



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **TRANSPORT, FEDERAL TERRITORY MINISTERS INSPECT MRT PUTRAJAYA LINE UNDERGROUND WORKS**

***Phase Two 93.52% completed, Phase One to commence operations in November***

**Kuala Lumpur 4 October 2021:** Transport Minister YB Datuk Seri Ir Dr Wee Ka Siong and Federal Territory Minister YB Dato' Seri Dr Shahidan Kassim today inspected the underground works for MRT Putrajaya Line.

The two ministers began their working visit at the Hospital Kuala Lumpur (HKL) Crossover near Jalan Tun Razak, where they were received by Mass Rapid Transit Corporation (MRT Corp) Chief Executive Officer Datuk Mohd Zarif Hashim.

Joining the ministers for the working visit were the Deputy Minister of Transport YB Dato Henry Sum Agong, Transport Ministry Secretary-General Datuk Isham Ishak, and Kuala Lumpur Mayor Datuk Seri Hj. Mahadi Bin Che Ngah.

Also present were the members of the Prasarana Malaysia Bhd Board of Directors and Senior Leadership Team, MRT Corp's Board of Directors and Leadership Team and representatives from MMC Gamuda KVMRT (PDP SSP) Sdn Bhd, the project turnkey contractor.

The visitors were first briefed on the project progress by MRT Corp Putrajaya Line Project Director Dato' Amiruddin Ma'aris. Later, they descended down to the underground tracks which were 20m below ground level and walked through the underground tunnel to the Hospital Kuala Lumpur MRT Station.

Speaking to the media after the working visit, YB Datuk Seri Ir Dr Wee congratulated MRT Corp and its partners for the progress achieved for the MRT Putrajaya Line Project.

"The completion of the MRT Putrajaya Line comes at a very important time. The MRT will help all of us as one Keluarga Malaysia go back to work and return to living our normal lives. It will play a crucial role in the country's economic recovery," he said.



He added that as the country moves towards recovery, the safety of passengers must still be top priority and all Covid-19 standard operating procedures must be followed. He said his ministry will ensure that public transport operators enforce these SOPs strictly so that the safety of all users will be ensured.

YB Dato' Seri Dr Shahidan said the Klang Valley MRT Project will be an important initiative in helping Kuala Lumpur reduce its carbon emissions.

"The Klang Valley MRT Project will help reduce the use of private vehicles, making Kuala Lumpur a greener and more sustainable city for all its inhabitants. We need to get more people to use public transport and leave their cars at home, and the MRT Project is one of the most important initiatives for us to achieve this," he said.

During the inspection, the ministers checked the readiness of the crossover, tracks, switching systems, underground station and other structures and facilities located beneath Jalan Tun Razak.

This crossover is one of two within the MRT Putrajaya Line's underground section. Crossovers are an important feature of the MRT to enable it to operate efficiently and safely by allowing trains to be taken out of service without disrupting mainline train operations and allowing additional trains to be introduced into service to increase train frequency.

The 13.5km underground section of the MRT Putrajaya Line has nine underground stations. Tunnelling works for section was completed on 11 October 2020. A total of 12 Tunnel Boring Machines were used to excavate the twin tunnels.

The underground section of the line is part of Phase Two of the MRT Putrajaya Line which is expected to become operational in January 2023. Phase Two stretches from Kentonmen Station to Putrajaya Sentral Station and construction progress of this phase is at 93.52%.

Phase One of the MRT Putrajaya Line between Kwasa Damansara Station and Kampung Batu Station, which is expected to open in November this year, is almost complete at 99.9%.

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