



MEDIA RELEASE

ROAD CLOSURE AT JALAN BUKIT BINTANG (6.00 PM UPDATE)

Kuala Lumpur, 28 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 at 9.00pm yesterday night.

Sinkhole incident in front of Bangunan LTAT

Work to backfill the sinkhole which appeared on Thursday night has been completed and compaction grouting works is being carried out at the area.

MGKT personnel continue to be at site to conduct monitoring of ground and buildings in the area for any signs of movement. No movements have been detected for Bangunan LTAT and other buildings in the area.

The road at this section will remain closed pending tunnel excavation by the second tunnel boring machine (TBM). The road is expected to reopen to traffic by the end of May.

Sinkhole incident in front of Shell Petrol Station

Work to backfill the sinkhole which appeared on Saturday night is in progress and is expected to be completed later today.

Repairs to the damaged water pipe, which had burst a second time at 4.30pm yesterday, was completed by midnight last night. As a result water supply to Bangunan LTAT, Menara Worldwide and Yayasan Tun Razak was restored.

The pipe mentioned above together with two others were discovered to be damaged when the sinkhole appeared at 9.35pm on Saturday night. The sinkhole appeared on the right-most lane of the Pavilion-bound side of Jalan Bukit Bintang in front of the Shell Petrol Station and Menara Worldwide. This lane was being used for traffic contra-flow at that time.

It is believe that the leak from the pipes could have caused the sinkhole to develop.

The three pipes were repaired by 11am on Saturday, However, one of the pipes again burst later and this resulted in delays in backfilling works for the sinkhole.

The lane where the sinkhole appeared is expected to be reopened to traffic by the end of this week.



Traffic Diversion

As work to backfill the new sinkhole is being carried out, 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 right-most lanes of Jalan Bukit Bintang (Pavilion-bound) in front of the Shell Petrol Station and Menara Worldwide is also closed to all traffic.

During the road closures, a traffic contra-flow has been implemented where traffic along Jalan Bukit Bintang heading to Jalan Tun Razak is channelled onto two lanes on the opposite side of the road (Pavilion-bound) between the Jalan Imbi intersection and a newly constructed opening of the divider in front of Menara Worldwide. From Menara Worldwide, traffic then resumes along the original two lanes of Jalan Bukit Bintang toward Jalan Tun Razak.

Jalan Bukit Bintang has now been reopened to traffic heading from Jalan Tun Razak heading to Bukit Bintang (Pavilion-bound), utilising the two remaining lanes of the Pavilion-bound side of the road (please see map).

Jalan Bukit Bintang was earlier closed to traffic from Jalan Tun Razak heading to the Bukit Bintang area. This closure was implemented by the police in conjunction with the visit of the President of the United States, Mr Barack Obama.

Alternative routes to avoid the road closure 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.

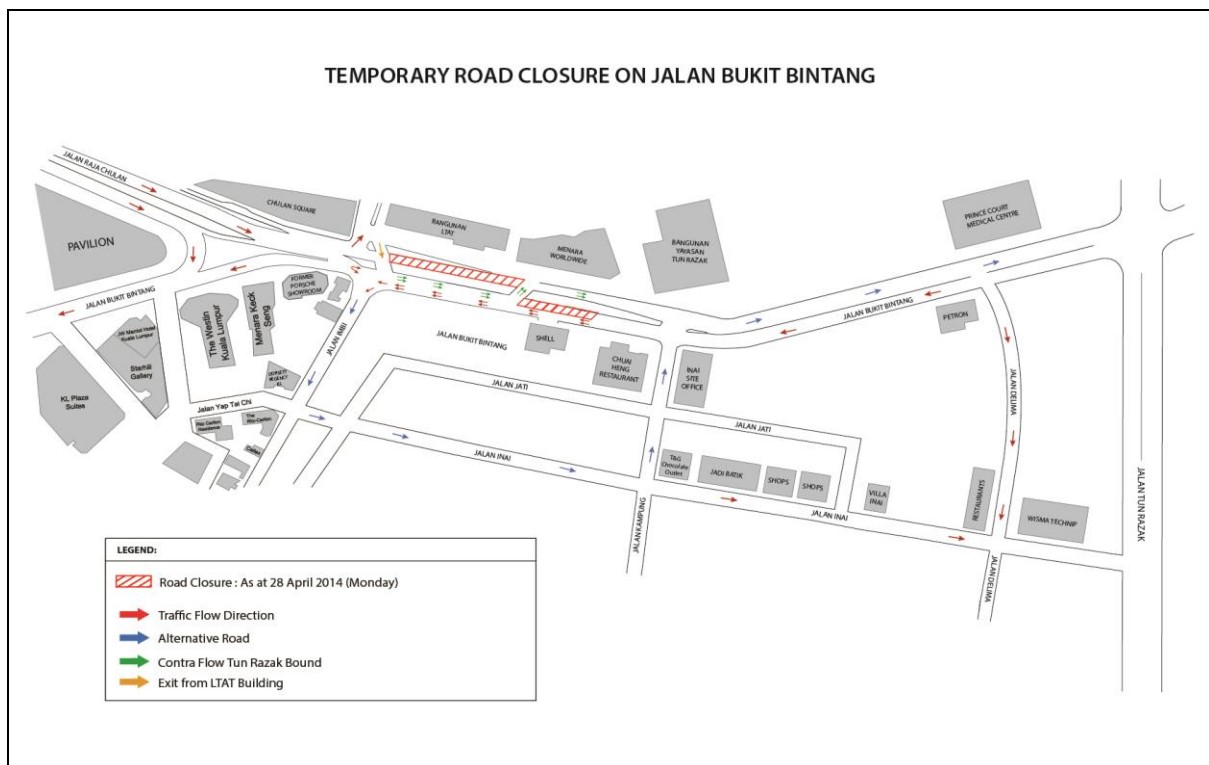
Motorists are urged to follow road signs and heed instructions from traffic police who have been deployed to manage traffic flow.

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

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