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MWM Terminals pushes for world-class design of Southwest Integrated Transport System (SWITS)

The first phase of the Southwest Intermodal terminal aims to transform the commuter experience with effortless connections between provincial and city transit, with a selection of retail, dining and shopping options tailored to the needs of the everyday commuter.

Parañaque City – Following the recent site inspection of the Inter-Agency Council on Traffic (iACT), MWM Terminals reiterated its goal to provide world-class facilities and seamless intermodal transfers between provincial and city transit, including a much-awaited connection to LRT 1 through the intended Asiaworld Station.

“Our goal is to elevate intermodal transport terminal standards in Metro Manila,” said a spokesperson for MWM Terminals. “We are looking at SWITS as part of our model for progressive property development. This means not only providing comprehensive and convenient interconnected transport options for our passengers, but also combining it with an exciting mix of commercial options.”

Designed to ease vehicle congestion in Metro Manila, the intermodal facility will serve as a terminus for provincial buses servicing the Cavite route and at the same time provide easy transfers to in-city transportation modes such as jeepneys, taxis, FX shuttles and city buses. Furthermore, a planned connection to the LRT 1 Asiaworld Station will also give commuters access to rail transit systems.

“Commuters experience difficult conditions when using public transportation, particularly because there is a lack of systematized transfer points serving the Metro.” MWM Terminals won the 35-year agreement to construct and operate the intermodal facility. Construction for the terminal will be undertaken within an 18-month period from the actual start of construction barring any external delays.

“The timeline is doable, but as with any construction project certain factors may affect delivery dates. Public-private partnerships require more comprehensive



exchanges with a large number of stakeholders, and this often affects right-of-way concerns and design considerations among others.”

The terminal will have three levels, with dedicated floors for Departures and Arrivals. The consortium is currently collaborating with the Light Rail Manila Corporation (LRMC) and the Department of Transportation (DOTr) to complete the location and design of an elevated interface between the terminal and the proposed LRT 1 Asiaworld Station.

“We are working with the LRMC and DOTr to finalize the details of the project, including the exact location of the Asiaworld Station as the location is still indicative at this point. We hope to finalize this step as soon as possible so that we may continue with construction.”

Another complication that MWM faces is the relocation of Informal Settler Families (ISF) located in the access road that is part of the development. “It is a serious safety concern for families to be living along an access road where heavy equipment and construction materials pass through each day. Their relocation should be a priority and we have elevated this issue to the DOTr. Right-of-way is a matter to be resolved by the government and we are positive they can give us clarification in the coming days.” #

ABOUT MWM Terminals

MWM Terminals was formed in 2015 through the consortium of Megawide Construction Corporation and Waltermart Property Inc. A progressive property developer, MWM Terminals won the 35-year concession to finance, build and operate the Southwest Integrated Transport System (SWITS). Part of the country’s first Integrated Transport system, SWITS is an intermodal terminal that will connect provincial and in-city modes of transportation, and will feature a tailored selection of retail, dining and shopping options for the commuter.