

MRT Line 2 cost estimated at RM28bil

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KUALA LUMPUR: The development cost for the second mass rapid transit line (MRT Line 2) is estimated to be at RM28bil, higher than the earlier RM23bil price tag, mainly due to its longer underground length.

MRT Line 2 will start from Sungai Buloh before going through Serdang up to its final stop in Putrajaya with a total of 36 stations.

The Government, in its revised budget earlier this year, did not shelve the project that had been quoted at RM23bil then, around the cost of the first line of 51km with 31 stations currently under construction.

"The underground length of MRT Line 2 is about 13.5km longer than the 9.5km of Line 1, hence the higher cost. Based on our plan, this train tunnel will be from Jalan Ipoh to Bandar Malaysia.

"It will also have more underground stations totalling to 11 stops against seven in the first MRT tunnel," said MRT Corp chief executive officer Datuk Seri Shahril Mokhtar to the media in a session updating on



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MRT Line 2's three-month public display initial response yesterday. Public inspection of the line began on May 15, with the relevant documents to be displayed until Aug 17.

MRT Corp is a wholly government-owned company created to oversee the development of the country's first MRT system.

Shahril said the official tendering

process would begin in October, leading to its groundbreaking in the second quarter of next year.

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Shahril expects the MRT Line 1 to be fully completed and operational

in July 2022.

"However, the rail will start serving the public exactly a year prior to its full completion when the first phase is done," he said.

Shahril is excited that MRT Line 2's public display at 25 locations had received good response in its first week, with close to 700 providing feedback.