

RM6bil MRT jobs up for grabs

Tenders expected to be called by Q3 and awarded by Q1 of 2017

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SERI KEMBANGAN: All the six remaining viaduct packages for the upcoming Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya (SSP) mass rapid transit (MRT) line, valued at RM6bil, will be awarded by the first quarter of 2017.

Mass Rapid Transit Corp Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) is expected to call for tenders for these packages by the third quarter of this year.

"We are in the process of preparing the tenders for the remaining six of the 10 viaduct guideway packages for the SSP line," said Maslan Othman, the deputy project director of the MMC Corp Bhd and Gamuda Bhd joint venture (MMC-Gamuda).

"And by the third quarter of this year, all these packages will be tendered out and awarded by the first quarter of next year," he said at a briefing on the progress of the SSP line here yesterday.

Maslan said he was unable to state the value of the six packages.

The 52.2-km SSP alignment, which is also called MRT2, is estimated to cost more than RM28bil. It is the second MRT line to be developed under the Klang Valley MRT Project.

To date, four viaduct packages and an underground job, worth a combined RM20.24bil, have been awarded to local construction groups.

The first two packages, called V201 and V202, were awarded to Sunway Construction Sdn Bhd and Ahmad Zaki Sdn Bhd, respectively, in March this year, while the other two packages V203 and V210 were awarded to IJM Construction Sdn Bhd and Malaysian Resources Corp Bhd, with the underground package going to MMC-Gamuda.

"The first phase of the SSP line (from Kwasa Damansara and Kampung Batu) is expected to be completed by July 2021, and the second phase of the project (with the line extending to Putrajaya Sentral) is scheduled for completion a year later, in July 2022," MRT Corp strategic communication and stakeholder relations director Datuk Najmuddin Abdullah said.

According to Najmuddin, the ground-breaking ceremony for

The Sungai Buloh - Serdang - Putrajaya (SSP) Line

Elevated length - **38.7**km
Underground length - **13.5**km
Total length - **52.2**km

Elevated stations - **26**
Underground stations - **11**
Total number of stations - **37**

Park & Ride - **9,200** parking spaces

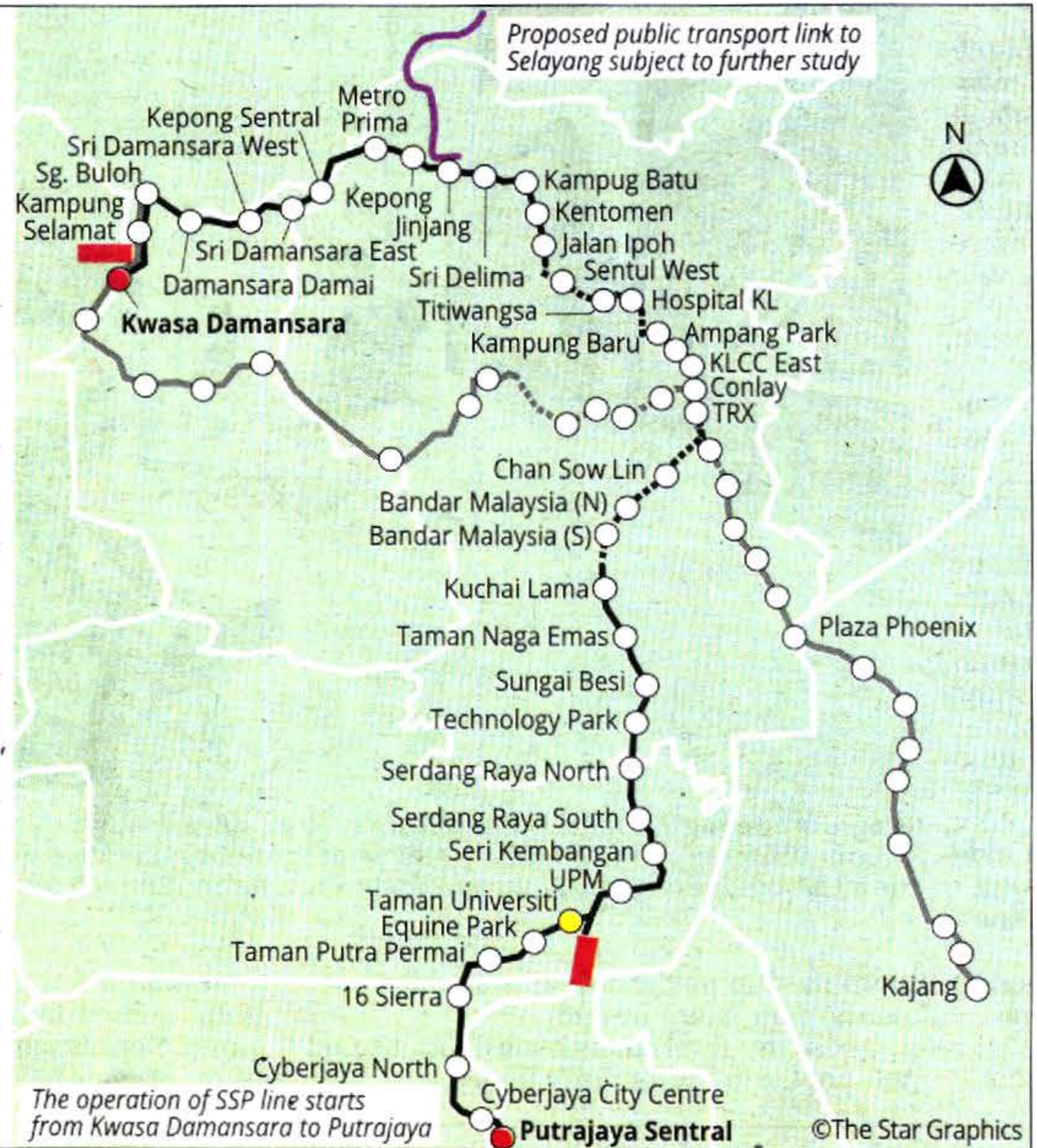
Expected passenger volume in 2022 - **533,000** passengers per day

