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PETALING JAYA: Construction firm Sunway Construction Group Bhd (SunCon) has been awarded a contract known as work package V201 valued at RM1.21bil by Mass Rapid Transit Corp Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) to build a viaduct for the MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya (SSP) line.

The contract includes the construction of the viaduct guideway and other associated works for a 4.9-km stretch of the SSP line's elevated alignment from Sungai Buloh to Persiaran Dagang in Kuala Lumpur.

The award was made following a one-stop procurement committee meeting chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

MRT Corp chief executive officer Datuk Seri Shahril Mokhtar said the pace that work packages were being awarded was very good.

"This is the second viaduct work package to be awarded for the construction of the SSP line after the award for work package V202 last week to Ahmad Zaki Sdn Bhd.

"Both contractors will very soon be clearing their sites and mobilising machinery to begin construction work.

"This is a very good development for the project. I am confident that we will be able to follow closely the schedule for the project to ensure that phase one of the SSP line begins operations in the second quarter of 2021, and the rest of the line in the second quarter of 2022," he said in a statement.

Shahril said all successful tenders were selected on the basis of the best evaluated tender, with tenders being evaluated on technical and commercial aspects. This meant that the successful tender might not always be the one with the lowest price.

"However, I can state that the best evaluated tender for this work package is also the one with the lowest price among the four tenders submitted," he said.

SunCon is currently the work package contractor for package V4 of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line. On that basis, the company was pre-qualified to tender for work packages for the MRT SSP line.

The SSP line is 52.2km in length, of which 13.5km will run underground. It will have 37 stations, 11 of which are underground.