



# STATION MIGRATION WORKS TO CONTINUE WITH 2-DAY CLOSURE OF MRT STATIONS

**Kuala Lumpur, 6 March 2019:** Following the successful first stage migration works to transfer the existing MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) Line stations between Kwasa Damansara MRT Station and Sungai Buloh MRT Station to the MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya (SSP) Line last year, another stage of the works will be carried out on 9 March 2019 till 10 March 2019.

Like the first stage works, the coming works will require the Kwasa Damansara MRT Station, Kampung Selamat MRT Station and Sungai Buloh MRT Station to be closed for the two days. The Sungai Buloh KTM Station will continue to operate as normal.

Similar to the Stage One closure of the three stations, a free replacement shuttle bus service will serve Kwasa Sentral, Kampung Selamat and Sungai Buloh stations during normal SBK operation hours to facilitate passengers travelling on the SBK Line that weekend. Feeder bus services will operate as normal.

Kwasa Damansara Station will however not be served by the free replacement shuttle bus as there is no residential houses nor commercial activity around the station. All passengers using the Kwasa Damansara Station are either park and ride users, or are dropped off by private vehicles, taxis or e-hailing services.

During the closures, these passengers are advised to be dropped off or park at Kwasa Sentral or Sungai Buloh Stations.

Rapid Rail Sdn Bhd Chief Operating Officer, SBK Line Tuan Haji Azmi Mohd Zain said during the station closure, Rapid Rail staff will be assigned at the affected stations to facilitate passengers. Direction and information signage will be put at strategic locations at the stations to guide passengers to the free shuttle buses.

"The alternative service operations during Stage One migration works closure that took place last November went smoothly, and we hope to achieve the same success for the coming stage and so forth until the migration works is completed. We would like to thank the passengers for their cooperation and patience during this period," said Azmi during a joint press conference with Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp).

Rapid Rail Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of Prasarana Malaysia Bhd, is the operator of the SBK Line, while Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) is the asset owner of the SBK Line as well as the project owner and developer of the SSP Line, the second line of the Klang Valley MRT Project, which will be carrying out the migration works.



“While the migration works are ongoing, we will try our best to provide the passengers a service that is akin to the MRT service, where the replacement shuttle buses will operate at a frequency that matches the frequency of MRT trains during the weekend, that is between 7 minutes and 15 minutes,” added Azmi.

To inform the public of the station closures, Azmi said both Rapid Rail Sdn Bhd and MRT Corp had been carrying out a joint communications plan which included announcements at all MRT, LRT and monorail stations, MRT trains, radio and social media; banners and buntings at stations as well as flyer distribution across the rail network.

MRT Corp Director for Electrical & Mechanical System Works, for the SSP Line, Encik Abdul Hamid Abdillah said the series of stage work allows for the progressive reconfiguration of the railway in the Migration Area with minimal disruption to SBK Line Revenue Service Operations.

“Works will be implemented in a series of 23 Migration Stage Works, which is carefully planned, coordinated with and approved by Land Public Transport Agency (APAD) as the supervising agency, MRT Corp as the project owner as well as Rapid Rail as the operator,” added Hamid.

Among the series of stage work that takes place is the track turnout work, testing of the SSP Line Equipment and Systems and to facilitate “Over and Back” testing including SIT, FFR and Trial Operation, said Hamid.

He said the coming works will, among others, involve the installation of a pair of new turnouts for the new spur rail lines into the SSP Line Depot near the Kwasa Damansara Station.

Hamid added that the various team behind the migration works had carried out meticulous planning to ensure that potential risk can be mitigated, such as uncertain weather conditions that may damper work progress.

“In the future, Kwasa Damansara Station will be the terminal station for both the SBK and SSP Lines. Passengers transferring from one line to the other will only need to walk from one side of the platform to the other,” he said.

“There will be certain control points during the two days of works when MRT Corp, Rapid Rail, the Project Delivery Partner of the SSP Line and the Work Package Contractor will have to make critical decisions on whether to proceed to the next stage of the works.” added Hamid.

“These decision control points will determine if the works are progressing according to schedule and that train services will be able to resume as normal on Monday, 11 March 2019. Should there be a reason that the progress is not satisfactory, we will not allow the contractor to proceed to the next stage and put the reopening of line at risk to the passengers,” said Hamid.

In the unlikely event that the works have to continue beyond the planned closure period, Hamid said MRT Corp and Rapid Rail have already drawn up a contingency plan to operate replacement buses to the affected stations.



Hamid said the works being done the coming weekend are just one of many other activities which had to be carried out for the migration works from now until the opening of Phase One of the SSP Line in 2021. Some of these works will require further closures of the three stations in the future.

He apologised for the inconvenience caused to commuters due to the station closures but hoped that they will understand that the work being done is to improve and expand the coverage of urban rail public transport in the Klang Valley.

For more information on the station closures, please go to RapidKL's website [www.rapidkl.com.my](http://www.rapidkl.com.my), Twitter @MyRapidKL, Facebook *Rapid KL* or call the Rapid KL Hotline 03-78852585.

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