

Work on final stretch begins

All sections of MRT being built on schedule

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CONSTRUCTION work has begun on the eighth and final elevated portions of the Klang Valley My Rapid Transit (MRT) that starts from Taman Mesra, Cheras, in line with the schedule that covers the final stretch of the Sungai Buloh-Kajang line.

MRT Corp strategic communications and public relations director Amir Mahmood Razak said the Viaduct 8 (V8) package, including the construction of the 1.8km line to the Kajang Depot, was awarded to UEM Construction Sdn Bhd for RM951mil in September this year.

He said there would be three park-and-ride stations namely Saujana Impian, Bandar Kajang and Kajang along the route that starts from Taman Mesra in Cheras.

There will be a bridge that commuters can



In progress: (From left) Mohd Razin, Amir Mahmood and MMC-Gamuda KVMRT (Project Delivery Partner) Sdn Bhd general manager Adil Putra Ahmad checking out the information display at the Bandar Tun Hussein Onn MRT Info Centre.

use to get to the Kajang KTM station.

"Works on V8 are in the pre-construction stage while works on V1 to V7 are progressing along," he said, adding that for V8 the timeline was from this month to December 2016.

UEM Construction Sdn Bhd is a subsidiary of UEM Builders Bhd which is the construction arm of UEM Group Bhd.

UEM Builders managing director Mohd Razin Ghazali said the contract was to complete construction works in four years and maintain the V8 portion for a year after that.

The works are being done in a staggered manner starting with pre-works and utilities works followed by bored piling works, pier construction, segmental box girders launching works and construction of elevated stations.

"We have engaged various experienced consultants to manage problems that the public will be most concerned about including traffic

management, safety, environment and utilities such as water and electricity supply," Mohd Razin said, adding that they would be working closely with the relevant authorities and issue media notices when needed.

The V8 package includes a few permanent river improvement works in the form of concrete walls at the locations the alignment crosses at Sungai Langat, Sungai Jeloh and Sungai Merbau.

On a separate matter, Amir said they would be conducting a structural condition survey on the buildings affected by the MRT along Jalan Sultan as requested by the owners of the premises.

"We will wait for the results before deciding whether there is a need for them to move out temporarily while we perform the tunnelling," he said, adding that safety was their topmost priority.