

GEORGETOWN - SUNGAI PETANI - KULIM GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN

The formation of major national Conurbation is in line with the country's National Physical Plan (NPP) through NPP 2 policy which sets out the requirement for urban economic planning based on "Selective Concentration". Meanwhile, the NPP 11 policy also provides the planning and development of Conurbation as an integrated region which is coordinated through the establishment of the Regional Planning Committee (JPW).

Penang State Structural Plan 2005-2020, has been a parametric guideline that can be used in determining the Conurbation boundaries as follows: -

- i) The minimum travel time (45 minutes to George Town Conurbation and 30 minutes for the regional and the state capital Conurbation);
- ii) The main agricultural areas are determined by the NPP;
- iii) Priority Environmentally Sensitive Area; and
- iv) Committed Development.

The location of George Town in the north of Peninsular Malaysia gives many advantages especially in establishing contacts and cooperation with regional countries and bordering territories. This strategic location will strengthen and reinforce its role as the northern region in contributing to the major economic development of the country.

Georgetown - Sungai Petani - Kulim Growth Management Plan Study is located on the north side of Peninsular Malaysia covering an area of 393,884.0 hectares (3,938 square miles), covering the entire State of Pulau Pinang (North West District, North East District, Seberang Perai Utara District, Seberang Perai Tengah District, Seberang Perai Selatan District), Kuala Muda District, Kulim District, Bandar Baharu District in Kedah State and Kerian District in Perak State (Figure 1.1).

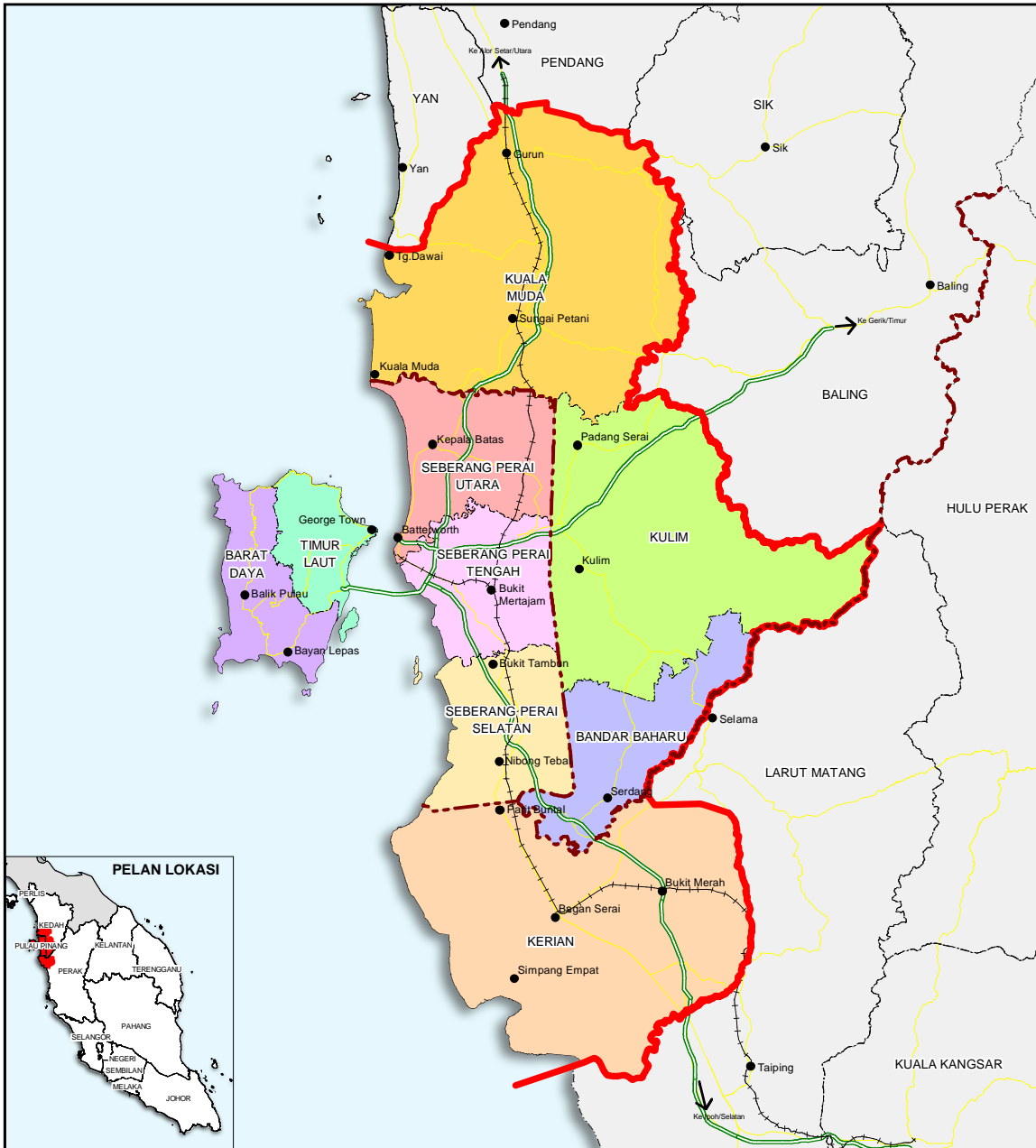
Regional Planning Division will conduct this study in 2013. This study will be based on the study scope which focuses on five main clusters:

- i. Regional Land Use Planning
- ii. Economy
- iii. Transport System
- iv. Infrastructure and Utilities
- v. Management and Implementation

Sectoral study will focus on the key issues identified in the Georgetown - Sungai Petani - Kulim regional growth areas which includes population and employment, land use, urban settlement, economy base, agriculture, industry, tourism, communication and transport, irrigation and drainage, management solid and toxic waste, water supply and management and implementation.

The hope from this research is to provide the guideline in coordinating development for areas with boundaries of different State Authority / Local Authority, and thus gives an impact on the effectiveness of the planning and management of sustainable human settlements, as well as achieving balance and stimulate regional economic development.

Figure 1.1: Area of Georgetown – Sungai Petani – Kulim Growth Management Plan



RAJAH 1.1 : KAWASAN KAJIAN GEORGE TOWN CONURBATION

