



## MEDIA RELEASE

# TRIAL PARTIAL CLOSURE OF TWO LANES ON SPRINT HIGHWAY HEADING TOWARDS JALAN MAAROF INTERCHANGE

**Kuala Lumpur, 11 April 2013:** Mass Rapid Transit Corporation (MRT Corp) wishes to announce that the **left-most** and **middle** lanes of the SPRINT Highway towards Jalan Maarof junction (KL-bound) will undergo a trial partial closure for **two days** on **13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April 2013**, from **10.00am to 4.00pm**. This closure involves a 430-metre stretch, which starts right after Victoria Station Restaurant to Wisma Lensa. (Please see appended Map.)

This trial closure is intended to allow MRT Corp and its contractors to study the impact of the closure on the traffic flow at SPRINT Highway on a weekend. The closure of two lanes is necessary to accommodate the large construction machines and vehicles that are needed during the construction of the retaining wall along SPRINT Highway (behind the houses of Jalan Kasah). The retaining wall is constructed because of the new additional traffic lane on SPRINT Highway, as the MRT piers and track will be in the median of SPRINT Highway.

This trial partial closure on the weekend is deliberated in response to the concerns raised by Jalan Kasah residents. As the MRT construction works is happening on SPRINT Highway, the construction working hours are limited to the off-peak hours in consideration of the impact to the heavy traffic at this highway. Thus at times, construction had to be carried out during the night when the traffic impact is minimal. However, with the study of this trial closure on the weekend, it will allow MRT Corp and the highway authorities to review the traffic impact if construction works can be done for longer hours during the weekend from 10:00am-4:00pm with lanes closed at the SPRINT Highway.

The closure is a key part of our safety practice at all MRT construction sites, to ensure that any risk of public injury is minimised. Motorists are reminded to drive carefully near MRT worksites, and to follow directional signs.

Safety barriers, hoardings and traffic cones will be installed at the worksites to ensure road users and pedestrians are well-informed of on-going works. In addition, a 24-hour MRT Ronda will be patrolling along the routes to attend to any emergencies.



MRT Corp wishes to apologise for any temporary inconvenience caused to the public during the construction of this world-class public transport facility that will benefit Malaysians at large.

The Sungai-Buloh Kajang Line will comprise 31 stations, and serve 1.2 million people along the route. It will also have strategic integration with Kuala Lumpur's existing rail transport network, namely the LRT, Monorail and KTM Komuter, as well as intra and inter-city bus routes. The end result will be better connectivity for KL and its surrounding cities, while reducing the number of cars that enter the capital.

For more information on traffic announcements, the public can visit the MRT website at [www.mymrt.com.my](http://www.mymrt.com.my) or [www.mymrt-underground.com.my](http://www.mymrt-underground.com.my), twitter @MRTMalaysia or twitter @MyMRT Underground or call the MRT Hotline at 1-800-82-6868.

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