



MEDIA RELEASE

CLOSURE AT JALAN BUKIT BINTANG (6.00 AM UPDATE)

Kuala Lumpur, 25 April 2014: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) wishes to provide an update on the road closure at Jalan Bukit Bintang.

At 10.42pm yesterday night, a sinkhole had appeared at the left lane of Jalan Bukit Bintang (Jalan Tun Razak-bound). This is at the same location where two depressions on road had earlier been detected on Wednesday and Thursday.

The sinkhole measures 10m in length, 3.5m wide and about 2m deep. It developed within the area that had earlier been hoarded with New Jersey Barriers.

Utility companies Telekom Malaysia, Tenaga Nasional Bhd, Maxis and Gas Malaysia were alerted of the incident. Their personnel were on site and at the time of this release, no utility disruption was recorded.

Immediate checks showed that the incident did not pose any danger to buildings near the site of the incident, such as Bangunan LTAT, Menara Worldwide and Chulan Square. Other buildings along the route of the tunnel boring machine along Jalan Bukit Bintang are also not at any risk.

Teams of engineers from MRT Corp and MMC Gamuda immediately started rectification work such as backfilling which will then be followed by compaction grouting and road repairs. Soil investigation is also being carried out.

MRT Corp Director of Strategic Communications and Public Relations Encik Amir Mahmood Razak said MRT Corp and MMC Gamuda were aware of the risks of tunnelling in this area which has Karstic Limestone formation.

"This was why MRT Corp and our contractor MMC Gamuda have been extremely vigilant and took the necessary precautions. It is unfortunate that this sinkhole has happened but we are also very thankful that we detected and took action at a very early stage," he said.

In view of the latest development, the 500m stretch of Jalan Bukit Bintang (Jalan Tun Razak-bound) between Chulan Square and Menara Worldwide will remain closed to all traffic.

During the road closure, a traffic contra-flow is being 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. The remaining lanes on Jalan Bukit Bintang (Imbi and Jalan Pudu-bound) remain open.



Access to both Bangunan LTAT and Menara Worldwide will be affected. Tenants and visitors of Bangunan LTAT will have access to the basement parking but the slip road to rejoin Jalan Bukit Bintang will be closed. Tenants and visitors to Menara Worldwide will need to follow the contra lanes along Jalan Bukit Bintang and turn left at the end of the road divider.

Traffic police and MMC Gamuda's emergency response team will be at hand to manage traffic flow especially during peak hours.

Alternative routes to the area are also available. 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, motorists can proceed straight along Jalan Inai and reach Jalan Tun Razak directly near the Indonesian Embassy.

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.

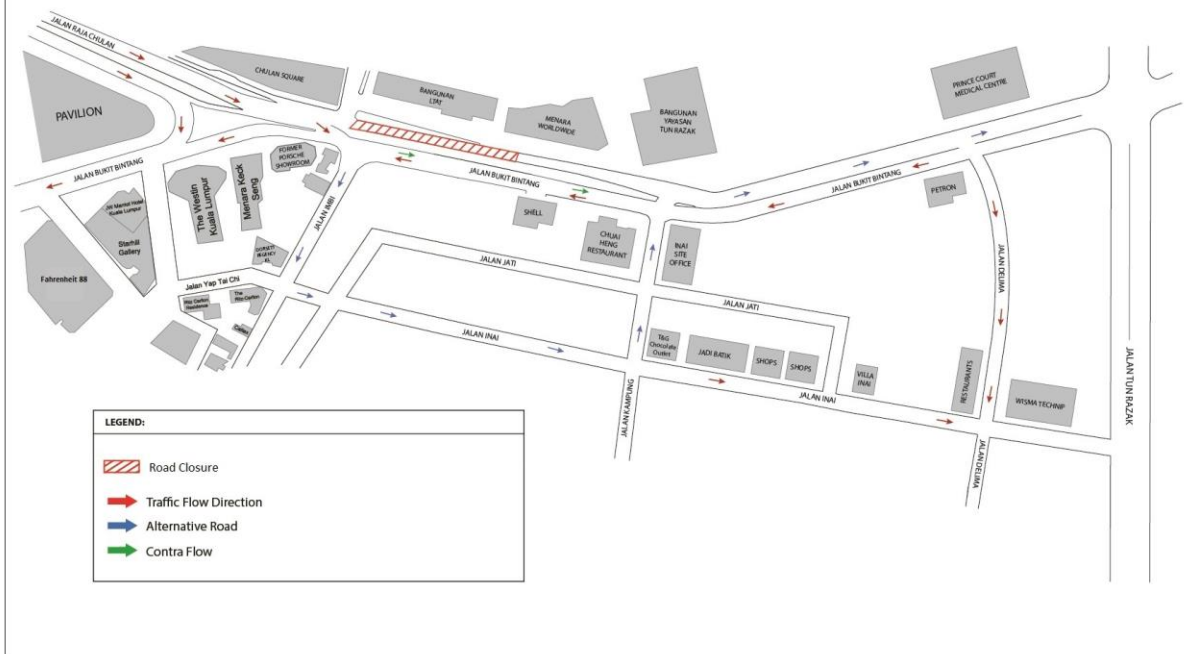
MRT Corp apologises for the inconvenience caused and will provide further updates on when the situation and when the road will be reopened.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ON JALAN BUKIT BINTANG



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