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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### **BUKIT GANTANG LAY-BY (SOUTHBOUND) TO BE UPGRADED FOR ENHANCED COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE**

*Temporary closure for approximately 20 months beginning 1 March 2026 to facilitate upgrading works*

**Ipoh, 27 February 2026** – PLUS Malaysia Berhad (PLUS) wishes to inform that the Bukit Gantang Lay-by (Southbound) at KM225 of the North-South Expressway (NSE) will undergo upgrading works aimed at enhancing comfort and convenience for PLUS highway users. The rest area will be upgraded with a refreshed building design incorporating sustainable and green features.

To facilitate these works, the Bukit Gantang Lay-by (Southbound) will be closed effective 1 March 2026. The upgrading work is expected to take approximately 20 months and is targeted for completion in the first quarter of 2028.

Throughout the upgrading period, all existing food and beverage stalls, fruit stalls, and public amenities including parking facilities, surau and restrooms at the lay-by will be closed.

Nevertheless, for the convenience of highway users, PLUS will provide temporary facilities such as restrooms and surau. In addition, the existing Caltex and Petron petrol stations will remain open and operate as usual for all highway users.

During the closure period, highway users heading to south may plan their stop at Gunung Semanggol Rest and Service Area (Southbound), Taiping Lay-by (Southbound), Sungai Perak Rest and Service Area (Southbound) or any nearby rest and service areas or lay-bys for greater comfort and convenience. Highway users may also utilise surau and restroom facilities available at nearby toll plazas.

Highway users are advised to plan their journeys accordingly throughout the duration of the upgrading works. They are also reminded to observe all traffic signages and comply with instructions issued by PLUS personnel when passing through the affected area.

For the latest traffic updates, highway users may refer to the PLUS App, PUTRI Virtual Assistant, the X@plustrafik platform or Electronic Message Signboards (VMS) at selected locations. In case of emergency, highway users may contact the PLUSLine at 1800-88-0000 for assistance.

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