

# Track record

A look back on SMRT's journey from its origins as a government agency to a listed company and now, possibly a private entity. **BY SOON WEILUN**

**1967**

S'pore's State and City Planning Department and United Nations Development Programme draft up new land use plan which mentions rapid transit line

**1960**

**July 1980**

Government-appointed Provisional MRT Authority starts preparing for possible MRT system



North-South Line: **NSL**; East-West Line: **EWL**; Circle Line: **CCL**

**1970**

**1972**

Government consultants start on S'pore Mass Transit Study

**1980**

**Aug 30, 1983**

Bill passed for MRT Corporation (MRTC) to take over Provisional MRT Authority to construct, operate system

**May 1982**

Green light given to build S\$5-billion MRT system

**Aug 5, 1993**

First major MRT accident. Two trains collide, 156 passengers hurt

**Sept 1995**

Land Transport Authority (LTA) formed, MRTC to merge with it

**1990**

**Nov 6, 1999**

Singapore's first Light Railway Transit (LRT) service opens in Bukit Panjang



**July 26, 2000**

SMRT lists on SGX

**Dec 12, 1987**

EWL section from Outram Park to City Hall opens



**2010**

**April 20, 2004**

Nicoll Highway collapse delays CCL construction

**Oct 8, 2011**

All CCL stations open

**Dec 2011-Oct 2012**

Two massive breakdowns in Dec 2011 prompt then-chief Saw Phaik Hwa to resign. Committee of Inquiry convened. SMRT fined S\$2 million. Desmond Kuek joins to helm SMRT in October 2012.



**July-Sept 2015**

Massive breakdown on NSEWL. SMRT fined record S\$5.4 million.

**July 16, 2016**

Under new financing framework, SMRT to transfer NSEWL, CCL and LRT operating assets to LTA for S\$991 million, operating licences shortened to 15 years. Pending shareholder approval.

**July 20, 2016**

Temasek makes an offer to take SMRT private