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MRT Line 2 **good** to go

> Rail firm optimistic with response from govt, stakeholders

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KUALA LUMPUR: With support from the government and other stakeholders, Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) is prepared to continue with the development of the MRT Line 2 this year.

Its chief executive officer Datuk Seri Shahril Mokhtar said they have been getting enough support from various departments with the implementation of various infrastructure projects,

including MRT Line 2.

"Preparations to continue the development of MRT Line 2 this time around has been better. We are getting positive backing from the Selangor government, federal government and the Land Public Transport Commission (SPAD)," he told a press conference here yesterday.

He said he understands the cost estimation for MRT Line 2 is RM28 billion, which means it costs more than Line 1 (RM23 billion).

"But I have to remind the people that the length of the Line 2 railway tunnel is 13.5km, which is 4km more than the previous line.

"This is just an estimated cost ... we will only finalise the cost once we are done with the public

inspection and it is approved by SPAD," he added.

MRT Line 2, consisting of 31 elevated and nine underground stations, will cover Kepong, Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah (Jalan Ipoh), Kampung Baru, KLCC East, Pandan Jaya, Pandan Mewah, Plaza Phoenix and The Mines in Serdang. The final station in Putrajaya Sentral is marked as its 40th station.

Shahril said he was also encouraged by the good response to the Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya Line public inspection, where feedback from more than 700 parties was received within one week.

On complaints received so far, he said they have been managing them through their focus group.