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Public urged to prioritise road safety as construction activities for the KUTS project intensifies

KUCHING: The construction works for the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project is now in full swing as Sarawak Metro works tirelessly to build a seamless and sustainable urban public transport system for Greater Kuching.

With various stages of the construction activities advancing simultaneously, members of the public are urged to prioritise road safety and adhere to all traffic management measures put in place during this critical phase.

The KUTS project encompasses major infrastructure developments, including the 27.6km Blue Line connecting Rembus in Samarahan to Hikmah Exchange with 14 stations, the 12.3km Red Line from Kuching Sentral to Pending with 7 stations and the 30km Green Line extending from Pending to Damai Central with 5 stations.

The project also includes the Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART) depot in Rembus, Kota Samarahan – incorporating the Operation Control Centre (OCC) and an administration block, a test track, mechanical and infrastructure workshops, stabling yard and a hydrogen bus depot.

“We are committed to delivering this project, which aims to modernise the public transport system through safe, efficient, and sustainable modes of mobility for Kuching,” said Sarawak Metro’s Chief Executive Officer Ts Mazli Mustaffa.

“As construction progresses, we ask for the public’s patience and understanding when approaching our construction sites.

“Safety is of utmost priority for us, and so we encourage everyone to stay informed and follow traffic management measures to ensure a smooth and safe journey for all,” he said, while also emphasising the importance of public cooperation during this period.

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As construction activities go into full swing, with a mix of elevated and at-grade stations being built ensuring seamless integration into Kuching’s urban landscape, Sarawak Metro reiterates its focus on safety.

Road closures and diversions will be necessary to facilitate these works, and as such, members of the public are encouraged to stay updated through Sarawak Metro’s official social media channels. Sarawak Metro extends its gratitude to the public for their patience and understanding as this transformative project becomes a reality.

For the latest updates, please follow Sarawak Metro on website (www.mysarawakmetro.com), Facebook, Instagram, X, LinkedIn and TikTok.

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Our flagman managing traffic during the temporary lane closure for the Red Line construction under the KUTS project.

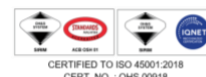
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Traffic management team briefed on safety and traffic protocols for smooth operations.



Solar-Powered Variable Message System (PVMS) provides real-time navigation guidance for road users along Blue Line.

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About Sarawak Metro and KUTS project:

Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd (Sarawak Metro), a wholly owned subsidiary of Sarawak Economic Development Corporation (SEDC), has been entrusted by the Sarawak Government to modernise public transport through the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project.

Sarawak Metro is the implementer, operator and maintainer of the KUTS project.

The project is being developed in phases, and Phase 1 includes the development of three lines: the Blue Line from Rembus in Kota Samarahan to Hikmah Exchange in the city centre; the Red Line, from Kuching Sentral to Pending; and the Green Line, from Pending to Damai.

Construction of the first package for the Blue Line is expected to complete by the fourth quarter of 2025 and all three lines are scheduled to be fully completed by the end of 2027.

The backbone of the KUTS project is the introduction of the zero-emission Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART) hydrogen vehicles.

The ART vehicles will be operated on dedicated lanes, meaning they will not share the lane with other road users. The ART hydrogen vehicles will run on rubber tires, and hence the dedicated lanes will be trackless. The lanes will mostly be at-grade (road level) while certain sections of the alignment will be elevated.

The ART operation will be supported by a network of feeder buses, which will also consist of hydrogen-powered vehicles to offer the 'first mile and last mile' connectivity for commuters.

The move to use hydrogen is in line with the Sarawak Government's aspirations to advance the hydrogen economy and to decarbonise public transport in Sarawak.

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