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MRT Corp To Present MRT Line 2 Plans End Of May Despite Some Changes To New Route's Alignment

Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) said it will meet the deadline to present plans for the MRT Line 2 by end of May despite having to make minor changes to the new route's alignment.

MRT Corp CEO Datuk Shahril Mokhtar said the changes was necessary to accommodate the Malaysia-Singapore high speed rail terminal in Bandar Malaysia.

"With the slight change of alignment, we need to go back on the drawing board and resubmit the new alignment to the Land Public Transport Commission (SPAD)," he said.

The company said public feedback and findings from the public display will be used by SPAD to finalise the alignment and it will then go to the government for approval.

Once finalised, the length of alignment will be determined and subsequently the tender process can begin.

It was earlier reported that MRT Corp is planning the initial tendering process for the project by year-end.

The RM23 billion MRT Line 2 will span from Sungai Buloh to Serdang to Putrajaya with about 40 stations, depending on the final structure of the alignment and is expected to be completed within five years.

Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Ahmad Maslan which visited the MRT Taman Midah construction site last Friday said MRT Line 1's overall progress stood at 59.5% as at January.

"The underground section of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line was at 73% completion as at Dec, 2014, while for the elevated section it was at 49.2%," he said.

Ahmad Maslan said the development cost of the 51 kilometres (km) rail system from Sungai Buloh to Kajang remained at the government's budget of RM22.18 billion as most of the materials were bought locally.

“A total of RM21 billion of the contract had been awarded with 38 packages worth RM10.6 billion given to Bumiputera contractors,” he said.

The first phase of the line, from Sungai Buloh to Semantan is expected to be completed by Dec, 2016 while the second phase, which stretches from Semantan to Kajang is expected to be completed by July,2017.