

Second closure of Sprint leftmost lane

KUALA LUMPUR: The trial closure of the leftmost lane of the Sprint Highway on Oct 29 did not have a major impact on traffic bound for the city.

This is according to Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp), which effected the closure.

For further observation and prolonged assessment of traffic flow, MRT Corp is implementing another trial closure, this time for seven days, beginning today and ending Wednesday.

The leftmost 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 during the seven days.

MRT Corp strategic communications and public relations director Amir Mahmood Razak said the extended trial closure was decided after discussions with Sprint officials, who gave the go-ahead.

"The second trial closure of the lane will allow us to see its impact on traffic flow in the area on weekdays as well as the weekend. We are aware that it is a very busy area, but due to the limited work area available, the trial is necessary for us to be able to plan for contingencies," said Amir.

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

Amir said the trial closure was to ensure that the impact of construction work on the traffic flow there would be better managed.

"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 take the rightmost lane, where the piers will be located. The traffic will then revert to a three-lane system," he said.

During the trial closure, traffic personnel will be on site to monitor traffic flow. Safety barriers and traffic cones to warn road users of roadworks on progress.

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