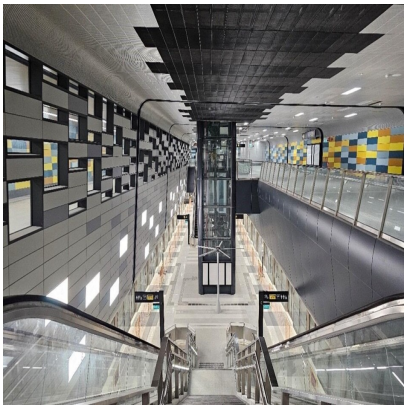


Sungei Bedok MRT interchange opens 26 December 2026 with two more stations

Description

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The Sungei Bedok MRT interchange opens on 26 December 2026, the Land Transport Authority (LTA) said on 4 November. It joins the Thomson-East Coast Line (TEL) and the Downtown Line (DTL) in the east, and it arrives with two more stations. For anyone commuting to Changi Business Park or Tampines, the biggest change is a one-seat ride where a bus transfer is needed today.

Three new stations on a 4.3km stretch

The opening covers TEL Stage 5 (TEL5) and the Downtown Line 3 Extension (DTL3e), a combined 4.3km. TEL5 runs about 2.1km from Bayshore to Sungei Bedok, while DTL3e runs about 2.2km from Sungei Bedok to Expo.

- TE30 Bedok South, on the TEL
- TE31/DT37 Sungei Bedok, the new TEL and DTL interchange
- DT36 Xilin, on the DTL between Expo and Sungei Bedok

LTA says the stations improve access to employment nodes such as Changi Business Park and the Tampines Regional Centre. The interchange at Sungei Bedok also lets commuters switch between the two lines, which gives the network another route if one line has a disruption.



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Source: Land Transport Authority

How much time the Sungei Bedok MRT interchange saves

LTA gave three sample journeys in its release annex. Each compares the trip today with the trip after 26 December.

- Havelock to Changi Business Park: about 70 minutes today by MRT and bus, about 45 minutes by MRT alone, saving up to 25 minutes
- Marine Terrace to Expo: about 40 minutes today by bus, about 25 minutes by MRT, saving 15 minutes
- Marine Parade to Tampines: about 45 minutes today by bus and MRT, about 35 minutes by MRT alone, saving 10 minutes

These are LTAâ??s own examples, so your door-to-door time will depend on where you start and how long you wait for a train. The pattern is still clear. Trips that now need a bus leg between the east coast and the Changi and Tampines areas become a single MRT ride.

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Travel Time Savings with TEL5 a		
Origin	**Destination**	**Today**
Havelock	Changi Business Park	**1 h 10 min** 
Marine Terrace	Expo	**40 min** 
Marine Parade	Tampines	**45 min** 

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Source: Land Transport Authority

What it means for households

With TEL5, more than 240,000 households will be within a 10-minute walk of a TEL station. With DTL3e, over 220,000 households will be within a 10-minute walk of a DTL station. The Bedok South station sits along Upper East Coast Road near the Bedok South residential area, and LTA says it will improve rail links for residents and schools nearby, including the Bayshore precinct.

Residents in the Bayshore area are likely to notice the change first. If you are weighing up a home there, our look at the Bayshore Sails and Bayshore Oasis BTO flats covers the project mix.

Who should plan ahead

Workers heading to Changi Business Park and students or shoppers going to Tampines stand to gain the most. Residents along the east coast, from Marine Parade to Bayshore, will get a direct line into the Downtown Line corridor via Sungei Bedok. Xilin also adds a stop between Expo and Sungei Bedok on the DTL.

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If your route today relies on a long bus leg, try mapping it again once the stations open on 26 December. The three LTA examples above are a useful benchmark for what to expect.

The wider network after 26 December

TEL5 completes the lineâ??s five-stage plan. The TEL will have 29 operational stations over 42.8km, and LTA expects it to serve about one million daily commuters in the longer term once the extension to Changi Terminal 5 is built. The DTL, which began running in 2013, will have 37 operational stations over 44.6km. The DTL 2 Extension, which will link the DTL to the North-South Line, is expected to finish in 2035.

Fares and what we do not know yet

LTAâ??s release does not list opening hours on the first day, fares for the new stations or bus service changes. Those details usually follow closer to the date, so check the LTA and operator announcements in December. Note that the national fare adjustment lands on the same day, as we explained in our guide to the bus and MRT fare rise on 26 December 2026.

If you drive, our explainer on ERP 2 from 1 January 2027 shows what changes for drivers a week later.

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