Interchange stations - **11**
(interchange to KTM, LRT, Monorail, ERL, HSR)

Journey time - **85** minutes from Kwasa Damansara to Putrajaya Sentral

Phase 1 Completion - **July 2021**
Phase 2 Completion - **July 2022**

— SBK Line ● Provisional station
— SBK Line - Elevated
--- SBK Line - Underground



Phase 1 of the SSP Line will be held at end-August this year.

He noted that for the Serdang and Seri Kembangan area, in particular, there would be two packages - V205 and V206 - for which the tender would be called in the third quarter of this year.

"We will award both the packages in the first quarter of next year, and construction of the alignment is expected to begin in the second quarter of 2017," Najmuddin said.

The SSP line will offer 72 work packages in total.

Besides the one underground and 10 viaduct projects, the work packages for the MRT2 project will also include two depots, 15 multi-storey park and ride projects and 11 interchange stations.

Meanwhile, MRT Corp yesterday awarded three work package contracts, worth a total of RM1.38bil, for the construction of the SSP Line. These jobs, which included two sys-

tem work packages and one advance work package, were awarded to Colas Rail Consortium, Sapura-EVD Consortium and SN Akmida Holdings Sdn Bhd, respectively.

The system work package SY205 that was awarded to Colas Rail Consortium was worth RM693.03mil, for the engineering, procurement, construction, testing and commissioning of the power supply and distribution system for the SSP Line.

The second system work package SY206, worth RM632mil, that was awarded to Sapura-EVD Consortium was for the engineering, procurement, construction, testing and commissioning of communications, Government integrated radio network, commercial telecom (infra) and information technology system for the SSP Line.

The advance work package, worth RM59.5mil, was awarded to SN Akmida for the construction and

completion of the Sungai Besi Police Quarters and other associated works for the project.

Of the 52.2-km SSP alignment, 13.5km will be built underground, with 11 underground stations out of a total of 26 stations.

The stations will offer 9,200 parking bays under its Park & Ride facilities.

Najmuddin said a complete journey from Kwasa Damansara to Putrajaya Sentral, the other end of the SSP Line, would take about 85 minutes.

It is expected to reduce traffic congestion by removing 176,000 cars from the road daily.

"During construction alone, starting this year and until completion, the project could involve directly and indirectly 130,000 workers and professionals, so there will be a huge (positive) impact (on the country's economy)," Najmuddin said.

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