

MEDIA STATEMENT

CLARIFICATION ON TRAFFIC CONGESTION ISSUE DUE TO SLIP ROAD CLOSURE AT TELEKOM INTERCHANGE (EXIT 703) ON CHERAS –KAJANG (GRAND SAGA) HIGHWAY

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Kuala Lumpur, 12 September 2014: MMC Gamuda KVMRT (PDP) Sdn Bhd (MMC Gamuda) would like to clarify the traffic situation due to the closure of slip road from Kuala Lumpur to Taman Kota Cheras via Telekom Interchange at Cheras–Kajang (Grand Saga) Highway. This temporary slip road closure which started in Mid-August 2014 is needed to accommodate construction work for the future Sri Raya MRT station and is implemented to ensure road users' safety.

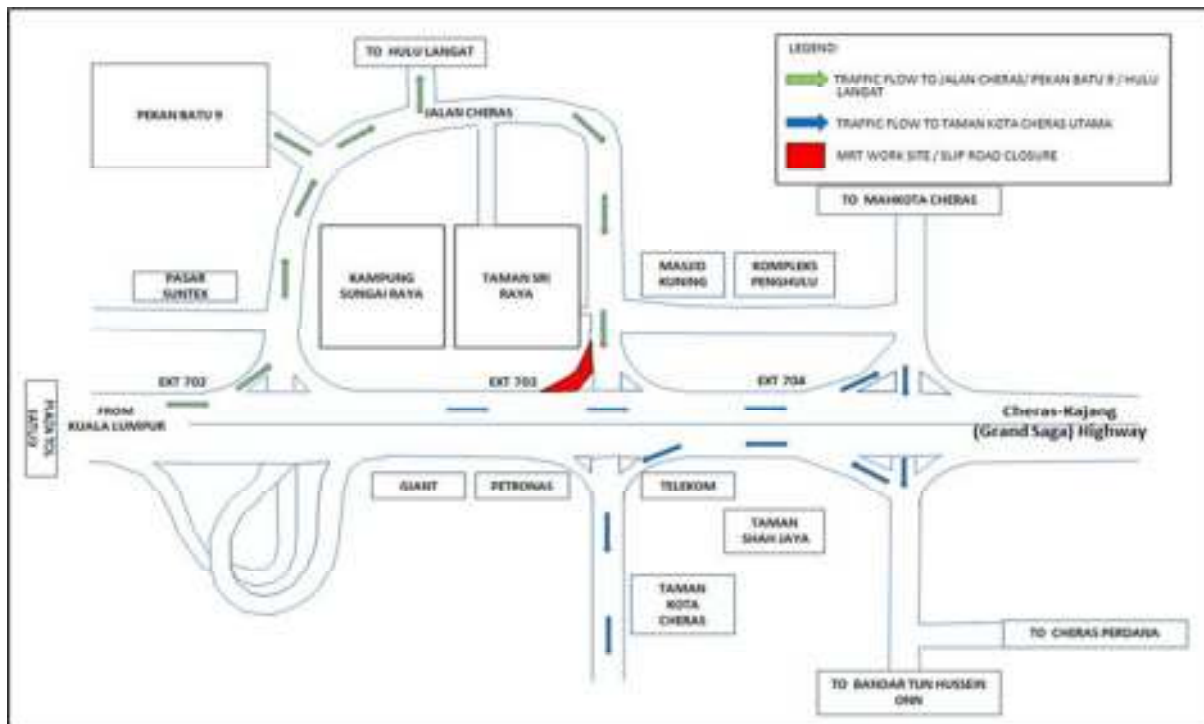
This temporary road closure is implemented after a thorough discussion and close consultation between MRT Work Package Contractor (WPC), Ahmad Zaki Sdn Bhd, Malaysian Highway Authority (LLM) and the highway concessionaire Grand Saga Sdn Bhd. As such, a three-month permit was granted for this comprehensive Traffic Management Plan. A 24-hour closure is needed as the scaffolding at site is not removable.

"We acknowledge the suggestions by Balakong Assemblyman, YB Eddie Ng Tien Chee to place some workers to control the traffic during peak hours (4:30pm to 8:00pm) and are working hand in hand with the authority to improve the situation. Currently we are in discussion with the authority to deploy traffic personnel during evening peak hours," said En. Adil Putra Ahmad, Deputy Construction Director of MMC-Gamuda KVMRT (PDP) S/B.

Apart from liaising with the authority, our contractor, Ahmad Zaki Sdn. Bhd, has taken proactive measures to reduce traffic congestion, especially for traffic heading towards Taman Kota Cheras.

The measures include:

1. Issuance of traffic announcements and alternative routes via media releases and leaflets distribution to highway users at Toll Batu 9 (Kajang-bound) prior to closure.
2. Installation of temporary directional and informational signboards.
4. Getting assistance from Grand Saga Highway and Kajang Municipal Council (MPKj) to change settings on the traffic lights to reduce congestion on the road at the junction to Taman Kota Cheras (Telekom Interchange) and Cheras-Kajang road (near Pekan Batu 9) respectively.
5. Promote alternative routes (refer appended map)
 - i. Motorists from Kuala Lumpur will be directed to Exit 702 after the Batu 9 Plaza Toll to head to Pekan Batu 9/Jalan Cheras/ Hulu Langat
 - ii. Motorists from Kuala Lumpur will be directed to make a U-Turn at Bandar Tun Hussein Onn Interchange before heading towards Taman Kota Cheras



Map 1: Slip-road closure Exit 703 (Cheras –Kajang Highway)

We apologise for any inconvenience caused during this period. MRT would like to assure the public all efforts are being done in helping making the traffic smooth and efficient at its construction site. Your kind understanding and patience is much appreciated as we build the MRT for our future betterment in improving KL's public transport system.

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