



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT NEGARA BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

#### **RESPONSE TO THE ARTICLE: IMPROVE ROADWORK EFFICIENCY TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION**

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BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN  
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We refer to the letter titled "Improve Roadwork Efficiency to Ease Traffic Congestion" by Observer612, published in the Borneo Bulletin on 5 February 2025.

The Ministry of Development appreciates the writer's valuable feedback and suggestions.

To provide insight, the temporary one-lane road closure near the Bandar Seri Begawan Fire Station was necessary to facilitate the repair of an aging 525-millimeter underground sewerage pipe located 2.5 meters beneath the road surface. This closure was implemented to ensure a safe working environment for our personnel while prioritizing the safety of road users. A public announcement regarding the closure was issued on 26 January 2025 to allow road users to plan their journeys accordingly.

Regarding the suggestion to implement shift-based work, the Ministry would like to clarify that this system is already in place. Our on-site teams are working from early morning until midnight, with the exception of heavy downpours, to expedite the completion of the repairs.

The Ministry remains committed to restoring the sewerage system as quickly as possible to minimize disruptions to both public sewerage services and traffic flow. In the long term, we are planning to replace and reallocate the aging asbestos pipeline by shifting its alignment to the roadside. This strategic approach aims to reduce future disruptions and improve the resilience of the sewerage infrastructure.

We acknowledge the concerns raised by the public and sincerely apologize for any inconvenience caused. The Ministry remains committed to improving our planning and execution of future sewerage repair works to minimize disruptions to road users.

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