

# Penang Undersea Tunnel project under review following PPC proposal

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In a recent update reported by Buletin Mutiara, Penang State Government is set to examine the comprehensive proposals outlined in the Penang Port Commission's (PPC) Master Development Plan for the Penang Port. This comes in the wake of recent developments regarding the feasibility study for the undersea tunnel project, which was previously pending due to the awaited master plan from PPC involving the expansion of facilities at the Northern Butterworth Container Terminal (NBCT).

Chief Minister Y.A.B. Chow Kon Yeow stated that the state government had been unable to conclude the feasibility study for the undersea tunnel project as they awaited the master plan from PPC, which includes the expansion of facilities at NBCT. He further elaborated that the Steering Committee under the Infrastructure, Transportation, and Digital Exco, led by Zairil Khir Johari, would scrutinize the proposals put forth by PPC.

Kon Yeow emphasized that the Steering Committee would engage in further discussions before making any recommendations for the state government's consideration, ultimately leading to a final decision.

Whether the undersea tunnel project proceeds as planned or undergoes modifications, Kon Yeow expressed confidence that the Steering Committee would propose recommendations for the state government's deliberation.

In November 2023, Zairil highlighted that one of the considerations for implementing the undersea tunnel project was ensuring its alignment would not impede the expansion of dock facilities.

The undersea tunnel project, connecting Persiaran Gurney on the island to Bagan Ajam in Seberang Perai, constitutes Package 4 under the Penang Transport Master Plan (PTMP), aimed at alleviating traffic congestion in the state.

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