

Underpass at Petra Jaya roundabout to be built soon

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KUCHING: The proposed underpass at the Datuk Abang Haji Kipali Roundabout in Petra Jaya will be built very soon now that the project has been awarded to a contractor.

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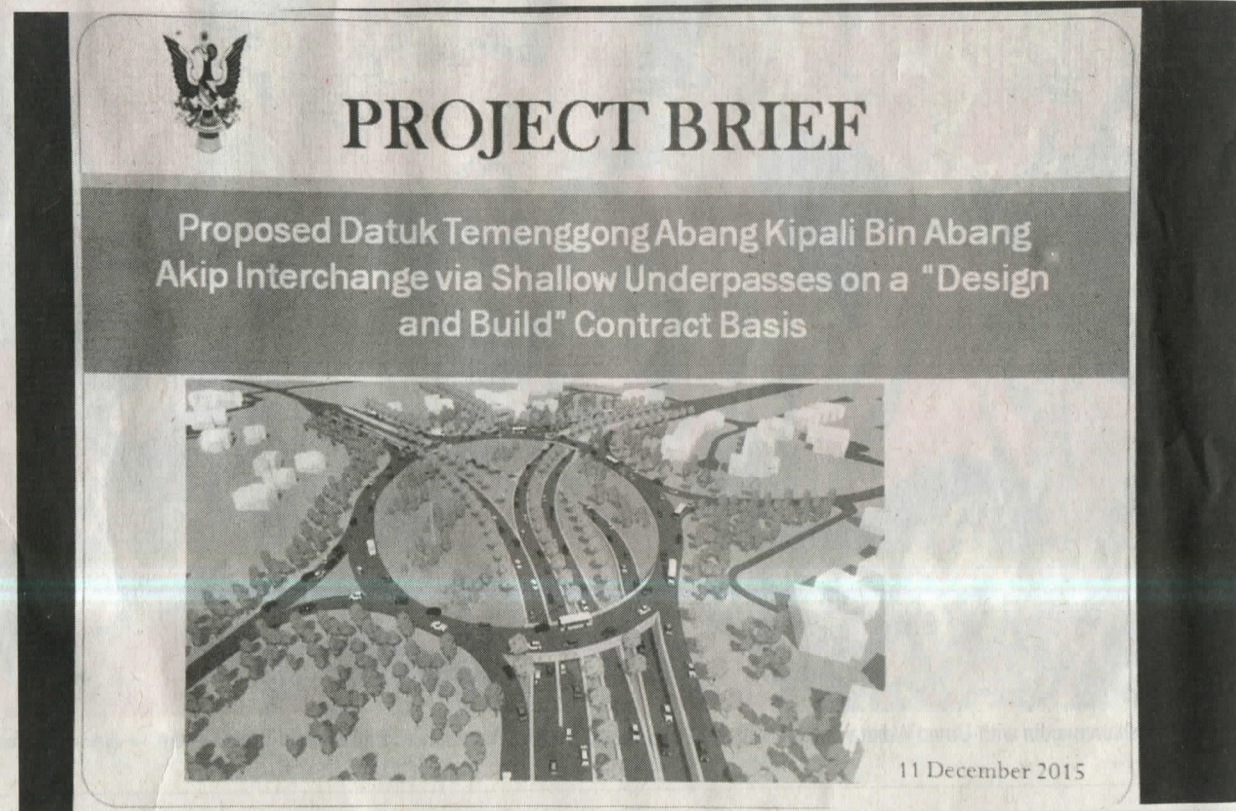
Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, Works Minister

The interchange will be built via shallow underpasses on a 'Design and Build' contract basis

Speaking to reporters at a press conference in Matang Jaya yesterday, Works Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof said a research revealed that an underpass would be more suitable for the area instead of a flyover.

"The contract sum for this project is RM67 million and the contract period is 24 months. The date of completion is Nov 25, 2017," he added.

Traffic congestion in Petra Jaya would be solved once the underpass was completed.



A slide shows the interchange project at Datuk Abang Haji Kipali Roundabout. — Photo by Chimon Upon

"The underpass concept is new, cleaner and capable of easing traffic congestion," he added.

Fadillah hoped the public would understand that the standard of roads built in the country was based on the budget from the government.

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Before the press conference he and other officials from

his ministry, Public Works Department and local councillors took time to inspect the dual carriageway project from E-Mart Roundabout in Matang to Stapok.

The project is scheduled for completion on Oct 1, 2017.