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# MRT Corp To Design, Call For Tenders For SSP Line In Q4

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Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) is expected to start designing and call for tenders for the RM28 billion Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya (SSP) Line in the fourth quarter of this year.

Its Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Seri Shahril Mokhtar said MRT Corp is expected to get the approval of the Land Public Transport Commission (SPAD) on the actual alignment of the project in November.

"The figure RM28 billion is merely the construction cost, it excludes other expanses such as land acquisition and consultant fees.

"The figure will be firmed up once public display and inspections have been completed, hopefully by November this year when we get the approval.

"By then, we will be able to calculate the actual cost of the SSP Line development project," he told reporters after visiting the SSP Line public inspection booth here today.

Shahril said the project, which is expected to start in the second quarter of next year, would be divided into two phases, with the first phase linking Damansara-Kampung Batu set for completion in July 2021 and the second phase linking Kampung Batu-Putrajaya by July 2022.

The SSP Line, also known as the MRT Line 2, will be 52.2 km in length, of which 13.5 km between Jalan Ipoh and Bandar Malaysia is underground, with 11 underground stations.

With expected ridership of 529,000 passengers per day, the SSP Line could help ease traffic congestion in the capital.

Meanwhile, Shahril said the first MRT Line would still cost RM23 billion despite the good and services tax implementation and other economic uncertainties.

He said 82 of the total 86 packages awarded for the first MRT Line, connecting Sungai Buloh and Kajang, have been delivered with a total value of RM21.3 billion.

On the tabling of the Eleventh Malaysia Plan (11MP) today, Shahril said he was happy that the MRT Line 2 project had been included in the next national five-year plan beginning 2016.