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MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line progress at 28.55%

Phase One of project on track for operations in December 2016

Kuala Lumpur, 6 November 2013: The overall progress of the 51km MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line has reached 28.55%, two years after its official launch.

Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) Chief Executive Officer Datuk Wira Azhar Abdul Hamid, in announcing this during a briefing to the media today, said he was satisfied with the progress achieved thus far.

"We are certainly on track to begin operations of Phase One between Sungai Buloh and Semantan Stations by 31 December 2016, and Phase Two which covers the remainder of the line from Semantan to Kajang Stations by 31 July 2017," Datuk Azhar said.

Datuk Azhar said work has been progressing very well and no major issues have surfaced which could affect the delivery of the project according to the targeted dates.

"Around the same time last year during a briefing session to the media, construction was at a mere 3%. Today, it is 28.55%. This means the project has progressed at a very good speed in the past year," Datuk Wira Azhar said.

During the briefing, MRT Corp Project Director Mr Marcus Karakashian gave details of the project progress as follows:

ITEM		PROGRESS
Overall progress		28.55%
Elevated section		19.87%
Underground section	Overall	41.53%
	Tunnelling	18%
	Underground stations	41%
Systems (Trains, signaling, automatic fare collection etc)		19.87%

The length of the underground section of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line is 9.5km while that of the elevated section, which is divided into the northern and southern sections, is 41.5km. The entire line has 31 stations, of which seven are underground stations.

Mr Karakashian said among the highlights in the construction of the project were that five tunnel boring machines (TBMs) were currently in operation.



“The TBMs have been performing well and the tunnelling rate is good,” he said.

Mr Karakashian said the construction of all seven underground stations is also progressing well.

For the elevated section, Mr Karakashian said 70% of the overall piling work has been completed.

“Eight out of 18 launching gantries for the construction of the elevated guideway are on site. To date, we have completed 26 spans of the guideway,” Mr Karakashian added.

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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.

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