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Over 100 feeder buses to complement MRT service

Commuters can choose to travel in one of 25 available routes for only RM1

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ALONGSIDE the Phase One MRT service, feeder buses as well as Park-and-Ride facilities will be operational this Friday.

A total of 107 feeder buses will service 25 routes originating from each MRT station to popular locations such as KL Sentral and Subang Airport as well as residential areas such as Bukit Rahman Putra and SS22 Damansara Jaya.

With the fare set at RM1, the bus is equipped with a cash ticketing

system and Touch 'N Go.

Each bus has a capacity of 62 people at one time, out of which there are 28 seats and space for 34 people to stand.

Feeder Bus and Infrastructure Planning head Rudyanto Azhar said an additional 250 new bus stops were added bringing the total to 390 operational bus stops.

"With the new bus stops in place, we hope more people will leave their cars at home and walk to the nearest bus stop.

"A smaller-sized bus was chosen to accommodate more routes especially within residential areas where the lanes are smaller.



An MRT employee showing the special First Day Rider Touch 'n Go card.

MRT stations



Feeder buses

No	Route no.	MRT station	Destination	One way distance	Buses
1	T100	Sg. Buloh	Hospital Sg. Buloh	9.1 km	4
2	T101	g. Buloh	Bukit Rahman Putra	12.6 km (loop)	5
3	T102	Sg. Buloh	Kg. Papa Jaras	13 km (loop)	5
4	T104	Kampung Selamat	Kg. Baru Sg. Buloh	11 km (loop)	5
5	T801	Kwasa Sentral	Seksyen 7 & 8 Kota Damansara	5.3 km (loop)	3
6	T802	Kwasa Sentral	Subang Bestari	13.8 km (loop)	6
7	T803	Kwasa Sentral	Seksyen 6 Kota Damansara	6.8 km	4
8	T804	Kwasa Sentral	Subang Perdana/ Subang Airport	10.4 km	5
9	T805	Kota Damansara	Seksyen 6 Kota Damansara	6.9 km	4
10	T806	Kota Damansara	Selangor Science Park	4.1 km	3
11	T807	Surian	Mutiara Tropicana	10 km (loop)	4
12	T808	Surian	Seksyen 11 Kota Damansara	7.2 km (loop)	3
13	T809	Mutiara Damansara	Damansara Perdana	10.2 km	5
14	T810	Mutiara Damansara	Bukit Lanjan	5.6 km (loop)	3
15	T811	Bandar Utama	Kg. Kayu Ara (Utama)	6.4 km (loop)	3
16	T812	Bandar Utama	TTDI North/ Kg. Sg. Penchala	7.6 km (loop)	4
17	T813	TTDI	SS22 Damansara Jaya	8.1 km (loop)	4
18	T814	TTDI	TTDI	8.3 km (loop)	3
19	T815	Phileo Damansara	Universiti Malaya	11.6 km (loop)	5
20	T816	Phileo Damansara	SS2 Petaling Jaya	8.5 km (loop)	4
21	T817	Pusat Bandar Damansara	Mid Valley	12.5 km	5
22	T818	Pusat Bandar Damansara	Sri Hartamas	11.1 km	5
23	T819	Pusat Bandar Damansara	KL Sentral	11.1 km	5
24	T820	Pusat Bandar Damansara	Menara DBKL	12.5 km (loop)	5
25	T821	Semantan	Kompleks Mahkamah Jln Duta	12 km (loop)	5
				Total buses	107

Source: MRT Corp

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A train every three minutes during peak hours

FROM Dec 16, Phase One of Mass Rapid Transit Sungai Buloh-Kajang (MRT SBK) will commence at 6am, with trains running until midnight on weekdays and 11pm on weekends.

During peak hours, trains are scheduled to arrive every three minutes, whereas during non-peak hours, passengers will have to wait no longer than six minutes for the next train.

The minimum fare is set at RM0.80 while the maximum is RM4.30 for those paying cash. The most expensive fare for Touch 'n Go users, however, is RM3.70.

