to the Commercial Vehicle Licensing Board (CVLB)’s zonal fares system, are similar to the KTM Komuter’s fare from Rawang to Kuala Lumpur. “We believe the fares are very competitive and should be an incentive for commuters to use the service,” Ruhaizah pointed out. “These competitive fares were deliberately designed to increase ridership and we hope the public will take advantage of it.”

The BET service ridership is expected to contribute a sizeable number of ridership towards achieving the 25 percent public transport modal split target by 2012.

There are currently four other BET bus services in the Klang Valley, all launched earlier this year. BET 1 and 2 were launched on January 12 while BET 3 and 4 were launched on January 21:

- BET 1 – Penchala Link (Kota Damansara to Pasar Seni), with an estimated **70 minutes reduction in travelling time** (from 120 minutes to 50 minutes).
- BET 2 – Grand Saga (Bandar Sungai Long to Pasar Seni), with an estimated **35 minutes reduction in travelling time** (from 85 minutes to 50 minutes).
- BET 3 – New Pantai Expressway (Subang Mewah to Pasar Seni), with an estimated **15 minutes reduction in travelling time** (from 75minutes to 60 minutes).
- BET 4 – KESAS (Sri Muda to Pasar Seni), with an estimated **15 minutes reduction in travelling time** (from 90 minutes to 75 minutes).

For further information on BET5 services, call Setara Jaya at 03-4021 4566 or 03-4021 6166.

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