



## MEDIA RELEASE

# NO CLOSURE OF LANES AT JALAN CHERAS DURING PEAK HOURS

**Kuala Lumpur, 21 September 2013:** Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) refers to media reports yesterday claiming that the MRT Project was causing massive traffic congestion along Jalan Cheras.

The reports stated that the congestion was caused by the closure of lanes near Cheras Batu Sembilan Toll Plaza and also by the termination of the contraflow along Jalan Cheras.

MRT Corp would like to clarify that the claims made in the reports are incorrect.

Although there are various locations along Jalan Cheras and the Cheras-Kajang (Grand Saga) Highway where the construction of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line is being carried out, MRT Corp has not closed any lanes along those roads during peak hours.

MRT Corp Director of Strategic Communications and Public Relations Encik Amir Mahmood Razak said, all traffic management plans (TMP) implemented by their Works Package Contractors (WPC) does not involve the closure of lanes of very busy roads, especially during peak hours.

"The TMPs have to be approved by authorities or a highway concessionaire, or both, before MRT Corp gives final approval. It is also our practice to ensure all road diversions or realignments of busy roads does not decrease the number of lanes from the existing number, except during non-peak hours. Again, even this requires the tacit approval of authorities and concessionaires."

"For the location of Jalan Cheras mentioned in the news reports, the number of lanes for both Kajang- and Kuala Lumpur-bound remains the same at four lanes for each.



What we have done is realigned and narrowed the lanes to accommodate the work site in the median of the road. But the number of lanes remains the same," he said.

Amir also denied claims that the MRT Project had resulted in the stopping of the contraflow for Jalan Cheras which is implemented during the morning and evening peak hours.

"As far as we know, the contraflow is still being implemented. At no time has MRT Corp asked authorities to cease the implementation of the contraflow," he said.

Amir also denied the claim that the slip road to Jalan Medan Masria from the Cheras-Kajang Highway has been closed.

"Our WPC has placed New Jersey Barriers (NJB) along the road, including at the chevrons but no roads have been closed. The NJBs protect the work area, as well as prevent road users from entering the area. But no road closures are in effect at that particular junction," he said.

Amir said he sympathised with road users who were caught in traffic congestion.

"Jalan Cheras is already very busy and very prone to traffic congestion. The area it serves is continuously being developed, resulting in more vehicles using the road.

"With the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line, it is hoped that the pressure on Jalan Cheras due to increased population and traffic can be alleviated by giving people the option of using the MRT to travel to the city. I ask that road users bear with the temporary inconvenience while we build an efficient and important option for them," he said.

Amir said MRT Corp welcomed feedback and was open to discussing issues with any party over any issue, including traffic congestion. He added that they receive many such feedback and views it positively, as it allows them to improve on their efforts to minimise inconvenience to the affected residents and road users.

*ENDS*



## **About the MRT Project**

*MRT is a new rail transport system for the Klang Valley. It is part of the government's Greater Kuala Lumpur/Klang Valley's National Key Economic Area (NKEA), under the Economic Transformation Programme. The Sungai Buloh – Kajang (SBK) Line runs for 51kms, from the north-west town of Sg Buloh to the south-east city town of Kajang. Upon completion, it will comprise 31 stations, and serve 1.2 million people along the route. It will also have strategic integration with KL'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 media enquiries, please contact:***

**Mr. Leong Shen-Li**  
MRT Corp

03-20813182 / [leong.shen-li@mymrt.com.my](mailto:leong.shen-li@mymrt.com.my)

**Ms. Nadia Azmi**  
MRT Corp

03-20813185 / [nadia.azmi@mymrt.com.my](mailto:nadia.azmi@mymrt.com.my)