A more pleasant journey for motorists from August

Drivers can expect wider roads and smoother traffic flow when upgrading work on the 1.8km Jalan Gottlieb-Jalan Bagan Jermal stretch in Penang is wrapped up in August.

Penang Municipal Council president Patahiyah Ismail said the project that began this month cost approximately RM3.5mil.

"It will include the construction of a 400m bicycle lane and improvement of the drainage system along the road.

"Road users need not worry as the upgrading works for the next eight months will not affect the traffic flow," she said.

She was speaking after a council meeting in City Hall in George Town yesterday.

On a separate matter, she said the council would discuss with the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia what type of trees to plant along the 1.4km Jalan Datuk Keramat divider.

"We plan to plant 280 trees along the stretch.

"This project is expected to start in March," she said.