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Lane closures along Jalan Tun Jugah for three months to facilitate KUTS construction works

KUCHING: Works on the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project along Jalan Tun Jugah has shifted a gear and will intensify further in the final quarter of this year, with additional lanes to be temporarily closed to facilitate construction activities.

Road users are advised to plan their journeys accordingly and to consider using alternative routes to get to their intended destination, to avoid potential traffic congestion in the area.

The partial lane closures, which will take effect from 11:00pm on 7 October 2026, are necessary to facilitate the mobilisation and operation of bored pile machines and other heavy machinery at the construction site.

The bored piling works will form part of the construction of the piers for the elevated Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART) guideway, alongside other related works in the area.

The elevated ART guideway in the area will comprise of piers, pier caps and guideway beams and will directly connect the ART stations along Jalan Tun Jugah, namely Tun Jugah station (SR08) and Upland station (SR09), as part of the Red Line of the KUTS.

During this phase of construction, sections of Jalan Tun Jugah near the construction site, particularly in the vicinity of the Tun Jugah Flyover, will be partially closed.

The slip road from Jalan Tun Jugah towards Jalan Laksamana Cheng Ho, as well as the slip road from Jalan Laksamana Cheng Ho towards Jalan Tun Jugah, will be narrowed to one lane.

The traffic management plan, which will be implemented for approximately three months, will also involve the closure of one lane at the traffic lights junction at Jalan Song, before vehicles turn right towards Jalan Tun Jugah.

Despite the closures, at least one lane will remain open to traffic at the affected sections and vehicles travelling from Jalan Song and Jalan Laksamana Cheng Ho will continue to have access to Jalan Tun Jugah and proceed towards the city centre.

However, motorists should expect slower traffic flow and possible congestion, particularly during peak hours, due to the reduced number of available lanes.

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Road users are therefore urged to observe the traffic signages and to use alternative routes whenever possible, particularly during peak periods, and only use the affected stretch of Jalan Tun Jugah when necessary.

As the implementer of the KUTS project, Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd will closely monitor the construction activities and traffic conditions in the area and ensuring that efforts are undertaken to minimise disruption to road users.

Sarawak Metro sincerely regrets any inconvenience caused and appreciates the public's patience and cooperation during the implementation of these necessary construction works.

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

For 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 555999@sarawak.gov.my or info@mysarawakmetro.com.

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Artist's impression of the elevated ART guideway along Jalan Tun Jugah at the intersections of Jalan Laksamana Cheng Ho and Jalan Song

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Artist's impression of the elevated ART guideway along Jalan Tun Jugah



Aerial map view of the lanes that will be closed for the KUTS construction works at Jalan Tun Jugah

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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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