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MRT viaduct poses no hazard

"TELL us it's safe" (Letters, March 5) refers. The Klang Valley MRT Project Delivery Partner (PDP), MMC-Gamuda KVMRT (PDP) S/B, wishes to re-assure road users on the safety of MRT construction works taking place along the Lebuhraya Damansara Puchong (LDP).

The writer expressed concern on the construction of the MRT viaduct, specifically the special span viaduct between Pinggir Zaaba (TTDI) and Persiaran Bandar Utama (in the vicinity of Media Prima) that goes across nine traffic lanes of the LDP.

We can confirm that the viaduct is structurally sound and poses no hazard to drivers on the LDP.

To construct the 138m special span, Mudajaya Construction Berhad, the work package contractor for Package V3 (Mutiara Damansara MRT Station - TTDI MRT Station), is conducting casting of segments and "stressing" works using the balanced cantilever method. Through this method, special formwork is positioned and the viaduct segment is constructed on site. The completed viaduct segment is then used as an anchoring base for the subsequent segment construction.

With this method, no support is required, and most works proceed above the ground. There are no long road

closures during this construction activity, thus there is minimal impact to traffic. Such a construction method is widely used to build bridges, rails and highways over congested or busy areas.

As part of our safety measures on site, PDP and Mudajaya deploy safety and traffic teams throughout the duration of construction activities.

This is in addition to the standing supervision during installation of the formwork, temporary lane closure during concreting, as well as fitting in a double layered industrial grade safety netting to hold any falling objects.

To further ensure public safety, such works are conducted at night (between midnight and 6am) when traffic is off-peak. Flagmen and signages are placed along Pinggir Zaaba and Persiaran Bandar Utama to better manage the traffic on LDP.

Rest assured, the highest safety precautions are being implemented to prevent unwanted incidents to the public and to minimise inconvenience and impact to motorists. The special span work is targeted to be completed by June 2015.

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