

MEDIA RELEASE

ROAD CLOSURE AT JALAN BUKIT BINTANG

(8.00 AM UPDATE)

Kuala Lumpur, 27 April 2014: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) wishes to provide an update on the sinkhole incident at Jalan Bukit Bintang since the last media release which reported the status up to 12 midnight last night.

Backfilling works for the new sinkhole which appeared last night at Jalan Bukit Bintang is currently still in progress. To recap, this sinkhole appeared at about 9.35pm last night and is located at the right-most lane on the Pavilion-bound side of Jalan Bukit Bintang opposite both Menara Worldwide and the Shell petrol station.

The soil collapse which caused the sinkhole had also caused damage to three water pipes. Syabas was immediately called and water flow was shut off quickly to stop wastage and to enable repair to start. This however has resulted in water supply to Bangunan LTAT, Menara Worldwide and Yayasan Tun Razak to be disrupted.

Syabas has managed to repair one of the three pipes overnight, while repair work for the other two is in progress. Water supply to the buildings is expected to resume later today.

Meanwhile, work to remove a section of the divider at Jalan Bukit Bintang last night to return the road into two-direction flow had damaged a shallow electricity cable. This resulted in electricity supply to Bangunan LTAT being disrupted.

Tenaga Nasional Bhd was immediately called and temporary power supply is now being provided to the building using a TNB generator. Normal electricity supply is expected to be restored later today.

MGKT personnel are at site continuously to monitor the ground and buildings in the area for any signs of movement.

Traffic Diversion

As work to backfill the sinkhole is in progress, the stretch of Jalan Bukit Bintang (Jalan Tun Razak-bound) between Chulan Square and the Jalan Tun Razak intersection is now closed to all traffic. In addition, the two right-most lanes of Jalan Bukit Bintang (Pavilion-bound) are also closed.

A traffic contra-flow is being implemented, whereby traffic from Bukit Bintang heading to Jalan Tun Razak will be directed onto the two remaining lanes of Jalan Bukit Bintang (Pavilion-bound). As a result, all traffic from Jalan Tun Razak heading to the Bukit Bintang area will not be allowed to enter Jalan Bukit Bintang and are being redirected to Jalan Eaton where they can rejoin Jalan Bukit Bintang via Jalan Conlay.

Several roads in the Bukit Bintang area are closed in conjunction with the visit of the President of the United States, Mr Barack Obama. This may affect some of the alternative routes which MRT Corp had earlier suggested for motorists to avoid the closed section of Jalan Bukit Bintang.

Motorists are urged to follow road signs and heed instructions from traffic police who have been deployed to manage traffic flow.

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

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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