



PRESS STATEMENT

30 March 2011

RESPONSE TO Free Malaysia Today “RAPID TRACK TO MRT BUT INFO SCANTY”

I refer to the article “Rapid track to MRT but info scanty” (Free Malaysia Today - Nation - March 29) and take note of the concerns raised by the writer.

For the record, Suruhanjaya Pengangkutan Awam Darat (SPAD) would like to assure the writer and the public that as the regulator for Public Transport in Malaysia, we are acting with the best interest of the rakyat in mind. To state that we are not co-operative with the relevant stakeholders is not true. We have been working very closely with the relevant authorities to address and respond to the wide spectrum of concerns and issues raised by the public over the Klang Valley MRT project.

In fact, we have been working very closely with the Selangor state government, who has been generous enough to arrange for meetings with the local councils, who will take on the responsibility of inviting the relevant ADUNs, MPs AND RAs to the meeting. During the UPEN Selangor MRT Technical Coordination Meeting 2/2011 on 21 March 2011, several dates for the engagements with local councils and residents association have been agreed. In view of this and to avoid duplication of efforts, we have advised all requests for meetings over the MRT project from ADUNs, MPs or RAs in Selangor to contact their relevant local authorities so that they can be included in their meetings.

We held our first meeting with Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam yesterday. Dr. Nasir Hashim was in the invitation list but apparently he was not able to attend and sent a representative instead. These meetings will be followed up by townhall sessions to meet the residents.

Similar sessions are being planned with the Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya, Majlis Perbandaran Kajang and Majlis Perbandaran Selayang as well as residents' associations from Cheras, Bangsar and Damansara Heights.

SPAD would like to emphasize to the public that we are taking all the necessary steps to reach out to share information and listen to their views on this project of crucial national benefit. To re-cap, the first step in the process was our Klang Valley MRT Open Day at the MidValley Exhibition Centre on 13 February 2011, and this was immediately followed by public displays of the railway scheme and plans at seven locations. The public displays will be on-going until 14 May 2011.

During this period, we will also be organizing on-site sessions with the various communities along the proposed alignment to provide information about the project and to gather their feedback.



Suruhanjaya Pengangkutan Awam Darat

Land Public Transport Commission



Members of the public can also visit the Klang Valley MRT project website, which has all the items about the Klang Valley MRT project which are on public display, at www.kvmrt.com.my or call the helpline at 1800 82 6868 for more information. All feedback can be emailed to feedback@kvmrt.com.my.

We believe that there have not been many projects prior to this where there have been such level of initiatives at reaching out to the public.

MOHD NUR KAMAL
Chief Executive Officer
Suruhanjaya Pengangkutan Awam Darat