

MEDIA RELEASE

CLOSURE JALAN BUKIT BINTANG (UPDATE)

Kuala Lumpur, 23 April 2014: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) wishes to provide an update on the road closure at Jalan Bukit Bintang (Jalan Tun Razak-bound only) between Chulan Square and Menara Worldwide today.

The road closure was implemented immediately after the MRT Project Underground Works Contractor MMC Gamuda KVMRT (T) Sdn Bhd detected a slight depression beneath the pedestrian walkway.

Upon detection of the depression, the contractor immediately deployed its Emergency Response Team (ERT) and contacted the authorities. A decision was made in accordance with the MRT Project Standard Operation Procedures to close a 500m stretch of Jalan Bukit Bintang (Jalan Tun Razak-bound only) to ensure minimum risk to the public. The police and the ERT personnel were immediately on the ground to direct traffic.

The closure, which began from 9am, enabled soil strengthening works by compacting grouting for the area beneath the walkway to be carried out.

The stretch at Jalan Bukit Bintang **will remain closed until 6am tomorrow** to enable compacting grouting to continue. During the closure, **a traffic contra-flow has been implemented** whereby traffic from Bukit Bintang heading to Jalan Tun Razak will be directed onto two lanes on the opposite (Bukit Bintang-bound) side of the road. Two remaining lanes will still be available for Bukit Bintang bound traffic.

MRT Corp Director of Strategic Communications and Public Relations Encik Amir Mahmood Razak said the depression did not create a big hole causing cars to fall in nor damage property.

"Our Standard Operating Procedure kicked in and the road was immediately closed when the first signs of a depression appeared which were spotted by personnel.

"I categorically deny all rumours saying that cars have fallen into a hole. I urge those spreading such rumours to stop such irresponsible behaviour which can create panic among members of the public," he said.

Road users are advised to use alternative roads to avoid the area. Traffic from Bukit Bintang heading to Jalan Tun Razak can turn into Jalan Imbi at Chulan Square, and then turn left into Jalan Inai, then left again into Jalan Kampung and rejoin Jalan Bukit Bintang at the traffic lights where they can turn right to head to Jalan Tun Razak. Alternatively, they can proceed straight along Jalan Inai and reach Jalan Tun Razak directly.



Another alternative route is by proceeding along Jalan Imbi and turning left at the SMART Tunnel entrance road, and proceeding to the Kampung Pandan Roundabout where they can access Jalan Tun Razak. Please see map attached.

Traffic police and ERT personnel will be on the ground to help direct traffic. Motorists are reminded to drive carefully near the area.

MRT Corp wishes to apologise for the inconvenience caused.

For more information the public can visit the MRT website at **www.mymrt.com.my** or **www.mymrt-underground.com.my**, Twitter **@MRTMalaysia** or **@MyMRT Underground**, Facebook **@MRTMalaysia** or call the MRT Hotline at 1-800-82-6868.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ON JALAN BUKIT BINTANG

