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RTS LINK PROJECT PROGRESS ON TRACK

Johor Bahru, 18 May 2022: Construction of the Rapid Transit System (RTS) Link Project between Johor Bahru and Singapore is progressing on track following the completion of the land acquisition process and other pre-construction activities in December last year.

Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) Chief Executive Officer Datuk Mohd Zarif Hashim said construction is now proceeding at a good pace at all work sites along the alignment with the sub-contractors on board.

“With construction work picking up this year, the project will be able to meet its completion date and begin operations by the end of 2026,” he said.

Currently, earthworks are being carried out at the Wadi Hana Depot, Bukit Chagar station and Immigration, Customs and Quarantine (ICQ) Complex sites, as well as along Jalan Tun Abdul Razak and at Stulang. Pile load test have been done and utilities relocation work is in progress.

Zarif said this today while hosting 50 MBA students from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and Singapore Management University during a visit to the RTS Link Project as part of the prestigious business school’s global modular course.

During the visit, the students were briefed on the importance of the project in enhancing connectivity between Malaysia and Singapore, and the socio-economic benefits that both countries will gain from the more efficient cross-border linkage.

The RTS Link is a 4km light rail transit shuttle service between the Bukit Chagar Station in Johor Bahru and Woodlands North Station in Singapore. The link has a capacity of 10,000 passenger per hour per direction and is expected to relief the congestion at the Johor-Malaysia Causeway which is currently the world’s busiest border crossing.

The Malaysia portion of infrastructure works, which includes the construction of the station, depot and 2.7km of land and marine viaducts, are being handed by MRT Corp subsidiary Malaysia Rapid Transit System Sdn Bhd, as the Malaysian Infrastructure Company (InfraCo), while the Singapore Infrastructure Company is the Land Transport Authority of Singapore.

The designated operator of the link is Rapid Transit System Operations Sdn Bhd (RTSO), a joint venture between Prasarana Malaysia Bhd and SMRT Corporation Ltd.

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