

Pasar Seni MRT station gets rolling

WAY FORWARD: The Klang Bus Stand, Plaza Warisan and UDA Ocean building to make way for underground interchange

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WORK to redevelop the old Klang Bus Stand into the new underground Pasar Seni Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) station commenced yesterday.

The MRT station is expected to be biggest and busiest station on the alignment with a ridership of 25,000 passengers per hour, per direction.

The Klang Bus Stand is one of the three government properties, together with Plaza Warisan and the

UDA Ocean building, that will make way for the underground MRT interchange.

MRT Corporation (Corp) and MMC-Gamuda KVMRT (PDP) Sdn Bhd, will oversee the project, which is undertaken by Pembinaan CW Yap Sdn Bhd.

Initial prep work on the MRT station started last month. The redevelopment project will take six months to complete. This includes the process of handover of buildings to the contractor, termination of utilities, perimeter hoarding scaffolding with safety netting, excava-

MMC-GAMUDA station construction manager Alvin Goh at the soon-to-be-demolished Klang Bus Stand. Pic by Farizul Hafiz Awang



tion and cleaning.

MRT Corp Stakeholder and Land director Haris Fadzilah Hassan said demolition of the buildings would start next month, and all work is to be completed by November.

"While the redevelopment is critical to ensure that the construction of the MRT is according to schedule, we will ensure minimal disruption to businesses during the redevelopment period," he said.

Haris said there should not be any road closures during the duration of the project.

"If there is a need to close the roads, then the road closure would take place from during the time of midnight to 5am. This will ensure no

disruptions of traffic in the area."

Haris said once the MRT was up and running, it would enable the Pasar Seni MRT to be integrated with the existing Pasar Seni LRT station. "This will create a more vibrant and attractive environment for the Jalan Sultan and Jalan Petaling areas," he said.

On the situation with the property owners at Jalan Sultan, Haris said discussions were ongoing with the relevant stakeholders. He said MRT Corp would be holding a briefing of the tunneling works for the stakeholders next Monday.

"We have reiterated that there will be no demolition or land acquisition in Jalan Sultan. Some landowners

have asked if they could stay put during the tunneling work phase.

"We told the owners that they would have to allow us to check the structural integrity of their buildings. If the structure is not strong, then we would have no choice but to ask the owners to vacate the buildings," he said.

Haris said MRT Corp's recommendation was for the property owners to vacate their premises during tunneling works.

"Structural damage we can repair, but the owners, they should move out for their own safety," he said.

Haris said MRT Corp was confident the issues with the landowners would be soon resolved.