

Flood mitigation work begins in Taman Sungai Besi Indah



The small drain and waste trap slows down water flow and results in an overflow which then floods nearby houses.

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THE Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ) has begun the second phase of works to resolve flash floods that have been plaguing Jalan SB Indah 3, Taman Sungai Besi Indah residents over the years.

Upgrading works, costing about RM30,000, includes installing an additional U-shaped drain above the existing drain to divert the water flow during heavy rain and preventing an overflow.

A strip of the road will be cut to fit the 61cm x 61cm drain that will be covered with a metal grate to divert water away from Jalan SB Indah 2.

One of the two junctions at the site will be closed for one month for

the construction work that began on April 4.

“From our survey, we found that only one side of the existing drain will overflow when heavy rain starts while the segment after the bridge is fine.

“That is why we are adding another drain to accommodate the water flow,” MPSJ councillor Pooi Weng Keong said.

“I know the construction will inconvenience residents, but I hope they will be patient,” he said.

MPSJ assistant engineer Sharul Arsat said the additional drain would not affect the use of the road but would reduce the chances of flash floods.

“The amount of rain recorded here is high and it sometimes reaches over 100mm.

Jason Au, 53, who has lived in the area for two decades, said not all the residents were thrilled by the construction works.

“Some of them complained about the issue but when we organise meetings, very few of them turn up.

“Even fewer offer any alternative solutions, which is why the drain is being built,” he said.

Flash floods have been a problem since 2015 when it happened three times and affected more than 180 houses.

MPSJ later cleaned up the waste trap located in the nearby river as it was the main cause of flooding in the area. But heavy rain still caused problems in Jalan SB Indah 3 due to the small drain and clogged waste trap at the drain between Jalan SB Indah 2 and 3.