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KUALA LUMPUR: The study on the construction of the East Coast Expressway Phase 3 (LPT3) has been completed and submitted to the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) of the Prime Minister's Department, said Senior Works Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof.

He said the Works Ministry was waiting for further action from the relevant agencies and the EPU would decide if the expenditure for the LPT3 would be allocated in the first rolling plan of the 12th Malaysia Plan or in a later plan.

He said this would depend on the government's finances and take into consideration the project priority of each state.

"Our responsibility is to conduct research.

"We will now see what is the next course of action in terms of allocation," he said after the 11th Malaysian Road Conference and Exhibition and the 4th International Road Federation Asia-Pacific Regional Congress soft launch here yesterday.



Datuk Seri
Fadillah Yusof

The government has already approved preliminary work for the LPT3, costing RM35 million.

The LPT3 involves a 150km highway from Gemuroh, Terengganu, to Tumpat, Kelantan.

Asked if there was labour shortage in the construction sector, Fadillah said the problem had been eased following the re-entry of foreign workers last month.

On the road conference and the congress, he said the events would be held simultaneously from Oct 11 to 13 at the World Trade Centre here.

He said he hoped that innovative designs and building materials and new methods and techniques would be introduced during the three-day conference and congress.

He said the planning, construction, maintenance and management of 254,000km of federal and state roads must be looked into to ensure the infrastructure remained resilient. **Bernama**