

Submission to Legco
Panel on Transport

Route 7, WIL and SIL

HKU's comments as follows:-

1. **Route 7**

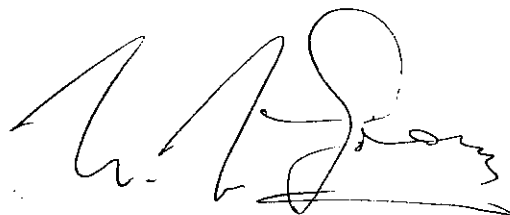
This is seen as providing very few direct benefits to HKU apart from improved access to our secondary campus at Sassoon Road close to Queen Mary Hospital. It seems to provide very little in the way of assistance to the University in terms of its Main Campus and indeed of its various student hostel sites throughout Pokfulam district.

Route 7 however has a detrimental effect on the University's sports facilities at Sandy Bay and on our staff housing stock also at Sandy Bay. This detrimental factor will be both during the construction phase as significant noise and other pollution is anticipated over the lengthy construction period required. Also, in the operational phase Route 7 is seen as lowering the quality and usability of our sports facilities at Sandy Bay as well as providing an unattractive aesthetic outlook from our very significant staff quarters complex.

2. **West Hong Kong Island Line and South Hong Kong Island Line (WIL/SIL)**

From the University's viewpoint we see these proposed MTR lines as being complementary and essentially would wish to see them as being one project. WIL in particular has major benefits to HKU in providing vastly improved transport connections to the University. Transport connections have always been sub-standard and have a negative impact on the functioning of the University. The provision of a new safe, convenient mode of transport to the Main Campus and access via a dedicated University Station would be a major boost to all users of the University.

Many of our students face up to 4 hours total journey time per day to and from the University and a new WIL/SIL would dramatically shorten travel times. HKU's Campus is vibrant and operates from around 8:00 in the morning up to as late as 10:30 p.m. and much of this occupation is throughout 7 days of the week. The University is already planning its future strategic expansion of its Main Campus and student hostels in Western District very much bearing in mind the major benefits to be accorded as a result of WIL and University Station.



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