

# Plan to integrate MRT with HSR

**RAIL HUB:** Realignment of Line 2 to include Sungai Besi stop

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**T**HE re-alignment of the mass rapid transit (MRT) Line 2 will integrate with the proposed Kuala Lumpur-Singapore high speed rail (HSR) at the RM190 billion Bandar Malaysia development in Sungai Besi, here.

Under the original alignment, MRT Line 2 (Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya) would be 59.5km long and have 40 stations.

It will run from Sungai Buloh to Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah (Jalan Ipoh), Kampong Bharu and KLCC East, heading towards Tun Razak Exchange (TRX).

From TRX, it would move on to Taman Maluri, Pandan Jaya, Pandan Mewah and Plaza Phoenix to Alam Damai, Mines Resort City, Seri Kembangan and Putrajaya Sentral.

Mass Rapid Transit Corp Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) is proposing a re-alignment of MRT Line 2, which will see the closure of some sections of the original route and the inclusion of stations at Bandar Malaysia and Jalan Chan Show Lin.

As part of the Land Public Transport Commission's (SPAD) public transport master plan, there will be two MRT stations in Bandar Malaysia, the site of the Royal



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However, the stations due to be built along the MRT Line 3 alignment are in the planning stage.

MRT Corp strategic communication and public relations director Amir Mahmood Razak told Business Times that it makes sense to re-align the MRT Line 2 to Bandar Malaysia, as the government was proposing to build the HSR stop there.

According to Amir, the proposed re-alignment will see total ridership on MRT Line 2 rising to 529,000 a day, from the expected 513,000.

"The proposed re-alignment would start from TRX station where it will head to Chan Sow Lin and Bandar Malaysia. It then moves to Kuchai Lama, Sri Petaling, Sungai Besi, Serdang Raya and then connects back to Seri Kembangan. This is a massive catch-

"We are axing Taman Maluri, Pandan Jaya, Pandan Mewah, Plaza Phoenix, Alam Damai and Mines Resort City from the alignment as these are areas served by the light rail transit (LRT) line, while the Sungai Besi area is only serviced by KTM Komuter.

"With the re-alignment, we will have 36 stations and the total stretch would be slightly shorter at 52.2km. MRT Line 2 will be linked to the LRT, monorail, Express Rail Link and KTM Komuter. The plus point is the HSR.

"In terms of duration of journey for the full loop, it used to be one hour and 41 minutes. Now, it would be one hour and 24 minutes. The elevated alignment will be shorter from 49.3km previously to 38.7km. The plan will also involve building a 13.5km underground tunnel from Jalan Ipoh to Bandar Malaysia,"