

MRT SBK

rates set

between RM1 and RM6.40

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THE full rates for the mass rapid transit (MRT) Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) Line will range between RM1 and RM5.50 for cashless payment and RM1.10 to RM6.40 for those paying with cash.

The cheapest single stop fare will be between the Pasar Seni and Merdeka stations, priced at RM1.10 for cash-based transactions. The rates were announced yesterday by Rapid Rail Sdn Bhd, which is in charge of operations for the MRT SBK line covering 51km with 31 stations from Sungai Buloh to Kajang.

"The fare structure has been approved by the government and is based on the nominal flag fall and cascading rates for every 4km to 5km travelled, similar with the fare structure of the light rapid transit (LRT) and monorail services operated by Rapid Rail," Rapid Rail CEO Datuk Zohari Sulaiman said in a statement yesterday.

Phase 1 of MRT SBK is expected to be operational from Dec 16, 2016, covering 12 stations between Sungai Buloh and Semantan, while Phase 2 is scheduled to begin July next year, covering the remaining 19 stations to Kajang.

Only cash tokens, which can be purchased at any customer service office located in each MRT station, and Touch n' Go cards can be used at the automated fare collection gates.

Zohari said this is due to Phase 1 of MRT SBK operating independently and without integration with existing LRT and monorail lines.

He said the MyRapid cards currently used for LRT, monorail and bus services will be upgraded in stages before Phase 2 commences.

In addition, 120 MRT feeder buses covering 26 routes will be deployed at the 12 stations under Phase 1, with a nominal fare set at RM1 per trip.

The full details of MRT SBK's fare structure will be available at Rapid KL's website, www.myrapid.com.my.