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TTDI PEDESTRIAN LINKWAY IMPROVES ACCESS TO STATION, BENEFICIAL TO RESIDENTS

Kuala Lumpur, 23 June 2014: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) would like to respond to protests against our plan to build an elevated pedestrian linkway between the One Utama Station and Jalan Burhanuddin Helmi 2.

A good MRT system anywhere in the world must be designed to enable easy and multiple access to the public. This can be achieved by linking directly with buildings such as office towers and malls, or building bus and taxi lay-bys. This can also be achieved by building pedestrian linkways into residential zones.

This is what MRT Corp is trying to achieve in proposing an elevated pedestrian linkway from the One Utama Station to Jalan Burhanuddin Helmi 2, and in other locations. If we extend the link by building a covered pedestrian walkway towards the TTDI Community Hall, we could potentially remove cars from the road when the centre is hosting a sports meet or even a wedding. This can only be good for the roads in TTDI.

While the concern over illegal parking and hawkers are genuine, it is something that can be managed by engaging the local authority. The elevated pedestrian linkway is a public amenity, just like a street light or a bus stop is.

It is worth noting that the elevated linkway will also provide residents of that part of TTDI access to the many commercial and office buildings located across the road. This safe option to getting across the busy LDP will be a boon to pedestrians.

While the link was not part of the original drawings for public display, MRT Corp's plan to provide for one was in response to requests from several residents of Jalan Burhanuddin Helmi who may have needed to rely on, and seen the benefits of public transport. MRT Corp's mandate is to provide an efficient and reliable MRT system that will benefit as many people as possible. The provision of this walkway along the public road that is Jalan Burhanuddin Helmi 2 and Jalan Athinahappan is part of our efforts to ensure this mandate is delivered.

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