



Kuching Urban Transportation System Moving Society Forward via Transit Oriented Development



Friday, 27 May 2022, Kuching – Among the benefits of the Kuching Urban Transportation System (“KUTS”) is Transit-Oriented Development (“TOD”).

The approach taken by the Sarawak government to develop Kuching, particularly Greater Kuching, is based around a public transportation system or Transit-Oriented Development (“TOD”).

Through TOD, cities can be ‘compact, walkable, pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use communities centered around a high-quality transit system’. Thus, residents will not solely depend on owning a car for mobility and survival.

Apart from addressing mobility challenges, TOD offers other benefits such as:

- Reduction of carbon footprint or negative impact on the environment
- Provide better access between urban and suburban areas
- Stimulate the local economy
- Revitalize urban areas

Examples of cities that have benefited from TOD from across the globe are Curitiba (Brazil), San Francisco Bay Area (United States), Sydney (Australia), Paris (France), Hong Kong, and more.

Recently, Transport Minister Dato Sri Lee Kim Shin shared that three locations have been proposed for TODs with more to be identified as KUTS goes operational.

As construction for Line 1 is slated to commence by Q3 of 2022. Sarawakians, particularly Kuchingites and nearby locals, may not need to wait long to reap the benefits of an efficient and sustainable public transportation system in KUTS.

KUTS comes at an opportune time as Sarawak is setting its sights on becoming a prosperous and developed state via the Post Covid-19 Development Strategy 2030 (“PCDS 2030”).

Here’s to contributing to a better Sarawak as a project management consultant (“PMC”) to KUTS.



Benefits of Transit Oriented Development Projects (The Edge Market 2018)