

**Legislative Council Panel on Transport
Sub-committee on Matters Relating to Railways**

**Better Co-ordination of Public Transport Services
arising from the Commissioning of West Rail**

Supplementary Information

PURPOSE

This note provides supplementary information on the schedule for the implementation of the plan to re-organize the franchised bus and green minibus (“GMB”) service network (“PT Plan”) of the Northwest New Territories (“NWNT”) in connection with the opening of West Rail.

BACKGROUND

2. At the meeting of the Sub-committee on Matters Relating to Railway (“the Sub-committee”) on 18 July 2003, Members were informed of the outcome of the public consultation on the proposal to re-organize the public service network of the NWNT, and the latest PT Plan after taking account of the views of the local community. Members requested supplementary information about the implementation of the PT Plan.

3. As we explained at the Sub-committee meeting in July 2003, the objective of the PT Plan is to improve the coordination of services to match with changes in passenger travelling pattern, provide feeder services to ensure good connectivity of WR for easy access by passengers, and maintain an efficient public transport network and healthy competition among service providers to ensure commuter choice.

4. TD conducted several rounds of consultation with the District Councils (“DCs”)/Traffic and Transport Committees (“TTCs”) and Rural Committees concerned starting from February 2003. Taking into account the detailed comments received during the public consultation, some of the original proposals were modified. The latest PT Plan and the implementation plan were accepted at the meetings of the concerned DCs/TTCs during June to August this year.

THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLAN

5. At present, there are 71 external franchised bus routes and 7 external GMB routes from NWNT to urban areas. Upon full implementation of the public transport plan, there would be 64 external franchised bus routes and 7 external GMB routes from NWNT. The franchised bus routes to be cancelled are mainly routes with low patronage and those overlapping with other services.

6. Since our last report to the Sub-committee in July 2003, modification of more existing routes to further improve the feeder network has been proposed taking into account local views. In addition to the 24 franchised bus routes and 39 GMB routes as reported at the July meeting, another six franchised bus routes and one GMB route will be modified to provide connecting services to and from various WR stations. As such, a total of 30 existing bus and 40 existing GMB routes will be modified to provide feeder services to WR stations.

THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

7. The PT Plan will be implemented in a progressive manner:

I. One to four weeks before WR opening

- Introduction of 2 new feeder bus routes; and
- Modification of existing 30 bus and 40 GMB routes to provide connecting services to WR stations.

II. 1st – 2nd week after WR opening

- No change to external bus and GMB routes. Monitoring of change in passenger demand pattern and fine-tuning of feeder services as necessary.

III. 3rd week after WR opening onwards

- Progressive implementation of 10 packages of service changes; and
- Review with local parties concerned 2 months after WR opening the 4 packages of major service changes (which mainly involve services between Tin Shui Wai/Tuen Mun and Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing/Kowloon) before implementation.

Annex Details of the implementation schedule are set out in **Annex**.

PUBLICITY

8. TD will organize a comprehensive publicity campaign on the public transport service changes in NWNT together with the public transport operators.

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Implementation Schedule of the PT Plan

I. One to four weeks before commissioning of WR

New Feeder Routes

| Item | Route No. | Terminal Points |
|-------------------|-----------|--|
| <i>Bus Routes</i> | | |
| 1 | 701 | Nam Cheong WR Station – Mong Kok KCR Station |
| 2 | 971 | Nam Cheong WR Station – Aberdeen |

Modification of Existing Routes to connect WR station

| Item | Route No. | Terminal Points | WR Stations |
|-------------------|-----------|--|----------------|
| <i>Bus Routes</i> | | | |
| 1 | K16 | Nam Cheong WR Station – Hung Hom KCR Station | Nam Cheong |
| 2 | 12 | Shum Shui Po – Tsim Sha Tsui | Nam Cheong |
| 3 | 12A | Nam Cheong WR Station – Whampoa | Nam Cheong |
| 4 | 18 | Nam Cheong WR Station – Oi Man | Nam Cheong |
| 5 | 212 | Sham Shui Po – Whampoa Garden | Nam Cheong |
| 6 | 914 | Nam Cheong WR Station – Causeway Bay (and operation of supplementary peak bus route 914P) | Nam Cheong |
| 7 | 31 | Tsuen Wan West WR Station – Shek Lei | Tsuen Wan West |
| 8 | 32B | Tsuen Wan West WR Station – Cheung Shan | Tsuen Wan West |
| 9 | 34 | Kwai Shing Central – Bayview Garden | Tsuen Wan West |
| 10 | 36 | Tsuen Wan West WR Station – Lei Muk Shue | Tsuen Wan West |
| 11 | 39A | Tsuen Wan West WR Station – Allway Gardens | Tsuen Wan West |
| 12 | 43 | Tsuen Wan West WR Station – Cheung Hong | Tsuen Wan West |
| 13 | 43B | Tsuen Wan West WR Station – Cheung Tsing | Tsuen Wan West |

