

Second round of lane closure on Sprint Highway

THE trial closure of the left-most lane on the Sprint Highway on Oct 29 did not show any major impact on Kuala Lumpur-bound traffic, said Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd.

However, since the closure was done immediately after a long weekend, MRT Corp and its contractors intend to do another round of trial closure, to allow for further observation and prolonged assessment on traffic flow.

The new round of closure will be implemented for seven days beginning Nov 1 to 7. The left-most lane of

the Sprint Highway, from the Bukit Kiara junction to the Jalan Maarof junction (Kuala Lumpur-bound) will be closed from 9am to 4pm.

MRT Corp strategic communications and public relations Amir Mahmood Razak said the extended trial closure was discussed with Sprint officials, who have given the go-ahead.

"The second trial closure of the lane will allow us to further assess the impact on traffic flow in the area over the weekdays as well as weekend.

"We are aware this is a very busy

area, but due to the limited work area available, this trial is necessary for us to be able to plan for contingencies," he said.

The four-lane road does not have an emergency lane, while the immediate left side is a slope, followed by some houses.

Amir further explained the need for trial in the area was to ensure that during construction, impact on the traffic flow can be managed better.

"We need to build a retaining wall near the slope, which will allow us to build an additional lane next to

the wall.

"We will then take the right-most lane, where the piers will be located. So the traffic in the area will then revert to a three-lane system," said Amir.

During the trial closure, traffic personnel will be on site to ensure traffic flow is monitored. Safety barriers and traffic cones will be placed at the work site to ensure road users are pre-warned of on-going works.

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