Senior citizens, students and the disabled can purchase their tokens at the Customer Service Office in any station and get a 50% discount.

However, MyRapid, MyRapid Smart 7 and MyRapid Smart 30 cards cannot be used at the moment and will likely only be useable once Phase 2 commences next year.

Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) SBK Line project director Marcus Karakashian explained that since all trains were operated from the Operation Control Centre



Passengers can use feeder buses from any MRT station to get to and from the city. — Photos: ART CHEN/The Star

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"We provide the buses and Prasarana maintains the operations and handles all customer service related matters," he said.

On top of the new feeder buses, Rapid KL buses will service passengers who wish to travel from Phileo Damansara, Pusat Bandar Damansara and Semantan stations to KL Sentral and Bangsar LRT station.

Route T800 will service passengers traveling from Phileo Damansara, Pusat Bandar Damansara and Semantan stations to KL Sentral while Route T850 will service passengers traveling from Pusat Bandar Damansara and Semantan stations to Bangsar LRT station and KL Sentral.

All buses are equipped with six CCTV cameras, emergency hammer and a driver's Panic Button for the safety of all passengers.

Park-and-ride facilities

Six stations are equipped with park and ride facilities with an approximate 4,000 parking bays for cars and motorcycles.

They are at Sungai Buloh, Kwasa Damansara, Kwasa Sentral, Bandar Utama, Phileo Damansara and Pusat Bandar Damansara stations.

From Dec 16, five stations will have their park-and-ride facilities operational, with the exception of Phileo Damansara where service will only commence early 2017.

Commercial and Land Management director Datuk Haris Fadzilah Hassan said they will not wait for Phase 2 to begin in order to open the Phileo Damansara



A policeman showing a large screen which shows live CCTV feeds at the station.

park-and-ride facility.

"The facility is scheduled to be completed in January or February next year. As soon as it is ready, we will open it for public use.

"The six stations will also be equipped with bicycle parking," he said.

It will cost RM4.30 per entry for cars and RM1.10 per entry for motorcycles into each park-and-ride facility.

Haris added that almost all park-and-ride facilities will use Touch 'n Go only except for the Bandar Utama station,

which will have a cash payment option.

"Those who park at the station but do not use the MRT will be charged on an hourly basis.

"Our systems can track a person's usage based on their Touch 'n Go card which taps into the park-and-ride and then the MRT," he said.

For details on all services, call the RapidKL Helpline at 03-7885 2585 from 7am to 8.30pm on weekdays and 8.30am to 5.30pm on weekends (closed on public holidays) or visit www.rapidkl.com.my

(OCC), no drivers were needed.

"The trains are programmed to stop at the automatic platform gates, which will only open when the train arrives.

"Shoulder-height barriers between the platform and tracks are also in place to prevent people from falling or walking on the tracks," he said.

All platforms are equipped with tactile pavements for the visually impaired while the gap between the platform and train is narrow enough for wheelchair users to get on the train safely.

There will be retail outlets such as 7Eleven and myNews.com at each station, while Japanese convenience store FamilyMart will open at the TTDI station.

In the event of an emergency, Karakashian explained that special walkways are in place to enable passengers to exit the train safely if required.

However, he emphasised that as far as possible, passengers will not be asked to walk on the tracks and a back up train would be sent to them.

Each train comprises four carriages and measures 89m, which a capacity of 1,200 passengers.

Strategic Communications and Stakeholder Relations director Datuk Najmuddin Abdullah also said all frontline services, ticketing and customer services will be managed by Prasarana personnel.

"From Dec 16 onwards, the main channel for enquiries and complaints will be the RapidKL Helpline at 03-7885 2585.

"The MRT Hotline will only handle construction-related issues for Phase Two of the SBK Line," he said.

Phase Two of the SBK Line is scheduled to be operational by July 2017 with 19 more stations between Semantan and Kajang.