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Alternative routes at 'The Northbank' area after road closure

KUCHING: Alternative routes have been provided at 'The Northbank' with the recent closure of a road in the area.

The road closure was necessary for the construction of an Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART) station at the stretch of road near the 'Avona Residence' serviced apartments within The Northbank area. The closure will remain in effect until the completion of Station SM07.

The ART station in The Northbank will be part of the development of the Blue Line Package 1 of the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project.

The KUTS project's Blue Line Package 1 contractor, the joint venture company made up of Ibraco Construction Sdn Bhd and China Railway Engineering Corporation (M) Sdn Bhd (ICJV), recently met several residents of the affected area to explain about the need for the road closure and the new alternative routes to ease their movement.

These residents included business operators at the nearby shophouses as well as those staying at Avona Residence.

Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd and the Blue Line Package 1 contractor are committed to ensuring that disruptions to traffic flow in the area will be minimised during the construction of the station and dedicated lanes for the ART.

As part of these efforts, Sarawak Metro, through its contractor will also continue to engage with the affected residents to ensure they are updated on the relevant developments of the KUTS project in their area.

The Blue Line, from Rembus in Kota Samarahan to Hikmah Exchange, is being developed in two packages.

Package 1 involves the construction and completion of the infrastructure works from Rembus in Kota Samarahan to Stutong.

As for Blue Line Package 2, which was awarded to the joint venture company comprised of Perbena Emas Sdn Bhd and China Road & Bridge Corporation, it will involve the construction and completion of infrastructure works from Stutong to Hikmah Exchange in the city centre.

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Apart from constructing dedicated lanes and stations for the KUTS project, the scope of work for Blue Line Package 1 and Package 2 also included road widening and other essential infrastructure enhancements.

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Photos and Captions:



Photo 1: A representative of Sarawak Metro’s Blue Line Package 1 contractor engages with residents in The Northbank area, addressing their concerns and explaining the road closure and construction progress.

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Photo 2: A representative of Sarawak Metro's Blue Line Package 1 contractor (left) informs a business operator in The Northbank area about the recent road closure, ensuring they are updated on the situation and alternative routes.

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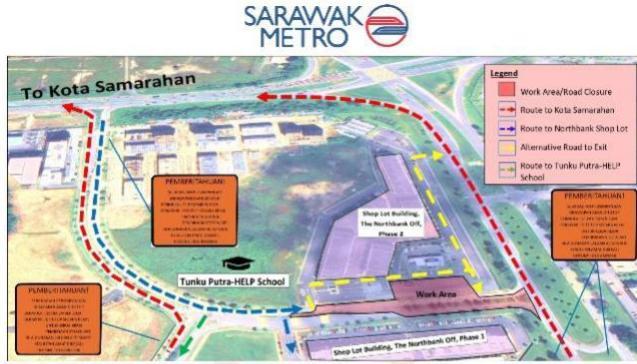


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Attachment 1: Layout plan for alternative routes and area affected by the permanent road closure at the left-turn junction to Ibraco HQ and both lanes from Ibraco HQ to 'The Northbank' area.
 Lampiran 1: Pelan lokasi untuk jalan alternatif dan kawasan terjejas penutupan jalan kekal simpang belok kiri ke Ibu Pejabat Ibraco dan kedua-dua lorong dari Ibu Pejabat Ibraco ke kawasan 'The Northbank'.

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Attachment 2: Layout plan for alternative routes and area affected by the permanent road closure at the left-turn junction to Ibraco HQ and both lanes from Ibraco HQ to 'The Northbank' area.
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Photo 3: The road closure notice, published on Sarawak Metro's social media platforms, provides detailed information and updates to keep the public informed about the construction progress and alternative routes in The Northbank area.

A joint statement by Sarawak Metro and ICJV.

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