

Alternative routes to avoid MRT sites

OPTIONS: Motorists urged to use other roads to bypass possible congestion during the construction of the Sungai Buloh-Kajang My Rapid Transit line

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MASS Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) has identified alternative routes for motorists during the construction of the Sungai Buloh-Kajang My Rapid Transit (MRT) line.

In a briefing with the media yesterday, MRT Corp communications and public relations director Amir Mahmood Razak said there were 13 alternative routes in eight areas along the 51km MRT line.

"The routes are to help motorists who are using roads prone

to congestion which is likely to worsen," he said, adding that the areas were Sungai Buloh, Kg Baru Sg Buloh, PJU 5, Dataran Sunway, Curve, Semantan, Pusat Bandar Damansara, KL Sentral, Bukit Bintang, Cochrane, Maluri, Bukit Raja, Menara Leisure and Pheonix.

The other areas are Suntext, Cuepacs, Balakong and Taman Cuepacs where the MRT line is aligned with the Grand Saga Highway.

Motorists heading for the city via Jalan Duta can bypass the congestion at MRT work sites by exiting at Jalan Parlimen and getting onto Jalan Tun Perak before turning into Jalan Raja Chulan. They can then head to Jalan Bukit Bintang and Jalan Tun Razak.

From Jalan Tun Razak, they can use the road near the Selangor Golf Club, drive to Jalan Loke Yew and then get onto Jalan Mahameru and Jalan Duta.

Motorists from the city using Jalan Tun Razak to get to Jalan Kg Pandan, heading for Cheras, should get onto Jalan Perkasa and then MRR2 before getting to the East West Link and getting back to Jalan Cheras.

Alternatively, they can get onto the KL Seremban Highway or use the Smart Tunnel, get onto the East West Link and head back towards Jalan Cheras.

To bypass MRT work sites at Sungai Buloh, motorists using the busy thoroughfare of Jalan Kepong-Kuala Selangor to Kota Damansara can use Jalan Ke-

pong-Kuala Selangor head for the NKVE Sungai Buloh toll and exit to Persiaran Kenanga before getting onto Persiaran Surian.

Motorists using Persiaran Surian at Kota Damansara to get to TTDI from the Sprint Highway are urged to use the NKVE instead of exiting at the Damansara toll, and getting back on the Sprint before turning off at the Bukit Kiara Muslim Cemetery to head back to TTDI.

This will help them avoid the work sites on the LDP and the Sprint. To avoid the cluster of MRT work sites at Semantan and Pusat Bandar Damansara, motorists from TTDI are advised to get on the Sprint using the Penchala Link before getting onto

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From/To	Alternative Routes
Sungai Buloh – Kota Damansara	
Sungai Buloh (Jalan Kuala Selangor) to Kota Damansara (Persiaran Surian)	Jalan Kuala Selangor – NKVE (Sg Buloh Toll) – NKVE (Kota Damansara Toll) – Persiaran Kenanga – Persiaran Surian
Kota Damansara – TTDI	
Kota Damansara (Persiaran Surian) to TTDI (SPRINT Highway - Damansara Link)	Persiaran Surian – Persiaran Kenanga – NKVE (Kota Damansara Toll Plaza) – NKVE (Damansara Toll Plaza) – SPRINT Highway (Damansara Link)
Mutiara Damansara / Curve – Pusat Bandar Damansara	
Mutiara Damansara / Curve to Pusat Bandar Damansara	Persiaran Surian – Jln PJU 7/1 – Jalan PJU 7/9 – SPRINT (Penchala Link) – SPRINT (Kerinci Link) – SPRINT (Damansara Link) – Pusat Bandar Damansara
TTDI – City	
Mutiara Damansara / Curve to City (Jalan Kuching)	Persiaran Surian – Jln PJU 7/1 – Jalan PJU 7/9 – SPRINT (Penchala Link) – Jalan Duta – Jalan Kuching
TTDI to City (Jalan Maharajalela)	SPRINT (Damansara Link) – SPRINT (Kerinci Link, Kerinci Toll Plaza) – Jalan Syed Putra – Jalan Maharajalela
TTDI to City (Jalan Duta)	SPRINT (Damansara Link) – SPRINT (Kerinci Link, Sri Hartamas direction) – Jalan Duta
City Centre (Jalan Duta – Jln Tun Razak)	
Jalan Duta (near Jalan Semantan) to Jalan Tun Razak (near Royal Selangor Golf Club)	Jalan Duta – Jalan Parlimen – Jalan Tun Perak – Jalan Raja Chulan – Jalan Bukit Bintang – Jalan Tun Razak
Jalan Tun Razak (near Royal Selangor Golf Club) to Jalan Duta (near Jln Semantan)	Jalan Tun Razak – Jalan Loke Yew – Jalan Syed Putra – Lebuhraya Mahameru – Jalan Duta
City – Cheras	
Jalan Tun Razak (near Royal Selangor Golf Club) to Jalan Cheras	Jalan Tun Razak – Jalan Kg Pandan – Jalan Perkasa – MRR2 – East West link – Jalan Cheras
Jalan Tun Razak (near Royal Selangor Golf Club) to Jalan Cheras	Jalan Tun Razak – KL Seremban Highway / SMART Tunnel – East West Link – Jalan Cheras

From/ To	Alternative Routes
Cheras – Balakong / Sg Long	
Jalan Cheras to Jalan Sg Long	Jalan Cheras – East West Link – MRR2 – Besraya Expressway – SILK (The Mines) – Jalan Sg Long
Balakong / Sg Long – Kajang	
Balakong to Jalan Reko (Kajang)	Grand Saga Highway – SILK (Sg Balak Toll Plaza) – SILK (Sg Ramai Toll Plaza) – Jalan Reko (Kajang)
Balakong to Jalan Reko (Kajang)	Grand Saga Highway – Persiaran Saujana Impian – SILK (Bkt Kajang Toll Plaza) – Jalan Reko (Kajang)

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the Kerinci Link and head for Jalan Duta and Jalan Kuching. They can also exit at the Kerinci Link and head for Jalan Syed Putra and Jalan Maharajalela.

However, the suggested routes may not help in reducing traffic congestion during peak hours, said Amir.

He said the corporation was also talking to other public transport providers and operators such as KTM and Prasarana to beef up their services.

Prasarana, for instance, was called to provide more buses and feeder services from bus stops at neighbourhoods and commercial areas to train stations.

Amir said that on its part, MRT Corp would try to avoid closing lanes during construction and if needed, it would only do so between midnight and 5am.

He also said that besides making complaints on their hotline and giving feedback at its website, the public can also complain about noise, potholes or dangerous roads to the authorities.

To view the suggested alternative routes, log onto www.mymrt.com.my. The public can also visit its information centres at Kota Damansara, TTDI, KL Sentral, Kajang and Bandar Tun Hussein Onn, or call the MRT hotline at 1-800-826-868