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RM9.7b spent on Line 1 project so far, says MRT

PETALING JAYA — Mass Rapid Transit Corp (MRT Corp) has spent RM9.7 billion on the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line (Line 1) project to date.

Its chief executive, Datuk Wira Azhar Abdul Hamid, said the RM23 billion allocation for the Line 1 project was given by the government in stages and not a lump sum payment.

“The government-funded project, which is

expected to be completed by July 2017, is running progressively, and given the timeline for the completion, the allocation will be fully used,” he said at a media briefing yesterday.

To date, 78 work packages worth RM21.02 billion had been awarded to the contractors with another seven yet to be awarded.

“Five out of the seven projects are valued at RM250 million. The companies for the

packages have been shortlisted,” he said.

Azhar said the construction of Line 1 project was 55.21 per cent complete as at Oct 31, 2014.

“At this pace, we are confident of achieving our target for the entire line to become operational by July 2017,” he said, adding that 53 per cent of the elevated guideway spans were completed.

He said the underground works package,

which covered tunnelling and underground station construction had reached 70 per cent completion.

Azhar said the company was in the midst of assembling three trains at its contractor’s train assembly in Hulu Selangor.

“We will soon send these trains to the Sungai Buloh depot, which are being built on 73 hectares, for dynamic testing,” he said.

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