

# Steps taken to mitigate impact of work

MRT Corp regularly reviews related issues with partner and contractors

**W**E refer to the letter by Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye, which appeared in *StarMetro* titled "Inconvenient truth".

Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) acknowledges the issues raised by Tan Sri Lee in his letter.

As the owner and developer of the Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit project, we take full responsibility over all incidents that have occurred over the past 24 months since active construction began for the project.

Moving forward, our project delivery partner MMC Gamuda KVMRT (PDP) Sdn Bhd (MMC Gamuda) and all 12 work package contractors (WPC) have been instructed to conduct thorough inspections of their sites and review all safety, health and environment issues.

These include worker safety, barrier alignments and placements, debris and sediment management,

pothole management, traffic management plans and site drainage plans.

Specific to drainage plans, the parties have been told to create new channels to enable water to flow away quickly and to ensure drains are not clogged with construction debris.

We have also asked MMC Gamuda to ensure that contractors build proper crossings across drains and culverts that do not result in any obstruction to the monsoon drain.

Similarly, MMC Gamuda and the contractors have been told to ensure that potholes that appear across our sites be immediately addressed to ensure that vehicles are not damaged when passing over them, and to ensure smoother traffic flow.

On recent cases of flooding in Jalan Duta, and following an inspection by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), an investigation of the worksite was carried out by MRT



**Preventive measures:** Sandbags arranged along Jalan Duta, at a MRT worksite, to prevent muddy water from flowing to the main road during a heavy downpour.

Corp, MMC Gamuda and Sunway Construction Sdn Bhd, the WPC of this section of the alignment.

Several work areas at the worksite were identified as potential contributing factors.

These include the construction of a crossing over the monsoon drain by placing big tubes in the drain and covering it with aggregate.

While this did not block the

drain, this structure slowed down the flow of water. With the excessive rain that fell on May 12, there was a backlog that spilled onto the road.

In addition, some construction debris had fallen into the monsoon drain and this had also affected the flow.

The WPC has been instructed to remove the crossing and construc-

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tion debris from the monsoon drain. This was completed over the past two weeks.

We will continue to monitor our project delivery partners as well as the contractors that have been engaged to deliver the project.

In our scheduled regular sessions with them, issues such as potholed roads, floods and misaligned road barriers are raised.

MRT Corp apologises for the inconvenience caused by the construction of the MRT Project, and reiterate that we will take the necessary steps to mitigate the impact and work towards completing our work as soon as possible, but without compromising safety.

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