| Item | Route No. | Terminal Points | WR Stations |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 14 | 43X | Tsuen Wan West WR Station – Yiu On | Tsuen Wan West |
| 15 | 234A | Tsuen Wan West WR Station – Sea Crest Villa | Tsuen Wan West |
| 16 | 234B | Tsuen Wan West WR Station – Sea Crest Villa | Tsuen Wan West |
| 17 | 248P | Royal Ascot to Tsuen Wan West WR Station | Tsuen Wan West |
| 18 | 273P | Tai Wo to Tsuen Wan West WR Station | Tsuen Wan West |
| 19 | 930 | Tsuen Wan West WR Station – Admiralty | Tsuen Wan West |
| 20 | 251M | Kam Sheung Road WR Station – Tsing Yi AR Station | Kam Sheung Road |
| 21 | 54 | Yuen Long West – Sheung Tsuen | Kam Sheung Road and Yuen Long |
| 22 | 64K/64P | Yuen Long West – Tai Po KCR Station | Kam Sheung Road and Yuen Long |
| 23 | 77K | Yuen Long West – Cheung Wah | Kam Sheung Road and Yuen Long |
| 24 | 76K | Yuen Long West – Wah Ming | Yuen Long |
| 25 | 276/276P | Tin Tsz – Sheung Shui | Yuen Long |
| 26 | 277 | Yuen Long West – Lok Ma Chau Public Transport Interchange | Yuen Long |
| 27 | 59S | Tuen Mun Pier Head – Mong Kok | Tuen Mun |
| 28 | 66M | Tai Hing – Tsuen Wan MTR Station | Tuen Mun |
| 29 | 961 | Shan King – Wan Chai | Tuen Mun |
| 30 | 261 | Sam Shing – Tin Ping Estate | Siu Hong |
| GMB routes | | | |
| 1 | 10M | Nam Cheong WR Station – Festival Walk | Nam Cheong |
| 2 | 83A (special departures) | Tsuen Wan Transport Complex – On Yam | Tsuen Wan West |

| Item | Route No. | Terminal Points | WR Stations |
|-------------|------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 3 | 86 | Tsuen Wan Transport Complex – Shek Lei | Tsuen Wan West |
| 4 | 87M | Tsuen Wan Transport Complex – Container Port Road | Tsuen Wan West |
| 5 | 94S | Tsuen Wan Transport Complex – Shing Mun Reservoir | Tsuen Wan West |
| 6 | 95 | Tsuen Wan Transport Complex – Tsuen Wan Centre | Tsuen Wan West |
| 7 | 96 | Tsuen Wan (Hoi Pa Street) – Tsing Lung Tau (and operation of peak hour supplementary route 96P) | Tsuen Wan West |
| 8 | 97 | Tsuen Wan Transport Complex – Wonderland Villas | Tsuen Wan West |
| 9 | 99 | Tsuen Wan Transport Complex – Riviera Gardens | Tsuen Wan West |
| 10 | 141 | Tsuen Wan Transport Complex – Tuen Mun (Hanford Garden) | Tsuen Wan West |
| 11 | 301M | Tsuen Wan West WR Station – Tsuen Wan MTR Station | Tsuen Wan West |
| 12 | 71 | Yuen Long (Tai Hang Street) – Shek Wu Tong | Kam Sheung Road and Yuen Long |
| 13 | 72 | Yuen Long (Tai Hang Street) – Lui Kung Tin | Kam Sheung Road and Yuen Long |
| 14 | 601 | Yuen Long (Fung Cheung Road) – Pak Wai Tsuen | Kam Sheung Road and Yuen Long |
| 15 | 602 | Yuen Long (Fung Cheung Road) – Tai Kong Po | Kam Sheung Road and Yuen Long |
| 16 | 608 | Yuen Long (Fung Cheung Road) – Wang Toi Shan | Kam Sheung Road and Yuen Long |
| 17 | 31 | Yuen Long WR Station – Tong Yan San Tsuen | Yuen Long |
| 18 | 32 | Yuen Long WR Station – Tan Kwai Tsuen | Yuen Long |

