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KUTS project construction works set to intensify along Jalan Tun Jugah

KUCHING: Construction works for the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project along Jalan Tun Jugah are currently underway and set to intensify in stages until the end of the year.

Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd (Sarawak Metro), the implementer, maintainer and operator of the KUTS project, reminds road users to be mindful of these construction works and to plan their journey accordingly.

The ongoing works include the construction of the elevated guideway for the Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART) vehicles, comprising piers, pier caps and guideway beams, as well as the construction of the ART station near the Simpang Tiga roundabout.

Several sections of the road have been partially closed to facilitate the operation of heavy machinery and ongoing construction works, particularly from the Jalan Tun Jugah–Jalan Laksamana Cheng Ho–Jalan Song intersection to the Simpang Tiga roundabout.

Consequently, road users should expect heavier traffic congestion in the affected areas during the construction period.

Sarawak Metro urges all road users to exercise caution, adhere to all traffic management measures, follow road signage and observe the designated speed limits when travelling through the construction zone.

Members of the public are also encouraged to use alternative routes to get to their destination.

Sarawak Metro will continue to issue public announcements from time to time to keep road users informed of any road diversions, lane closures and traffic management measures related to the ongoing construction works.

For further enquiries, members of the public may contact the KUTS Hotline at 1300-88-5887 (Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except on public holidays) or email to 555999@sarawak.gov.my or info@mysarawakmetro.com.

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The location map of the construction work areas along Jalan Tun Jugah which are currently underway and will continue in stages until the end of the year

About Sarawak Metro and KUTS project:

Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd (Sarawak Metro), a State-owned enterprise, 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.

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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