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**KLANG VALLEY MRT PUBLIC DISPLAY SHOWS MAJORITY WANT THE PROJECT
SPAD also held more than 50 meetings with relevant stakeholders**

Kuala Lumpur, 7 June 2011 - The Klang Valley MRT (KVMRT) Sungai Buloh - Kajang Line project concluded its Public Display of the railway scheme across seven locations in the Klang Valley on 14 May 2011 with a resounding 91 percent support for the project. The KVMRT Public Display, which ran for three months beginning 14 February 2011, registered over 6,000 comments and suggestions from various channels, including feedback forms, logbooks, emails, helpline and letters.

The Suruhanjaya Pengangkutan Awam Darat (SPAD) which led the public display was encouraged by the strong attendance and show of support by members of the public who visited the public display and registered their opinion.

“We are very encouraged by the numbers obtained. Public participation and feedback is very important to us. Over the past three months, we have received over to 6,000 responses with an overall, 91% public support towards implementation of the KVMRT Sungai Buloh - Kajang line,” said Mohd Nur Kamal, CEO of the Suruhanjaya Pengangkutan Awam Darat (SPAD).

“We’re very glad to see this, because what this says is the public has been very objective towards this project from the very beginning. Through the various stakeholder engagements that we have organized, we have seen the majority are in support of the KVMRT project. When we studied the objections, they were mostly connected to the proposed alignment and environmental issues, which we are now seriously looking into,” he added further.

“SPAD in its role as the regulator of public transport and supervising authority for the KVMRT Sungai Buloh - Kajang project is now closely analyzing all public feedback. The next step, we will be presenting the findings to the Government to ensure that the project owners deliver a MRT line that will meet the aspirations of a cost-efficient, convenient and socio-economically beneficial public transportation option.



“We are very pleased that the rakyat took this opportunity to provide constructive feedback for SPAD to evaluate and act accordingly. After all, let us not forget, it is our MRT. It is meant to serve everyone,” added Mohd Nur.

The Land Public Transport Commission (SPAD) kicked off its local councils and residents’ association meeting to share and encourage feedback on the KVMRT project as early as February 2011.

Following the success of its KVMRT open day on 13 February 2011, SPAD organized more than 50 meetings with the relevant Local Councils, MPs and Residents Associations over a period of just 90 days to listen and address concerns and issues that were raised, while providing all parties an additional channel of feedback.

The public engagement meetings are part of SPAD’s pledge to listen to the public feedback and concerns surrounding the KVMRT project and share information on the proposed Sungai Buloh - Kajang line. This included the planned alignment of the 51km line and locations of 35 stations running along the route, land potentially affected by acquisition, environmental mitigation measures, project construction details and station features.

The public display was held at seven locations for three months from 14 February 2011 to 14 May 2011. They are Kuala Lumpur City Hall (Menara DBKL), Petaling Jaya City Council (Menara MPPJ), Shah Alam City Council, Selayang Municipal Council and Kajang Municipal Council as well as at Bangsar LRT Station and the Suruhanjaya Pengangkutan Awam Darat (SPAD) office in Menara Dayabumi.

Public can continue to provide feedback by email to feedback@kvmrt.com.my.

About SPAD

Suruhanjaya Pengangkutan Awam Darat (SPAD) was officially established on 3 June 2010 following the passing of the Land Public Transport Act 2010 by Parliament in May 2010. The Commission gained its full powers on 31 January 2011 with the gazetting of the Land Public Transport Act 2010. SPAD, which comes directly under the purview of the Prime Minister, brings the functions of drawing up policies, planning and regulating all aspects of train, bus and taxi services as well as road- and rail-based freight transport under one roof. The Commission also has enforcement powers which it will carry out with close cooperation with other enforcement agencies such as the Royal Malaysian Police and the Road Transport Department.



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