| Item | Route No. | Terminal Points | WR Stations |
|-------------|------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 19 | 33 | Yuen Long (Tai Fung Street) – Ha Pak Nai | Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai |
| 20 | 34 | Yuen Long (Tai Fung Street) – Lau Fau Shan | Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai |
| 21 | 35 | Yuen Long (Tai Fung Street) – Tsim Bei Tsui | Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai |
| 22 | 36 | Yuen Long (Fook Hong Street) – Tai Shan Wai Rural Office | Yuen Long |
| 23 | 37 | Yuen Long (Fook Hong Street) – Yau Tam Mei Village | Yuen Long |
| 24 | 38 | Yuen Long (Fook Hong Street) – Ha Chuk Yuen | Yuen Long |
| 25 | 39 | Yuen Long WR Station – Kung Um | Yuen Long |
| 26 | 75 | Yuen Long (Fook Hong Street)- Ha Wan Tsuen | Yuen Long |
| 27 | 76 | Yuen Long (Fook Hong Street) – Siu Hom Tsuen | Yuen Long |
| 28 | 77 | Lok Ma Chau Public Transport Interchange – Tin Shui Wai | Yuen Long |
| 29 | 603 | Yuen Long (Fung Cheung Road) – Fung Kat Heung | Yuen Long |
| 30 | 73 | Yuen Long (Fook Hong Street) – Sung Shan San Tsuen) | Long Ping |
| 31 | 74 | Long Ping WR Station – Shing Uk Tsuen | Long Ping |
| 32 | 40 | Tuen Mun Town Centre – Siu Hang Tsuen | Tuen Mun |
| 33 | 43 | Tuen Mun Town Centre – So Kwun Wat | Tuen Mun |
| 34 | 43A | Tuen Mun Town Centre – Tsing Yung | Tuen Mun |
| 35 | 43B | Tuen Mun Town Centre – Tai Lam | Tuen Mun |
| 36 | 44A | Tuen Mun WR Station – Sheung Shui KCR Station | Tuen Mun |
| 37 | 45 | Tuen Mun Town Centre – Tai Hing | Tuen Mun |
| 38 | 142 | Tuen Mun Town Centre – Yeung Tsing Road | Tuen Mun |
| 39 | 42 | Tuen Mun Town Centre – Tsing Chuen Wai | Siu Hong |
| 40 | 46 | Fu Tai Estate – Tuen Mun Town Centre | Siu Hong |

II. 1st – 2nd weeks after WR opening

- No change to external bus and GMB routes. Monitoring of change in passenger demand pattern and fine-tuning of feeder services as necessary.

III. 3rd week after WR opening onwards

3rd – 4th week

Package 1

- Splitting of Bus Route 269B (Tin Shui Wai Town Centre – Hung Hom Ferry Pier) to provide shortworking services from Yuen Long during peak hours

Package 2

- Splitting of Bus Route 269C (Tin Shui Wai Town Centre – Kwun Tong Ferry Pier) to provide shortworking services from Yuen Long during peak hours

5th – 6th week

Package 3

- Extension of Bus Route 260X (Po Tin – Kowloon MTR Station) to Hung Hom KCR Station

Package 4

- Relocation of terminal points of Bus Routes 61X (Tuen Mun Town Centre – Kowloon City Ferry) and 263 (Tuen Mun Town Centre – Shatin KCR Station) to Tuen Mun WR Station
- Relocation of terminal points of Bus Routes 67M (Siu Hong Court – Kwai Fong MTR Station), 67X (Siu Hong Court – Mong Kok KCR Station) and 267S (Siu Hong Court – Tsim Sha Tsui) to Siu Hong WR Station
- Diversion of Bus Routes 261 (Sam Shing Estate – Tin Ping Estate) via Siu Hong Station

Package 5

- Frequency enhancement of Bus Route 68A (Long Ping – Kwai Hing MTR Station) and extension to Tsing Yi AR Station
- Cancellation of Bus Routes 63M (Yuen Long East – Tsing Yi AR Station) and 63P (Hung Shui Kiu – Tsuen Wan MTR Station)

Package 6

- Introduction of Bus Route 61M (Yau Oi South – Lai King North) with peak hour short-working service to/from Sam Shing
- Frequency enhancement of Bus Routes 260C (Yau Oi South – Kwai Fong MTR Station), and 67M (Siu Hong Court – Kwai Fong MTR Station) where necessary
- Cancellation of Bus Routes 52M (Tseng Choi Street – Kwai Fong MTR Station), 60 (Yau Oi South – Cheung Sha Wan), 261M (Sam Shing – Tsuen Wan MTR Station) and 262P (Sham Shing – Tsuen Wan MTR Station)
- Re-routing of Bus Route 59A (Tuen Mun Ferry Pier – Sham Shui Po)

Two months after WR opening

Package 7

- Cancellation of Bus Route 64M (Tin Yiu Estate – Tsuen Wan (Nina Tower))

Package 8

- Frequency enhancement and route modification of Bus Route 57M (Shan King Estate – Lai King North)
- Cancellation of Bus Route 66 (Tai Hing Estate – Olympic MTR Station)

Package 9

- Modification of Bus Routes 265M (Tin Heng Estate – Lai Yiu) / 269M (Tin Shui Wai Town Centre – Cho Yiu)

Package 10

- Modification of Bus Route 63X (Tin Tsz – Jordan (Wui Cheung Road))